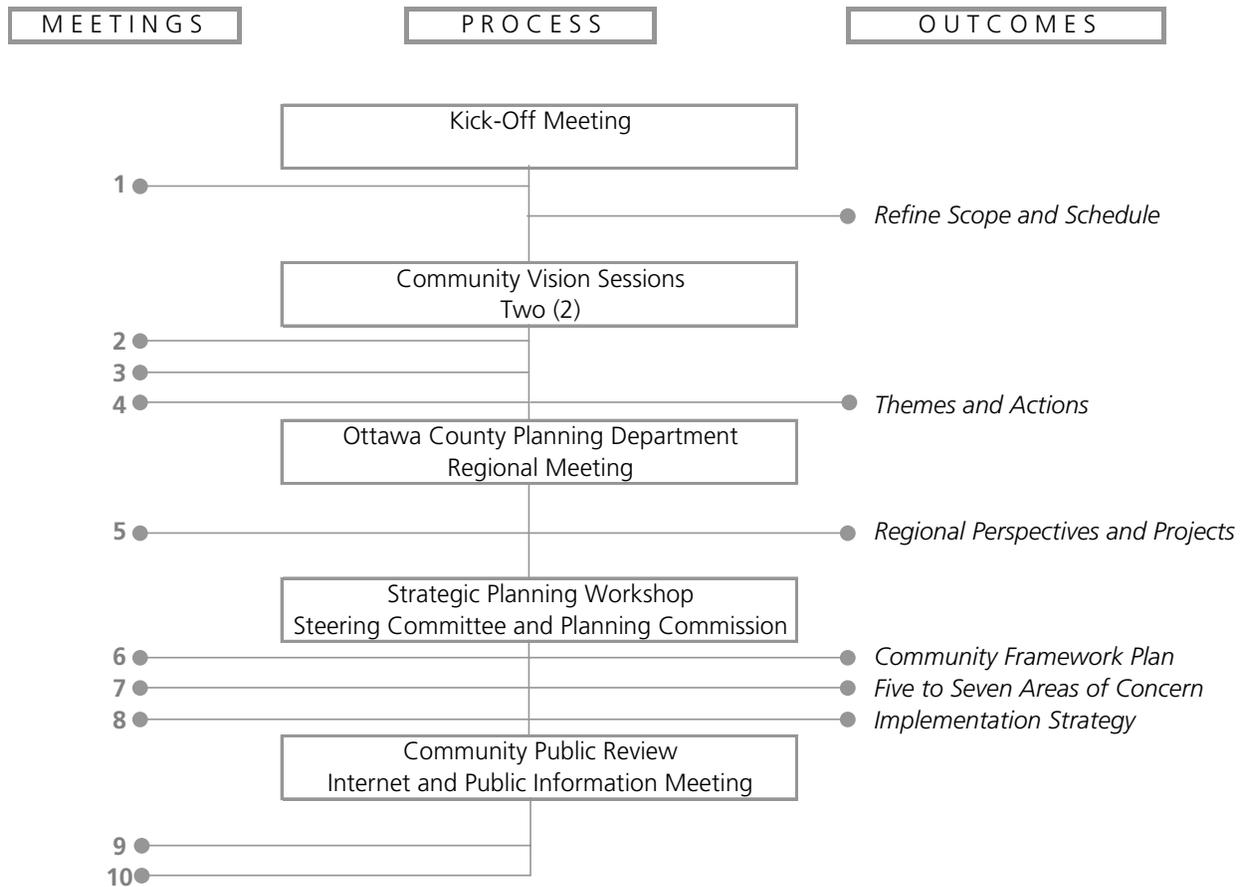


Summary of Master Plan Process



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|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1, 4, 6, and 8 | <i>Steering Committee</i> |
| 2, 3, 9 and 10 | <i>Community-at-Large</i> |
| 5 | <i>County Planning and Surrounding Municipalities</i> |
| 7 | <i>Township Supervisor and Planning Director</i> |

SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP MASTER PLAN

Meeting Agenda

June 7, 2006

5:30 P.M.

Spring Lake Township Hall

1. Introductions

2. Contacts
 - Beckett & Raeder
 - a. John Iacoangeli 734-663-2622 jri@bria2.com

 - Williams & Works
 - a. Jay Kilpatrick 616-224-1500 Kilpatrick@williams-works.com
 - b. Andy Moore 616-224-1500

 - Spring Lake Township
 - a. Lukas Hill 616-842-1340 sltplanner@chartermi.net

3. Review of Scope of Work

4. Community Vision Sessions (June 13 and 14)
 - a. Discussion of Key Issues
 - b. Session Table Captains

5. Community Internet Survey / Visual Preference Survey
 - a. Discussion

6. Open Discussion

SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP MASTER PLAN

Meeting Agenda

August 15, 2006

5:30 P.M.

Spring Lake Township Hall

1. Introductions - Roundtable

2. Williams & Works (½ hour)
 - a. Demographic Element Review (Task 2)
 - b. Existing Land Use Element Review (Task 3)

3. Beckett & Raeder (1 ½ hours)
 - a. Development Form and Character
 - b. Themes and Objectives

4. Next Steps
 - a. Regional Meeting through Ottawa County Planning Commission
 - b. Natural, Cultural, and Agricultural Element
 - c. Open Space and Recreation Element
 - d. Transportation Element
 - e. Adjustment – Themes & Objectives
 - f. Community Framework Plan

5. Open Discussion

6. Next Steering Committee Meeting Date - Discussion

SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP MASTER PLAN

Meeting Agenda

August 21, 2006

12 P.M.

Spring Lake District Library

This meeting will last until 1:30 p.m.

1. Introductions - Roundtable

2. Overview of Key Planning Related Issues – (Asking Each Attendee to Give a Summary)
 - a. Ottawa County
 - b. Municipalities Represented at Session

3. Regional Issues
 - a. Traffic
 - b. Forecasted Growth (Where and What Type)
 - c. Utility Expansion
 - d. Economic Development and Job Growth
 - e. Public Services (Opportunities for Cooperation and Consolidation)

4. Open Discussion

5. Adjournment

SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP MASTER PLAN

Meeting Agenda

September 13, 2006

5:30 P.M.

