

Draft Outline

Michigan Land Use Leadership Council

Final Report

April 25, 2003

Preface (2 pages)

- Thanks
- List of all council members

I. Introduction (2–3 pages)

A. Background on the Michigan Land Use Leadership Council

1. Council charge (from Ex. Order and address by Governor Granholm and Senator Sikkema)
 - a) Identify the trends, causes, and consequences of unmanaged growth and development
 - b) Provide recommendations to the governor and legislature designed to:
 - i. Minimize the negative economic, environmental, and social impacts of current land use trends
 - ii. Promote urban revitalization and reinvestment
 - iii. Foster intergovernmental and public-private land use partnerships
 - iv. Identify new growth and development opportunities
 - v. Protect Michigan's natural resources, including farmland and open space
 - vi. Better manage the cost of public investments in infrastructure to support growth
2. Focus is on changing public policy to improve land use decisions in Michigan
3. Specific purposes of this report
4. Process followed to create the report
 - a) Focus of each council meeting
 - b) Sources of material addressed in council recommendations
 - i. Council charge
 - ii. Presentations made to the council
 - iii. Survey of council members on key issues and recommendations
 - iv. Survey of Michigan land use stakeholder groups on key issues and recommendations
 - v. Consideration of other recommendations for reform offered in various reports over the past dozen years
 - vi. Public hearing input

- vii. Resource materials provided to the council
 - viii. Website resources
 - B. Review of organization of the report
 - C. Explanation of the structure of the recommendations
 - 1. Each chapter deals with one issue category
 - 2. Each recommendation is preceded by a problem statement; there may be few or many recommendations under each problem statement
 - 3. Some issues are addressed in several chapters because they apply to more than one issue category
- II. General Land Use and Related Trends and Conditions in Michigan (5–7 pages including graphics)**
 - A. Short chapter summarizing the “big picture” trends, causes, and consequences of sprawl
 - B. Brief summary of other available materials summarizing trends and conditions
- III. Vision and Goals (4–5 pages)**
 - A. Introduction
 - B. Vision Statement
 - C. Three fundamental goals underlying this vision
 - 1. Michigan values reflected in this vision
 - 2. Key assumptions inherent in this vision
 - D. Guiding principles by issue categories (Chapters IV-IX)
 - 1. Summary of the major guiding principles (more detailed guiding principles will appear in the following chapters by issue category)
 - 2. This could also be a summary of the main elements of the accepted guiding strategy—like Livable Communities or Smart Growth
- IV. Revitalization of Urban Areas (7–15 pages)**
 - A. Definitions and explanation of the scope of this issue category (i.e., it includes urban areas of all sizes—whether in metropolitan or rural areas—and proposed changes to improve the quality of life in urban areas so fewer people want to leave and more people and businesses want to go back)
 - B. Summary of key issues in this issue category
 - C. Summary of key trends and conditions in this issue category
 - D. Guiding principles in this issue category
 - E. Recommendations
 - 1. Problem statement for a group of related issues
 - 2. Recommendations
 - 3. *Repeat problem statements for the next group of related issues and recommendations until all are addressed*

- V. Land Resource-based Industries (5–10 pages)**
- A. Definitions and explanation of the scope of this issue category (i.e., it includes proposed changes to improve the long-term economic viability of agriculture, forestry, tourism, recreation, and mining and their relationship to rural community development)
 - B. Summary of key issues in this issue category
 - C. Summary of key trends and conditions in this issue category
 - D. Guiding principles in this issue category
 - E. Recommendations
 - 1. Problem statement for a group of related issues
 - 2. Recommendations
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- VI. Strategic, Long-term, Coordinated Planning and Zoning at the Local, Regional, and State Level (5–10 pages)**
- A. Definitions and explanation of the scope of this issue category (i.e., it includes proposed changes to the institutional structure for land use decision-making in Michigan and the respective roles and responsibilities of each level of government in these decisions)
 - B. Summary of key issues in this issue category
 - C. Summary of key trends and conditions in this issue category
 - D. Guiding principles in this issue category
 - E. Recommendations
 - 1. Problem statement for a group of related issues
 - 2. Recommendations
 - 3. *Repeat problem statements for the next group of related issues and recommendations until all are addressed*
- VII. Infrastructure and Community Services (5–10 pages)**
- A. Definitions and explanation of the scope of this issue category (i.e., it includes proposed changes in the way in which public decisions are made with regard to the location, size, and timing of the provision of sewer, water, transportation, schools, other infrastructure, and related community services)
 - B. Summary of key issues in this issue category
 - C. Summary of key trends and conditions in this issue category
 - D. Guiding principles in this issue category
 - E. Recommendations
 - 1. Problem statement for a group of related issues
 - 2. Recommendations
 - 3. *Repeat problem statements for the next group of related issues and recommendations until all are addressed*

VIII. Healthy Natural Environment (5–10 pages)

- A. Definitions and explanation of the scope of this issue category (i.e., it includes proposed changes in the policies and programs related to ensuring a healthy natural environment and healthy individuals)
- B. Summary of key issues in this issue category
- C. Summary of key trends and conditions in this issue category
- D. Guiding principles in this issue category
- E. Recommendations
 - 1. Problem statement for a group of related issues
 - 2. Recommendations
 - 3. *Repeat problem statements for the next group of related issues and recommendations until all are addressed*

IX. Other (3–5 pages)

- A. Definitions and explanation of the scope of this issue category (i.e., this is a “catch all” category for issues that don’t fit into one of the other categories above.
- B. Summary of key issues in this issue category
- C. Summary of key trends and conditions in this issue category
- D. Guiding principles in this issue category
- E. Recommendations
 - 1. Problem statement for a group of related issues
 - 2. Recommendations
 - 3. *Repeat problem statements for the next group of related issues and recommendations until all are addressed*

X. Summary of Recommendations (5-10 pages)

- A. All recommendations will be relisted in a shorthand form by type of implementation method (rather than by issue category as in the previous chapters). This could be done by table or in a text format. This will significantly improve the ability of the governor and legislature to take next steps.
- B. The level of government responsible for acting on each recommendation must also be identified.
- C. Suggested next steps
- D. Sources for further information related to designing a more detailed implementation scheme

Bibliography (2–3 pages)**List of Other Products Generated for Use by the Council (2–3 pages)**