



# Lenawee County Planning Commission

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## 2015 LCPC Annual Report

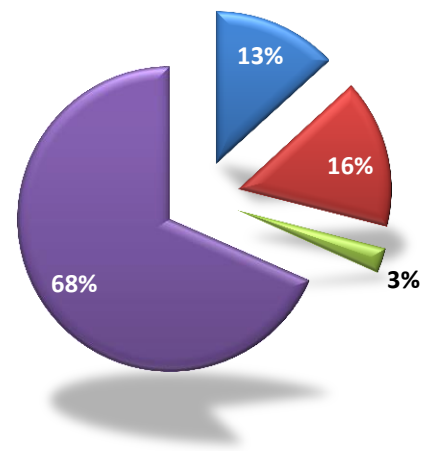
1. **2015 LCPC Membership & Officers.** Karol “KZ” Bolton, County Commissioner; Mr. Keith Dersham, Ms. Carrie Dillon, Education Representative; Ms. Becky Liedel; Ralph Tillotson, County Commissioner; Mr. James A. Tipton; and Mr. Jerry Wilson served as Lenawee County Planning Commissioners in 2015. Mr. Tipton and Ms. Liedel served as the Chair and Secretary of the LCPC, respectively.

2. **2015 LCPC Accomplishments.** The Lenawee County Planning Commission accomplished a lot over the past year including, but not necessarily limited to:

a. **Coordinated Zoning.** The first primary responsibility of the County Planning Commission is to review and recommend action on proposed amendments to township zoning ordinances. The LCPC made recommendations regarding eleven (n=11) proposed zoning amendments in 2015. The amendments were split almost evenly between text amendments (n=6) and rezonings (n=5) (i.e., map amendment).

b. **Coordinated Planning.** The second primary responsibility of the Commission is to review and provide feedback on proposed municipal (i.e., city, village and township) master plans within Lenawee County as well as master plans proposed by surrounding counties. The LCPC reviewed and commented upon one (n=1) proposed municipal master plan in 2015.

c. **Farmland Agreements.** The third primary responsibility of the County Planning Commission is to review and make recommendations regarding Farmland and Open Space Preservation (PA 116) applications to a Township Board or the County Board of Commissioners (whichever is pertinent). The LCPC made recommendations on twenty-six (n=26) applications regarding the preservation of farmland and open space in 2015.



- Rezonings (Map Amendments)
- Text Amendments
- Local Master Plans
- PA 116 Agreements

- d. **LCPC Annual Dinner.** The 40th Annual Lenawee County Planning Commission Dinner was held at the Lenawee County Club on April 16, 2015. Approximately thirty-five (35) people attended the event which featured presentations regarding agriculture. Ms. Amy Gillhouse, Lenawee County Conservation District, Dr. Carley Kratz, River Raisin Watershed Council, and Mr. John Tuckerman, Conservation Farm of the Year, spoke about the “Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program” and Ms. Lori Isley, Lenawee County Farm Bureau, informed participants about the “Impact of Proposed Pipelines on Agriculture”.
  - e. Commissioners approved the first edition of a proposed collection of advisory memos on planning and zoning topics. The memos will be published in conjunction with the Jackson County Planning Commission with the purpose of educating municipal planning commissions and other pertinent local officials. Issue #1 of *Planning & Zoning Notes* addresses the state mandated Municipal Master Plan Approval Process.
3. **2016 LCPC Goals.** The County Planning Commission seeks to coordinate planning throughout Lenawee County while respecting the planning and zoning authority of municipal governments (i.e., cities, villages, and townships). The LCPC will move towards fulfilling that vision by concentrating on the following goals during 2016:
- a. **County Master Plan.** The Commission will continue the process of preparing a new edition of the *Lenawee County Master Plan*. The LCPC will base (in part) its recommendations regarding municipal master plans and township zoning amendments (i.e., rezonings and text amendments) upon the plan. The county plan will also serve as an important resource for local units of government when updating their municipal master plans.
  - b. **Education.** The LCPC will host the 41st Annual Lenawee County Planning Commission Dinner and explore—with the permission of the County Board and Administration—the possibility of providing other municipal planning and zoning workshops. Additional issues of *Planning & Zoning Notes* will also be published.
  - c. **Webpage.** The LCPC will create—with the permission of the County Board and Administration—a webpage on <http://lenawee.mi.us> regarding the County Planning Commission for the use of its members and the municipalities they serve.
4. **Meetings.** The County Planning Commission meets on the third (3rd) Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm in the 2nd Floor Committee Room of the Old Courthouse.

*Submitted on the behalf of the Lenawee County Planning Commission  
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