Spring Lake Township Hall

1. Introductions - Roundtable

2. Beckett & Raeder (1 ½ hours)
 - a. Themes and Objectives (Continuation)
 - i. Economic Development
 - ii. Public Services

3. Communications
 - a. Regional Meeting through Ottawa County Planning Commission – August 21, 2006

4. Open Discussion

5. Next Steering Committee Meeting Date – September 27, 2006
 - a. Transportation and Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Element Review

 - b. Themes and Objectives
 - i. Parks, Recreation, and Open Space
 - ii. Transportation

SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP MASTER PLAN

Meeting Agenda

September 27, 2006

5:30 P.M.

Spring Lake Township Hall

1. Introductions - Roundtable

2. Presentation – Williams & Works
 - a. Natural and Cultural Features Element
 - b. Transportation Element

3. Themes and Objectives (Continuation)
 - a. Parks, Open Space and Recreation
 - b. Transportation

4. Open Discussion

5. Next Steering Committee Meeting Date – Decision
 - a. Community Framework Plan

SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP MASTER PLAN

Meeting Agenda

October 25, 2006

5:30 P.M.

Spring Lake Township Hall

1. Introductions - Roundtable

2. Themes and Objectives
 - a. Transportation Policy Discussion

3. Community Framework Plan Presentation
 - a. Slide Presentation on Future Development Options for Spring Lake Township
 - b. Discussion of the Presentation and Development Concepts

4. North Bank Meeting - November 8, 2006 (4:30) at the Barber School Building

5. Next Steering Committee Meeting-Decision

NOTICE
SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP
RESIDENTS

You are invited to the following Visioning Session to assist the Township in completing an update to their Master Plan.

Tuesday and Wednesday
June, 13th and 14th
7:00 to 9:00P.M.
Barber School Community
Building.



Located on the Corner of
Exchange and Buchanan in the
Village of Spring Lake

Share your Opinions!
Your Participation is Valuable!

Spring Lake Township is working with the consulting firms of Beckett & Raeder , Inc. and Williams & Works to update the Community Master Plan. As part of the Project, the Township will host an important community visioning session where participants can provide input that will guide the preparation of the Community Master Plan. Members of the community are encouraged to come and share their ideas for the Township's future. Hope to see you there!

For more information please call:
The Township Building & Planning Department
at (616) 842-9270

1. Connected system of nonmotorized Paths.
that take advantage of Natural Resources.
2. Sense of arrival into Spring Lake Village
Spring Lake Village as a destination &
heart of the community.
3. More public ^{access} to Spring Lake & Grand Rivers
with fishing piers, beaches, boardwalk,
4. Combine resources into one community.
5. Senior activities & housing enhanced
6. Open spaces integrated with development
7. Preserving natural features

- 14) Bike-pedestrian trails connecting to all areas
- 15) Incorporate as one city
- 16) Inner-urban transit system (Holland, Merck. GR connections)
- 17) Neighborhood type housing, parks, homes, srs together - intergenerational
- 18) Develop Bridge connection
- 19) Continue tradition of good schools

1. Clean Water (Lakes and Rivers)
2. Purchase River Property
3. Continue Lake Board
4. Implement M-104 study
~ Develop with character
5. Develop higher learning training/research facilities
6. Develop moderately priced housing
7. Encourage small business development
8. Culture of Pride - well kept, clean
9. Work together as ~~multiple~~ ^{Regional} Communities to develop waterfront encourage commercial/industrial.
10. Village @ township as one
11. Senior Citizens Development (Rec. Housing, trans)
12. Presentation of Green Spaces
13. Aesthetically and environmentally beautiful industry and commercial

LAND USE

- Not much Retail
- Industrial use Decent
 - also empty buildings
 - good economics for industrial
 - Good Infrastructure to support Industry
 - Ind. being underutilized.

- More mixed use property

- Problem having a village in a township.

NR/EP

- Over regulation of wetlands can inhibit development.

PARK / REC

- Lack of Parks
- No Soccer fields and other Sporting Recreational Space

Economic Devel.

- Aging Population promotes under development.
- Hi-tech and professional services.
- Industrial Park opportunities.

Public Facilities

- Township office is in the village.

TRANS

THIS Township IS GREAT! 2016

- Encourage small business development
- Winter activity area / Activity Center / Family Recreation area.
- Utilize the waterfront (Green Lake, Grand River)
- Downtown feel and public access to the waterfront
 - Commercial
- School System is best in the nation.
- Services (Police, Fire) grows with the community
- Cleaner Spring Lake (water quality)
- Utilize natural resources for public access (Dayous)
- Beach access on Lake Michigan
- Development with character on M104
- Higher learning / training / research. Facilities.

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- LAKES AND RIVERS
- Small town charm
- Recent growth
- "Bedroom Community"
- School district
 - College Prep
- District Maintained at High Standards
- Bike Paths.

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- See less of the lakes and rivers
 - Private development blocking (essential)
- No "downtown feel"
- "Bedroom Community"
- Lack of Diversity
- Community Recreation
-

#6

Olve S.L. City

- No Village/Farmhouses etc

Traffic - steady flow

- No obstacles
- Kids/Srs. ability to cross (LO4)

By-pass Rd - more options

We see people walking everywhere
water front activity area - Shops etc
Side roads adjacent to LO4 for shops
No - eye sores - homogeneous signs etc.
No "old" buildings - Fix or Tear-down
Theme for business comm.

Bike paths that all form loops

No cul-de-sacs!

more retail - specialized (ma & pa) stores

Intersections - Benches - mini-parks

more activities in winter

Better communication - Newsletters etc to inform
clear water & Green spaces.

Fishing ~~spots~~ sites / boat launches / Fishing piers

Senior Activity Center (housing
next to existing facility. High School?

- more (some) mass transit

Business should not be ugly!

eliminate ground H₂O pollution.

Keep mass transit alive in winter

#6

Land Use
All issues

Affordable Housing - Poor

Retail - Lack of

Central Business District? Lack of.

Beaches - better use of Water front

Parks & Rec

Seniors - improve good distributions

Pockets Parks
maintain what we have -

Natural Resources/Environment...

Doing well!

Better Use - larger Beaches
Local mitigation only!

Transportation

Terrible main Artery (104)

Crazy speed limits

Mass transit - improve - "Dart" Bus
- Expand -

Access Roads on 104

Housing Qual./Hist Pres/Rentals

Poor historical preserved. more mixed use
more Rentals?

Econ. Development

more Retail/Eateries

Use "Lake" to get more

Gov't involvement - Grants etc
- Urban renewal.

