



# Lenawee County Planning Commission

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## 2019 LCPC Annual Report

Section 19(2) of the *Michigan Planning Enabling Act* (PA 33 of 2008, MCL 125.3819(2)) states that "[a] planning commission shall make an annual written report to the legislative body concerning its operations and the status of planning activities, including recommendations regarding actions by the legislative body related to planning and development. Section 103(B) of the *Lenawee County Planning Commission Bylaws* also includes the preparation of an annual report to the County Board as a duty of the Commission. Accordingly, the report for 2019 follows:

### 1. 2019 LCPC Membership & Officers

The Lenawee County Planning Commission (LCPC) is comprised of seven (7) members. The following commissioners served in 2019:

- Mr. Robert Behnke – Education
- Ms. Karol "KZ" Bolton – County Board of Commissioners
- Mr. Keith Dersham
- Ms. Becky Liedel
- Mr. Bruce Nickel
- Mr. Ralph Tillotson – County Board of Commissioners
- Mr. Dale Witt

Ms. Liedel and Mr. Dersham served as the Chair and Secretary of the LCPC, respectively.

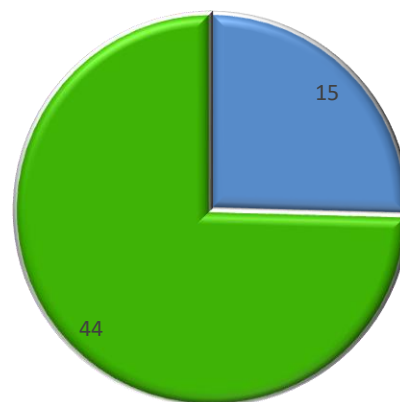
### 2. Immediate Responsibilities

The Lenawee County Planning Commission accomplished a lot during 2019 including the following responsibilities:

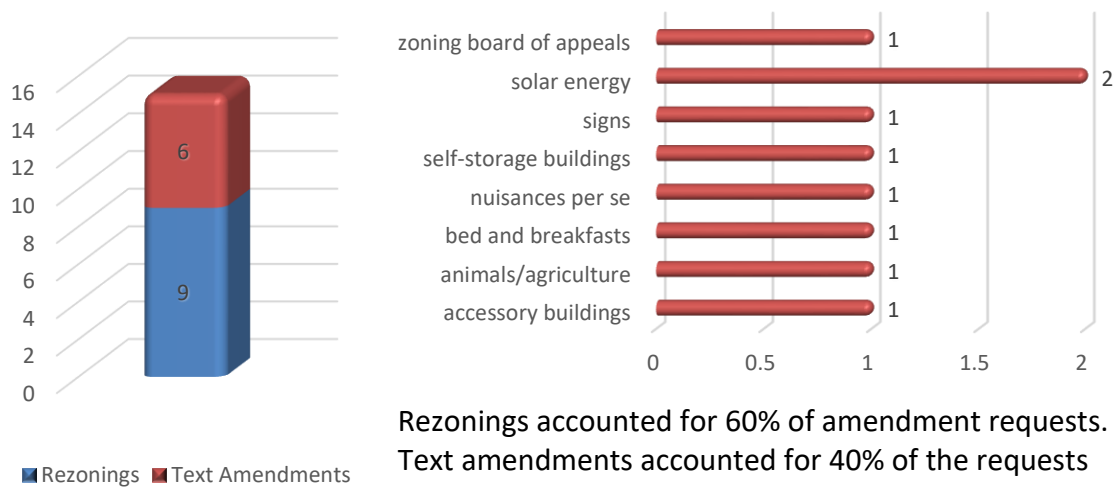
#### a. Coordinated Zoning

A primary responsibility of the Planning Commission is to review and recommend action on proposed amendments to township zoning ordinances.

The LCPC made 15 recommendations regarding zoning amendments for 8 townships in 2019.



■ Zoning Amendments ■ PA 116 Agreements



### b. Coordinated Planning

Another primary responsibility of the Commission is to review and provide feedback on municipal (i.e., city, village and township) master plans proposed within Lenawee County as well as the master plans proposed by surrounding counties. The LCPC reviewed and commented upon no proposed municipal master plans in 2019.

