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MAP Board 2024 Policy Framework

1. MAP Linkage
2. State-wide Framework Outline
3. Discussion



LINKAGE RELEVANCE & IMPORTANCE



What is “linkage”?

Deep dive into a topic that informs MAP’s policy direction.

Through linkages we ...

- Connect with members on specific issues.
- Connect with experts and leaders outside membership to inform decision-making and policy.
- Share what’s learned and, eventually, policies or initiatives around the topic.



Linkage Statement 2023-2024

Michigan is not well positioned to **retain and attract talent, employers, and residents needed to address the challenges and opportunities** facing the State in the coming decades.

A **statewide strategic approach to planning is needed** to support the long-term social, economic, and environmental equity and health of our regions and diverse communities.



Linkage Statement 2023-2024

We are exploring a **planning framework for growing Michigan** that:

- Connects the dots between key components of livability
- Breaks down silos between agencies and communities
- Provides a vehicle to influence a coordinated statewide approach to decision-making.



Why Now: Converging Trends

- **Depopulation**, aging, smaller households
- Shortage of middle, workforce **housing**
- Sprawl and related inefficiencies
- Low levels of **land use coordination** within regions and between regions and state agencies
- **Climate**-related pressures on natural resources—direct and indirect



Why Now: State has assets & leadership

- Rich, diverse **natural resources**, agriculture, wildlands
- Grow Michigan Together, other **policy innovations**;
federal \$\$
- Attractive, affordable **communities**
- Existing **infrastructure** for regional coordination
- Effective organizations, **history** of policy collaborations,
MAP's Policies



Why Now: Lessons from Michigan & elsewhere

- Smart growth; ag and forest land conservation
- Housing diversity, affordability; ADUs
- Regional transit; transit-oriented dev.
- Michigan examples requiring, supporting planning, coordination
 - Redevelopment Ready Communities
 - Housing Readiness Incentive Grant Prog
 - County solid waste planning



Who did we link with?

April 2023 - July 2024

- 7 linkage meetings
- 20+ people from around the state and US
- MAP 2023 Spring Institute
 - Lou Glazer
 - Don Grimes
 - Alaina Jackson, Global Detroit
 - Rodney Harrell, AARP
 - Victoria Hermann, Arctic Institute
 - Joel Brammeier, Great Lakes Compact
- Kurt Metzger
- Plante Moran
- SEMCOG demographers
- Eric Lupher, CRC Executive Director
- John Groen, Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO)
- State Planning Offices: NJ, OR, CO
- Sarah Lucas, Office of Rural Prosperity
- Hillary Doe, Chief Growth Officer - Michigan
- Regional Planning Offices:
 - Regions 1, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13



CREATING MICHIGAN COMMUNITIES OF THE FUTURE

**A FRAMEWORK FOR
STATE LEADERSHIP IN
LAND USE PLANNING**



GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Respect for **Home Rule**, private property rights
- **Don't create extra burdens** for communities
- **Support coordination** efforts with \$\$ and technical assistance
- Channel, don't displace, **local decision-making**
- Evaluate, act on **current barriers to development** considering sustainability, resilience, equity, and efficiency
- Public, stakeholder **engagement** in all aspects



FRAMEWORK COULD ...

- Establish state **land use goals**
- Serve as **information base**
- Require **local plan preparation**
- Define roles, responsibilities of **state agencies**
- **Coordinate** land-affecting decisions among agencies and communities and between them
- Support local communities to **overcome barriers** to thoughtful development



FRAMEWORK COULD ...

- Consider **equity** impacts of policies, processes
- Establish regional "fair share" **housing policy**
- Convene rapid **transit planning** to connect regions
- Develop policy related to **public lands**



Discussion

- Does this framework adequately express the current state of planning in Michigan?
- How does this framework address a need in your work?
- What other information should we be seeking (what's missing)?
- Who else – people or organizations – should be included in these discussions?