Infra Structure

Sewer & City H2O improvements,
more sidewalks - walkways.

Walkability

Improve!

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Prouds

Bike Paths
Lake - Spring Lake
Scholl Systems
Parks & Recreations
Trees - Green Spaces
Abuse Recognition
Pride of ownership
Family participation
Paved Roads
Kids 1st philosophy
efficient

Sorries

Lake - Spring Lake (View)
Affordable Housing
Shopping Areas - Lack of -
Eateries - Lack of -
Middle income jobs - Lack of
Walkability - sidewalks etc.
Hospital - med. centers - healthcare
Rely on G.H. too much
Bridge fix - do it!
Assisted living - lack of

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Well maintained, beautifully landscaped + environmentally sound industry + commercial developments.

No industry in Village

~~Bike~~ Pedestrian trails connecting to all surrounding communities

All Lighting Sky friendly

Preservation of all Historic Buildings + Markers

MUSEUM under auspices of tri-cities Historical Society -

CLEAN WATER - ALL BODIES OF WATER

More efficient movement of TRAFFIC

Increase in Protected Green Space

Attractive Commercial Zones / Vibrant Downtown!

North Ottawa Dunes w/ well marked Hiking Trails + parking + Public Restrooms

Maintain current blend between Commercial + Industrial Residential

SPRING LAKE NO WAKE!

(6)

Land use:

Developing North Ottawa Dunes

Over development of S.L. waterfront

Preservation of Open Land

Redevelopment of empty industrial buildings (148)

Requires Co-operative Planning between Ferrysburg
+ Crookery Twp.

Nat. Resources:

Well done thus far - on Rec. areas/Parks - Need more
Bodies of Water are unique + special
Limit boat congestion + speed on bodies of WATER
Support S.L. Lake Board Activities

Economic Development:

Redevelopment of empty factories/consider incentives

Public Facilities:

Bike Paths w/ Rest Rooms

S.L.T. Boat Launch on Grand River

Transportation:

2nd Crossing of Grand River - Local

Infrastructure:

Expand Public Water/Sewer

Choices for Cable Company

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Positives

Vil. Streetscape
Preservation / Protect open land
Bike paths (148th)
Planters ← →
S.L.T. Cementaries
Rural Setting
DeWitt School
Library
Parks
Playgrounds
Recreation
S.L. Beach

Negatives

Not kept up.
Village Business District
Main Street Grass Neglected
Fast Food Chains
Lack of Public Transportation
Lack of Sewer Service
Traffic Congestion (104)
Empty Com. Buildings

S.L.T. in 2016

- ~ Implement 104 corridor study
- ~ Purchase river property
- ~ Plants/natural leading to water's edge (Buffer zone)
- ~ Natural Area at end of 144th
- ~ Required Landscaping in front of Businesses
- ~ H. industry
- ~ mixed-use housing
- ~ Continuation of Lake Board @ Scientific monitoring
- ~ Increased Communication w/ everyone
 - good website!!
info news
 - Newspaper portion

Table
#5

Land Use

limit new construction
Decline in Aug. use
~~lakefront~~ lakefront properties
increase in dense development
cottages being removed
similarity in houses (values/styles/options)

Natural Resources/ environmental protection

Tree/Wetlands destroy
Lake quality development ~ getting better....
decrease in wetlands

Transportation

Sawidge St. traffic
West SL road traffic
MBth traffic
lack of public transit
routing trucks through S.L.

Public Facilities

Library (programs)

exercise facilities
(Schools facilities)

Police & Fire - good
EMT

Senior Activities
-growing demand

Good number of Churches
variety

Infrastructure

water and sewer connections
limit septic tanks

Economic Development

New Business Developments

Table #5

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Bike Paths
Living on the water

Natural Beauty
Small town feel
School System
Potential for jobs, homes ect...
we have nat. resources @ people

phosphate ban

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Water quality
Lack of transport.
growing too fast
Maintain bike paths
municipal cooperation (city of S.C.)
Density of housing
Developing wetlands
lack of future planning
feeling of community (in SLT)

TABLE # 4

FUTURE

- CRYSTAL CLEAR SPRING LAKE
- CITY INCORPORATION
- BIKE PATH ON ALL MAJOR ROADS
- PUBLIC ACCESS TO S.L. & RIVER INCREASED
- 104 BLVD.
- { COOPERATIVE GOVT (3 AGENS) FOR TOURIST TRADE
COMMON TOUR. BOARD
- { BLDG. ARCHITECTURE UNIFORMITY / COMMERCIAL
- NEW / ADDITIONAL BRIDGE
- RAPID TRANS S.L. TO G.R. & RETURN
- MORE ENFORCEMENT NO WAKE ON S.L.
- CONTINUE QUAL. DEV. - NO HIGH RISE -
- LIMIT STRIP MALLS.
- CLEAN UP VACANT PROPERTIES (BLDG)

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TRANSPORTATION

- MULTIPLE Service Buses. SC/GH. Same area
- PUBLIC TRANS. NEED

INFRASTRUCTURE

- ANOTHER FUTURE

WALKABILITY

- MORE FUTURE

NEWSPAPER

TABLE #1
S.L.T. - TODAY

LAND USE

- MIXED

NAT. RES. / ENVIR.

- ATTEMPT TO CONSERVE / PROTECT

INDUS. / RE.

- UPGRADE WATER TANK TANK

PUBLIC UTILITIES

- UPGRADE 1940S CEMENT
FIRE STATIONS

ENVIRONMENT

- NEED TO CLEAN UP 104
VACANT LOTS, ETC

TABLE # 4

PRO

- NATURAL ENVIRONMENT
- NO LARGE RETAIL
EG. MEINERS
WALMART
- EXCELLENT SCHOOLS
- MIX BUSINESS AND
RESIDENTIAL
- WETLANDS ORDINANCE
- MIX OF HOUSING
- BIKE PATHS

CON

- PAST PLANNING EFFORT
- TRUCK TRAFFIC ON
LOCAL ROADS
- ABILITY TO CROSS
G. RIVER
- USE OF DIKE PATHS
- F. 15114

Table 4

Connected bike paths

Review Lake access for everyone

Waterfront
parks

bike path along water

Open green space around

Cluster housing

Follow up of Planning Commission's
Rules/regulations - enforcement

Now bridges closer ^{at} 148th -

No draw bridge across US 31 - 104

→ traffic would not be stopped - better
flow of traffic thru Village/Township/Crocker

