



# Lenawee County Planning Commission

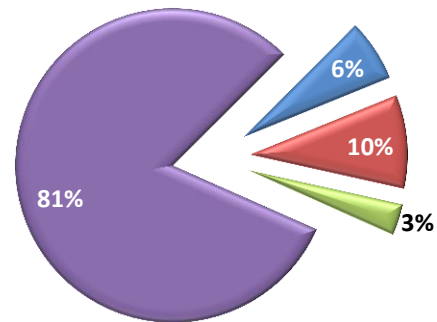
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## 2016 LCPC Annual Report

1. **2016 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 2016. Mr. Tipton and Ms. Liedel served as the Chair and Secretary of the LCPC, respectively.

2. **2016 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 fifteen (n=15) proposed zoning amendments in 2016. The amendments were split between text amendments (n=9) and rezonings (n=6) (i.e., map amendments).



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 and adjacent to Lenawee County as well as master plans proposed by surrounding counties. The LCPC reviewed and commented upon three (n=3) proposed municipal master plans in 2016.

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

c. **Farmland Agreements.** The third primary responsibility of the County Planning Commission is to review and make recommendations regarding Farmland and Open Space Preservation (i.e., PA 116) applications to a Township Board or the County Board of Commissioners (whichever is pertinent). The LCPC made recommendations on seventy-six (n=76) applications regarding the preservation of farmland and open space in 2016.

- d. **LCPC Annual Dinner.** The 41st Annual Lenawee County Planning Commission Dinner was held at the Lenawee County Club on April 21, 2016. Approximately thirty (30) people attended the event. Ms. Shanna Draheim, Public Sector Consultants, spoke about Michigan’s “Regional Prosperity Initiative”, including Region 9, which comprises the Counties of Hillsdale Jackson, and Lenawee (i.e., the R2PC) as well as Livingston, Monroe, and Washtenaw Counties.
  - e. **Planning & Zoning Notes.** Commissioners approved the second edition of a growing collection of advisory memos on planning and zoning topics. The memos are published in conjunction with the Jackson County Planning Commission with the purpose of educating municipal planning commissions and other pertinent local officials. Issue #2 of *Planning & Zoning Notes* addresses Zoning Ordinance Public Hearing & Public Noticing Requirements.
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 2017:
- a. **Education.** The LCPC will host the 42nd 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.
  - b. **Webpage.** The Commission will continue to maintain a webpage—located on [www.region2planning.com/](http://www.region2planning.com/) (see Quick Links on the Homepage) and linked to <http://lenawee.mi.us> (see Quick Links on the Board of Commissioners webpage)—regarding the County Planning Commission for the use of its members and the municipalities they serve.
  - c. **County Master Plan.** The Commission will continue the process of preparing—as time and resources allow—a new edition of the *Lenawee County Master Plan*. The LCPC will partially base 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.
4. **LCPC Meetings.** The County Planning Commission generally 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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