### c. Farmland and Open Space Preservation

The final primary responsibility of the Planning Commission is to review and make recommendations regarding Farmland and Open Space Preservation (i.e., PA 116) applications to pertinent Township Boards. The LCPC made a recommendation on 44 applications regarding the preservation of farmland and open space in 13 townships in 2019.



### Ultimate Goal and Objectives

In the long-term, the LCPC seeks to coordinate planning throughout Lenawee County while respecting the planning and zoning authority of municipal governments (i.e., cities, villages, and townships). This will be accomplished over time by:

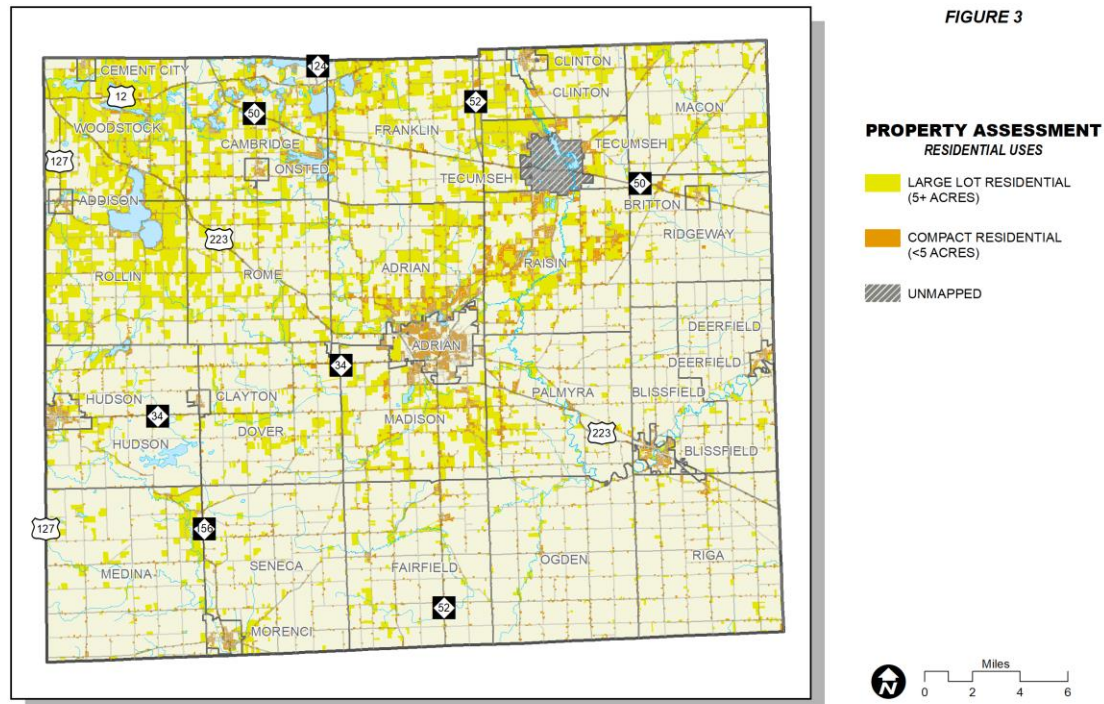
#### a. LCPC Annual Dinner

The 44th Annual Lenawee County Planning Commission Dinner was held at Siena Heights University on June 20, 2019. Approximately 40 people enjoyed a delicious

southern barbeque dinner and presentations regarding the rehabilitation of Chaloner's Cigar House in Adrian and the American Farm Museum & Education Center in Blissfield.

**b. Existing Land Use**

The LCPC also conducted a countywide existing land use survey using property assessment data from the assessors for the County of Lenawee and the City of Adrian. A series of maps were created showing residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional land use patterns. The information is available to municipalities for use in their master plans and other studies.



**c. Education and Advocacy**

The Commission will continue to maintain a webpage—located on [www.region2planning.com/lenawee-county-planning-commission](http://www.region2planning.com/lenawee-county-planning-commission)—regarding the County Planning Commission for the use of its members and the municipalities they serve. Agenda packets (which include staff reports on the requests reviewed by the JCPC), meeting schedules and minutes, and more can be found on the webpage.

**3. 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  
Grant Bauman | LCPC Staff and Recording Secretary | 12-19-19*