(M-104 land use - retain open space along road

→ Regional planning

Table 4

Land Use — No change in zoning that ~~is~~ ^{owner} owns

Wetlands saved, woodlands, natural habitat preserved

Good schools

Trails/bikeway, sidewalks

M-104

Commercial/Centralized business - Village

Public access to water front

Public transportation - easy access for elders

Crossing across G. River for power

Housing quality -

Cluster housing

Appropriate starter housing for all —

Recreation

Table 4

Positive

Water/Sewer Dept
Beautiful Township
Open Space
Wetlands
Grand River
Schools
Bikepaths
Library
Forest, dunes, parks

Negative

fire department Authority based.
Traffic on M-104/bridge
Coordination with Crookery
Communication with North
Bank
Too many high rise on Water
so other cannot enjoy Water
Medical ~~transportation~~ transportation
enforcement of zoning and
planning Commission conditions
to approval development

TABLE 3

- RESORT LOOK
GLEN LAKE FRANKENMUTH
- TREES
- CLUSTERED LIVING / NEIGHBORHOODS
- CONNECTIVITY - NON-MOTORIZED PATHS w/ PARKS / SCENIC AREAS
ALONG THE RIVER?
- REVITALIZATION OF DOWNTOWN!
KUDO'S TO VILLAGE HALL LIBRARY
- HISTORIC HOUSES - OR THAT STYLE
- GET WATER-FRONT STYLE THING
- PART THAT FACILITATES EVENTS "TAKE OF SPRING LAKE" !!
- ENTRY TO TWP NEEDS TO IMPROVE - M-104 - "MARKETS" THE TWP
WHEN YOU ENTER SLTWP YOU KNOW IT

- BEDD: BREAKFASTS
- WALKWAYS TO WATER

TABLE 3

NATURAL RESOURCES / ENV

- PRESERVE SHORELINE INTEGRITY
- LAKE CLEANUP WATER MGMT
- PUBLIC AWARENESS
- ECONOMIC DEV
North of 104 on 148th
NEED TO PROMOTE INDUSTRY / JOBS
RECRUIT BUSINESSES TO COME IN
- CONNECT BIKE PATHS
AROUND MIDDLE SCHOOL
- LEONARD RD - MAJOR ROUTE
SCENIC
- HANKY PANKY BAYOU ACTIVITY - QUESTIONABLE
- HARBOR TRANSIT SHOULD GO FURTHER INTO TWP.
- BY PAST BRIDGE

- LIMITED ALTERNATE ROUTES
- LAND USE
 - AMOUNT OF USABLE LAND
 - DUNES
 - "WETLANDS"
 - LEGITIMATE / WATER-SHED
 - QUESTIONABLE
- COMPATIBLE ZONING BETWEEN
VILLAGE & TWP

TABLE 3

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- WELCOMING
- LAKE / NATURAL RESOURCES
- SIZE
- TREES
- NICE DIVISION BETWEEN BUSINESSES
- HOMES ARE WELL MAINTAINED
- SAFE
- \$2 SCHOOL IN STATE
- LOW TAXES

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- MIDWAY TRAFFIC (BACKS UP)
- SPLIT BY THE LAKE
- ALSO BY 31 (W of 31 seems like 'no mens land')

(3) '2016'

Culture of pride - well kept, clean,

(ONE COMMUNITY OF SL. TWP, Ferrisburg, - developed waterfront area
continued slow growth (back in time)
There

Groomed environment - preservation of environment
Parks, green space

Community centers, gathering places

Cultural opportunities (music, art, drama)

Automobile traffic moving quickly, smoothly

Family activities

Corporate center offices, high tech

Political demarcations eliminated

Village & Twp (one)

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LAND USE

GOOD LAND TONE
Developing poor land

NATURAL RESOURCES

TWP Parks - available but not being ^{fully} used
Balancing preservation of beauty
with development

PARKS & RECREATION

available but not fully used

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Not many areas available
many empty buildings
Tax abatements (Business friendly)

PUBLIC FACILITIES

Lack of available facilities
Library use limited in late hours

TRANSPORTATION

Congested
lack of public transportation

INFRASTRUCTURE

Traffic getting worse (poor)
Other Twp's impacting S.L. Twp
Continued increased demand
relatively new (good)
Community centers

WALKABILITY

Tennis - Bike paths
Safety

HOUSING QUALITY

HISTORIC PRESERVATION
RENTAL HOUSING

- Safe neighborhoods

Are we balanced ???
missing mid levels (Rural route)
work to plan appropriately

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Schools (especially H.S.) (2.4)

Wetlands ordinance
environment

culture - community pride

beauty of water

safety (personal)
fire

Quality of life

-

Traffic (especially 104)

lack of enforcement of
ordinances

unplanned development

divisive community
(created by water)

intercommunication
w/ other gov't groups

Bridge

2016

#2

1. SENIOR Cit. ^{Neos} Rec. Areas. Transport; Comunity that supports SENIORS
2. Large Rec Area on the East side (SENIORS + Families (ALL AGES)
3. Moderately Priced Housing-
4. Clean-up the industrial Parks on the east end; Actual All industrial Parks.
+ completely utilized.
5. Growth with greenway around housing development that is using less land.
6. ~~Stop~~ Clean Grand River + Spring Lake
7. ROADS are well maintained.
8. Preservation of the public areas to the waterways.
9. ~~Preservation~~ Complete ~~Path~~ Bike Path system.
10. No More Yellow Monsters. ☺
11. ~~Grand~~ No Large Retail like Walmart

Discussion Topics. \rightarrow

Land USE:

1. Careful Planning for Land use - Zoning?
 2. ^{WATER SHED?} Very little Control? ~~If the zoning laws might be~~
- ### NATURAL RES/PARKS + REC.
1. More PARKS & GREEN WAY. esp the EAST SIDE.
 2. Marginal Properties ~~shd~~ should be protected from DEV.
(WETLANDS + GREENWAYS, SAND DUNES, BILLY WAY)

Economic Dev.

1. Would like to see more on 10th (use of existing buildings)
- Incentives?
2. INDUSTRIAL PARK?
3. Less STRIP MALLS.
- Historical Buildings?

Public Facilities

?

Transportation

1. Expanded Bus system.

Infrastructure

1. EXTEND Sewer system.

Walkability

1. Continue on with the Bike Paths.

Table 2

Positive

1. NATURAL Beauty
2. RURAL Atmosphere
3. Schools
4. Community Values
5. Concerned Gov. (Local)
6. Small town Feel
7. Safety
8. Good Neighbourhoods.
9. Bike Paths.

Neg.

1. ~~The~~ Traffic.
2. Huge Building Subs w/ NO Input.
3. Too much local gov. control
4. Loss of Green way
5. Construction of a 31 Bridge Byway.
(could det. in the area)
6. Walling in of the River
7. Future Planning Plans (concern for Forward Plans)
8. Park Planning ?

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- 1 Industrial Property Inventory
- 2 Shelter housing to preserve open space
- 3 identify boat launch location
- 4 East side parks
- 5 Architectural Standards + handicapping
- 6 limit billboards
- 7 bus system
- 8 expand sewer system
- 9 continue bike paths
10. enhance pedestrian safety
11. limit rental housing

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1. Community Theme
2. Creative Use of Environment
3. purchase open space
4. preserve natural features
5. new bridge into Grand Haven
6. watershed protection
7. improve ^{surface} water quality
8. limit growth on marginal property
9. create incentives to protect open space
10. purchase or transfer of property rights
11. no big box development
12. senior citizen development

+ Pos

1. Natural Beauty
2. infrastructure
3. bike paths
4. nice neighborhoods
5. Community Accessibility
(shopping, arts, health care)
6. Water Access

(2)

Neg -

1. bike path (size)
2. Suburban Sprawl
3. M-104
4. trash in Topo

#1

Infrastructure

Expand public water & sewer

Walkability

Promote mixed use developments

Expand bikepaths

Good access from Central Park to other public areas such as bikepaths

Housing Quality

Promote some affordable housing to have better mix

Preserve older homes rather than always build new homes

#1

Land Use

Wetlands - need preservation

Divide land use - industrial vs. tourism vs. residential

Promote walking neighborhood - concentration of mixed uses

Preserve open area for common use + maintain some areas for Rural estates

Natural Resources

Protect our environment

Concerned about quality of ground water for drinking

Economic Development

Missing out on Tourism

Small businesses more stable to SLT than large corporations.

Need "corner stores"

Reuse vacant industrial/commercial rather than build new

Attract smaller sized businesses rather than large

Public Facilities

Rehab bathrooms + shelters at our parks (Central Park Overlooked)

Transportation

Lack on Public Transportation in SLT - cannot exist in SLT w/o a car for every home.

#1

- Expanded bike paths connecting to bike paths in other municipalities.
- Expanded + coordinated waste management + better recycling
- Walkable neighborhoods + shopping, entertainment, ~~SPA~~, restaurant on the lakes, cultural attractions, etc.
- Lots on green, open areas, parks, trails through the dune areas, clean accessible beaches retained rural, homey character
- Attractions such as restaurants that draw in tourists + citizens from surrounding communities - unique shops
- Reuse homes + buildings rather than tear down + rebuild
- People friendly core business areas with ~~the~~ Sawidge becoming a pedestrian mall. (Walkways, gathering areas, restaurants etc.)
e.g. - heart of the community.
- Spring Lake + Grand River now have clean, clear water. with no jet skis + thunder boats.

+ Positives

Bike Paths

Water Resources

M-104 brings people into our area
+ provides good access out of
area for local citizens US-31

Job Opportunities

Large open, undeveloped land areas

Natural features - Dunes + woods

Main St. in the Village

Lack of big box stores

Negatives

Table 1

Traffic on M-104

Lack of participation in regional
tourism trade

SLT isolated due to natural barrier
of the Grand River

TABLE 1

FUTURE

We see

- HOUSING BUILT AS NEIGHBORHOODS for
MIXED USES
SENIORS
FAMILIES
- COMPLETION OF GREENWAY ON RIVER
CONNECTED TO BIKE PATH WITH
A WOODLAND CORRIDOR.
- LOCAL BRIDGE AT 144TH/148 TO
RELIEVE H-104

Good Schools

• A GOOD ~~WALKABLE~~ COMMERCIAL
CORRIDOR.

REGIONAL (NORTH BANK + CREEKERY) COOPERATION

TABLE I

FACILITIES - Good H₂O & Sewer - PARKS -
School Pool - Boat Launch -
PUBLIC MEETING ROOMS - LIBRARY, Schools
TRANSPORTATION - M-104 Crowding/Bascute Bridge
LOCAL ALTERNATIVE Bridge - Too Much Summer Traffic
CONDITION OF local Roads. ACCESSIBILITY IS OK

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Need light INDUSTRY.
Strong Chamber of Commerce
NOT A REAL NEED FOR Industrial Pop - Now
COMMUNITIES SUPPORT INDUSTRIES
NEED FOR SHOPPING FACILITIES.
INTEGRATE Village & TWP M-104

WALKABILITY - DIRECTION OF PAST IS GOOD - Need
A PLAN. SCHOOLS SHOULD BE WALKABLE.

NATURAL RESOURCES WETLAND PRESERVATION
DIRECTION IS GOOD - Next step on WETLAND IS PROBLEM.
WANT TO PRESERVE LAND MARK TREES.
PRIVATE TREE PLANTING
SHORELINE PROTECTION.

TABLE 1

Positive +	Negative -
BIKE PATH	M-104 TRAFFIC
ENVIRONMENT - WILDLIFE	ENROKMENT OF WETLANDS
CORE DOWNTOWN SERVICES	NEGATIVE POLITICS
OPENS SPACE PUBLIC OWNED	PROLIFIC GOVERNMENTS & SERVICE COMPANIES
WATER FRONT - Amount & Quality	BIKE PATHS / SIDEWALKS (NEED MORE) IN DEVELOPMENTS
H ₂ O & Sewer MAIN	PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
FESTIVE - Things to do	
LOT OF CHURCHES	
	INCREASING TAXABLE VALUE

9. M. 104 corridor carefully planned from a regional perspective.

9. Additional regional bridge connection.

10. Retain rural character of the township.

11. Water quality improvements.
Recreational waters "

12. Municipal water & sewer system.

13. Expanded & coordinated waste management system.

14. Expansion of the harbor transit system.

THEMES AND STRATEGIES

Introduction

Ideas and issues raised during the visioning sessions lead to the development of planning objectives for Spring Lake Township. The six overarching themes that were developed using the information gathered as a result of the community visioning sessions are as follows:

- **Natural Resources**
- **Parks, Open Space, and Recreation**
- **Housing and Neighborhoods**
- **Transportation**
- **Economic Development**
- **Public Services, Facilities, and Amenities**

THEME

Natural Resources: Preservation, Protection and Regulation of Township Natural Features

Spring Lake Township serves as a gateway to the west Michigan coast. Spring Lake Township residents take pride in the natural features of the community, and the unique ecological value of the North Ottawa Dunes area, riparian and tidal wetlands, the Grand River, Spring Lake and Lake Michigan. These natural and geologic features add to a strong sense of place for Spring Lake Township and contribute significantly to quality of life of the community. As a result proximity to the vista's and access associated with living on or near the water have increased competition for property with these assets. However, these elements, which contribute to that quality of life, are sometimes the same elements that are compromised by those seeking a better lifestyle or opportunity to visit and recreate. Herein lies the dilemma faced by residents and local government, which is the need to preserve and protect these assets while accommodating reasonable development.

Objectives To Address Theme

1. Preservation of the North Ottawa Dunes through public policy and the creation of a Dunes Preservation Area.
2. Continue to improve the health of Spring Lake and the Grand River through public education, public policy and water quality management.
3. Require current engineering practices to ensure best management practices are used where run-off generated by new development is filtered and cleaned before entering natural drainage ways and watersheds.
4. Develop a Riparian Development Overlay district, which balances protection of natural features while permitting sensible land development.
5. Require new buildings along Spring Lake and the Grand River to be situated in a manner, which preserves viewshed corridors.
6. Require the use of planned unit development provisions on property with natural features to allow for innovative real estate development.
7. Discuss with Crockery Township future land use designation along 144th Avenue to provide opportunities for continued agricultural such as blueberry farms, horse farms, and cash crops.
8. Improve and expand municipal water and sewerage facilities.

THEME

Parks, Open Space and Recreation: Creating Community and with Nature

The ability to enjoy the outdoors is a top priority for Spring Lake Township residents. Providing quality places for recreation and enjoyment of the outdoors makes Spring Lake Township an attractive place for both residents and visitors. Many residents hope that in the future the Township will utilize more of the waterfront for recreation, mixed-use developments, and entertainment in the form of restaurants and shopping. Lastly, continued residential growth fueled by the demand for waterfront living should be balanced with the addition of geographically distributed Township-owned park and recreation facilities.

Objectives To Address Theme

1. Maintain the high levels of services and maintenance to existing Township Parks.
2. Provide waterfront access for residents to the Grand River and Spring Lake.
3. Maximize waterfront development by encouraging cluster open space development.
4. Investigate with the Village of Spring Lake, City of Ferrysburg, and Spring Lake Public Schools the potential to establish a joint recreation authority district used to acquire, operate, manage, and maintain park and recreation facilities.
5. Build upon the Township pathway system to increase connections between neighborhoods and residential development with Spring Lake and the Grand River.

THEME

Transportation: Safe, Efficient, and Connected

The segmented geography of the Township created by Spring Lake and the Grand River; coupled with the limited number of bridges results in traffic congestion and highway network inefficiencies. Street ends and cul-de-sacs, which are frequently used in the Township decrease and/or prevent connectivity between residential developments and neighborhoods adding to traffic and trip generation on major streets and arterials. As the Spring Lake Township community evolves, opportunities for other modes of transportation and the need to be more walkable will be important elements for a successful community.

Objectives To Address Theme

1. Develop sidewalks and pathways throughout the Township that connect to the bike path, parks, schools, neighborhoods and commercial areas.
2. Create, where feasible, pedestrian connections between existing subdivisions.
3. Continue the Township pathway system.
4. Require new residential developments to promote vehicular and pedestrian connections between neighborhoods, community facilities, and parks.
5. Implement the recommendations outlined in the M-104 Access Management and Corridor Study (September 2002).
6. Organize non-residential development along M-104 into defined nodes reducing access and vehicular conflict points.
7. Work with Harbor Transit to provide extended services to the Spring Lake Village and Township.
8. Investigation a new bridge for use as a local traffic by-pass for the M-104 / US-31 bridge and interchange.

THEME

Housing and Neighborhoods: Developing a Sense of Place Through Great Neighborhoods

Neighborhoods are the barometer for measuring a community's health, value and stability. Spring Lake Township has a variety of housing types, sizes, and styles accentuated by architectural variations influenced by geographic location. However, as a waterfront community, competition for real estate has increased the median housing values making entry into the housing market for younger professionals and families more challenging. The Spring Lake community takes pride in its public school system, which provides quality educational services to children and young adults but this community facility also requires the financial support of parents to maintain this commitment. Families with children augment the financial success of the school system.

Objectives To Address Theme

1. Encourage the renovation of historic buildings and homes that promote the community character of Spring Lake Township.
2. Plan rental and multiple family housing developments that tie into existing neighborhoods providing desirable housing options for families, singles, and retirees.
3. Encourage housing developments in proximity to community facilities.
4. Ensure that new housing developments fit within the overall character of Spring Lake Township through design guidelines.
5. Provide a wide range of housing opportunities throughout the Township including single family, townhomes, condominium and mixed-use developments.
6. Foster opportunities to introduce neighborhood retail back into select existing neighborhoods and new housing developments.
7. Develop appearance standards for neighborhoods, which include sidewalks, pedestrian scale lighting, street trees, grass terraces, and neighborhood scale roadways.

THEME

Economic Development: A Coastal Community

Spring Lake Township is a Lake Michigan coastal community. This convergence of land and water creates a layered economic environment fueled by year-round residents, seasonal residents, and vacationers. Frequently, coastal communities along Lake Michigan have higher median incomes and housing prices, diversity of age groups (families and retirees), and higher average consumer expenditures than their inland counterparts. (For example, median incomes for Spring Lake Township, Crockery Township, and Allendale Township are \$53,497, \$47,935, and \$45,258, respectively. Average consumer expenditures for Spring Lake Township, Crockery Township, and Allendale Township are \$48,763, \$39,865, and \$41,929, respectively.) Locational (Grand Rapids regional influences) and quality of life indices are also factors, which interplay with the dynamics of the local economy. National and statewide growth trends, which favor coastal communities, will result in continued household development and associated increases in other land uses in the Spring Lake community. Spring Lake Township is, and should continue, to capitalize on its coastal community image.

Objectives To Address Theme

1. Encourage the reuse of existing under utilized industrial and commercial properties along 148th Street north of Cleveland Street (M-104).

2. Continue to recognize the Village of Spring Lake as the commercial center of the Township.
3. Develop with the Village of Spring Lake a commercial development plan, which includes downtown Spring Lake and the M-104 corridor as a way to concentrate commercial development and reduce corridor commercial sprawl and vacancies in the downtown.
4. Evaluate the need and/or amount of commercial zoning at the 174th Street / Taft Street intersection.
5. Evaluate the need for industrial development at the Hickory, Apple, and 148th triangle.
6. Establish site design and landscaping standards to enhance the appearance of existing and proposed industrial and commercial developments. This is particularly important along the M-104 corridor.

THEME

Public Services, Facilities and Amenities: Appropriate and Quality Services

Local government plays a critical role on what and how support services (police, fire, waste collection, etc.) cultural services (parks, libraries, museums, etc.) and educational services are provided and delivered to residents. The type and quality of these services can influence the quality of life, property values, and demographics of a community. For example, high performing public school districts attract more families and households. Conversely, communities with lenient building, zoning and blight enforcement often have lower property values, higher incidence of housing decline, and the inability to support public services. Although local governments attempt to provide a variety of public services the reality of fiscal mandates and limitations restrict the offerings. As a result, public services should be provided which address the public's health, welfare, and safety at a level, which is appropriate and funded according to ensure quality.

Objectives To Address Theme

1. Continue to provide quality police and fire service to residents.
2. Evaluate waste management options to develop a recycling program for Township residents.
3. Continued expansion of water and sewerage facilities.
4. Provide a Township park system which provides opportunities to access Spring Lake and the Grand River, preserves open space in areas with significant natural features, and strategically located neighborhood/community parks to serve the resident population.
5. Continued support for the Spring Lake Public School district.

THEMES AND STRATEGIES

Natural Resources: Preservation, Protection and Regulation of Township Natural Features	High ←					→ Low					No Response
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Continue to improve the health of Spring Lake and the Grand River through public education, public policy and water quality management.	8	1	1								
Preservation of the North Ottawa Dunes through public policy and the creation of a Dunes Preservation Area.	5	2	2								1
Require current engineering practices to ensure best management practices are used where run-off generated by new development is filtered and cleaned before entering natural drainage ways and watersheds.	4	6									
Develop a Riparian Development Overlay district, which balances protection of natural features while permitting sensible land development.	2	4	0	2	1						1
Require the use of planned unit development provisions on property with natural features to allow for innovative real estate development.	4	2	3	0	0						1
Improve and expand municipal water and sewerage facilities.	4	2	0	1	0						3
Preserve the Township's rural scenic roads.	2	0	1	1	0						6
Require new buildings along Spring Lake and the Grand River to be situated in a manner, which preserves viewshed corridors.	1	2	5	1	1						
Discuss with Crockery Township future land use designation along 144 th Avenue to provide opportunities for continued agricultural such as blueberry farms, horse farms, and cash crops.	3	2	0	4	0						1

THEMES AND STRATEGIES

Transportation: Safe, Efficient, and Connected

	High	1	2	3	4	5	Low	No Response
Organize non-residential development along M-104 into defined nodes reducing access and vehicular conflict points.	5	3						
Continue the Township pathway system.	6		2					
Implement the recommendations outlined in the M-104 Access Management and Corridor Study (September 2002).	4	4						
Develop sidewalks and pathways throughout the Township that connect to the bike path, parks, schools, neighborhoods and commercial areas.	4	2	2					
Create, where feasible, pedestrian connections between existing subdivisions.	3	2	3					
Develop regulations which encourage shared and overflow parking which serve multiple land uses.	2	3	2			1		
Work with Harbor Transit to provide extended services to the Spring Lake Village and Township.	2	3	1	2				
Require new residential developments to promote vehicular and pedestrian connections between neighborhoods, community facilities, and parks.	2	3	2	1				
Investigate and implement where appropriate alternative intersection designs.	1	5	1	1				
Investigation a new bridge for use as a local traffic by-pass for the M-104 / US-31 bridge and interchange.	1		1	4	2			

THEMES AND STRATEGIES

Housing and Neighborhoods: Developing a Sense of Place Through Great Neighborhoods

	High ←					→ Low					No Response
	1	2	3	4	5						
Provide a wide range of housing opportunities throughout the Township including single family, townhomes, condominium and mixed-use developments.	7	1	2	0	0						
Examine the proportions of R-1, R-2, and R-3 zoning in the Township which allows duplex dwelling units.	4	2	2	0	0						2
Ensure that new housing developments fit within the overall character of Spring Lake Township through design guidelines.	4	4	1	1							
Develop appearance standards for neighborhoods, which include sidewalks, pedestrian scale lighting, street trees, grass terraces, and neighborhood scale roadways.	5	3	2	0	0						
Improve housing in existing neighborhoods.	1	3	3	0	0						3
Foster opportunities to introduce neighborhood retail back into select existing neighborhoods and new housing developments.	1	3	5	0	1						
Plan rental and multiple family housing developments that tie into existing neighborhoods providing desirable housing options for families, singles, and retirees.	3	1	3	3							
Encourage housing developments in proximity to community facilities.	5	0	3	0	2						
Encourage the development of "cottage" type (small lot) housing.	2	2	3	1	1						1
Encourage the renovation of historic buildings and homes that promote the community character of Spring Lake Township.	0	1	3	3	3						
Minimize the installation of cul-de-sacs in new housing developments.	1	0	0	2	3						4

THEMES AND STRATEGIES

	High	1	2	3	4	5	Low	No Response
Economic Development: A Coastal Community								
Establish site design and landscaping standards to enhance the appearance of existing and proposed industrial and commercial developments. This is particularly important along the M-104 corridor.	7	4						
Encourage the reuse of existing under utilized industrial and commercial properties along 148 th Street north of Cleveland Street (M-104).	6	3	2					
Develop with the Village of Spring Lake a commercial development plan, which includes downtown Spring Lake and the M-104 corridor as a way to concentrate commercial development and reduce corridor commercial sprawl and vacancies in the downtown.	6	1	4					
Maintenance of vacant properties.	6	3	1					1
Continue to recognize the Village of Spring Lake as the commercial center of the Township.	5	2	2	1				1
Evaluate the need and/or amount of commercial zoning at the 174 th Street / Hickory Street intersection.	5	4	2					
Evaluate the need for industrial development at the Hickory, Apple, and 148 th triangle.	1	1	4			5		

THEMES AND STRATEGIES

Public Services, Facilities and Amenities: Appropriate and Quality Services	High ←					→ Low					No Response	
	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5		
Investigate the fiscal and operational practicalities of combining and/or sharing local government services, such as, parks and recreation, police, fire, assessing, and waste management with the Village of Spring Lake and City of Ferrysburg.	8	2	1									
Increase Township access to Spring Lake and the Grand River.	7	2	1									1
Investigate the fiscal, operational, and governance efficiencies associated with combining Spring Lake Township and the Village of Spring Lake into the City of Spring Lake.	7	3		1								
Continue to provide quality police and fire service to residents.	6	4	1									
Continued support for the Spring Lake Public School district.	6	2	2									
Work with the Village of Spring Lake, Crockery Township, Ottawa County, MDOT and local land and nature conservancies to develop a regional trail and pathway network.	5	2	2	1								1
Continued expansion of water and sewerage infrastructure.	6	1	3	1								
Provide a Township park system which preserves open space in areas with significant natural features and strategically located neighborhood/community parks to serve the resident population	3	3	5									
Evaluate waste management options to develop a recycling program for yard and lawn waste for Township residents.	2	1	3	3	1							1

August 8, 2006

INVITATION

To: Interested Communities and Agencies in the Spring Lake Area

The purpose of this letter is to invite you to participate in two, back-to-back meetings of local government and interested agencies Monday, August 21st from 12:00 to 3:00 to discuss land use issues and challenges facing the Spring Lake region and to consider planning and development issues for the North Ottawa Dunes property. The meetings will be held at the Spring Lake Library, at 123 E. Exchange Street, in Spring Lake.

The first meeting will deal with land use and is sponsored by Spring Lake Township as a part of its Master Plan update process. It will include a brief overview of the planning activity and a general discussion on issues and concerns facing the region. That meeting will start at noon and lunch will be provided. The planners from Beckett & Reader and Williams & Works are serving Spring Lake Township and will facilitate the meeting.

The second meeting is sponsored by the Ottawa County Parks Department and will include a brief presentation of the opportunities the North Ottawa Dunes property represents to the region and a general discussion on planning and preservation issues. That meeting will begin at 1:30PM. The park planners from Cornelisse Design Associates are assisting the County with the development of the parks plan and will facilitate the meeting.

Because your organization is centrally involved in both of these questions, we hope you will be able to participate in both meetings. The following agencies and local units of government have been invited to also participate in one or both sessions:

Ottawa County Planning Department
Spring Lake Township
Fruitport Charter Township
City of Norton Shores
Michigan Department of Natural Resources
Land Conservancy of West Michigan
Crockery Township

Ottawa County Parks Department
Village of Spring Lake
Village of Fruitport
City of Ferrysburg
City of Grand Haven
MSU Extension
Grand Haven Charter Township

Please call Jay Kilpatrick at Williams & Works (616) 988-3506 to indicate whether you will be able to attend or you may email him at kilpatrick@williams-works.com.

Jay Kilpatrick, AICP



Date: August 21, 2006
Spring Lake Township Master Plan
Regional Stake Holders Meeting

Representative Communities:

Spring Lake Township
Village of Spring Lake
City of Ferrysburg
Crockery Township
Fruitport Township
Grand Haven
Grand Haven Township
Ottawa County

OVERVIEW OF KEY PLANNING ISSUES:

City of Ferrysburg: The City is currently in the process of updating their Master Plan and is close to a draft document. The City is also working on a buildout analysis with Ottawa County and has seen growth in residential development. One current project of the City will be the adaptive reuse of the Ferrysburg elementary school building into a new City Hall with available rental space.

Crockery Township: Current Master Plan is not functioning well for the Township. The Township would like to update the plan. The Township has a strong desire to keep land in agricultural use. Crockery Township is not against the development of a local bridge.

Fruitport Township: The Townships Zoning Ordinance and Master Plan are working however, sprawl development has occurred within the Township. Township would like to extend the sewer system to areas near Spring Lake in order to improve water quality and provide better services to those residents. Existing bike path routes should be connected to those existing paths in Spring Lake Township. The Township is currently working on a grant to help fund making the path connections. The new connection is planned to pass near two schools and a park in the Township and be accessible to pedestrians living in nearby residential developments.

Grand Haven: The City of Grand Haven is currently working on updating infrastructure. Redevelopment within the downtown is occurring at a steady pace and the development is occurring in conjunction with the current zoning. The City is working to develop affordable housing and provide opportunities through a variety of housing types. It is finishing a major revision to its zoning ordinance to include form based codes.

meeting summary

Grand Haven Township: Residential development is slowing within the Township. The Wal-Mart Corporation is moving into the Township. The Township would like to update the Township Master Plan in the near future. The Township is encouraging strategies to preserve areas that are in agricultural use. Any new development within the Township will occur through a P.U.D. process. 400 lots within the Township are in the process of being approved for development however development interest is beginning to slow in the single-family detached residential market. Condominium development is still moving along at a steady pace within the Township. The Township is also addressing issues of road maintenance and traffic.

Spring Lake Township: Would like to continue to further regional development and collaboration on planning and policy issues. Partnership on natural resource protection is another key issue that the Township would like to pursue with surrounding municipalities. The Township would like to incorporate the planning standards for Zoning and Master Planning outlined by Ottawa County and work with other governments to develop a regional framework plan for development issues.

Village of Spring Lake: The Village of Spring Lake is in the process of redeveloping industrial properties and extending the commercial district of the Village Center. The Village is aggressively acquiring easements and trail rights to increase walkability and encourage more pedestrian traffic in the Village. The Village views the current traffic situation on M-104 as impeding its objective to be a walkable community and would like to see the development of a bridge to redistribute local traffic off M-104. The Village of Spring is in the process of putting together a Master Plan that will address many of these issues.

Ottawa County: The County is currently taking a market-oriented approach to growth looking at, balance of open space, infrastructure, development quality and natural resources. The County is very interested in the environmental impacts of development and currently is studying how development is impacting natural resources in the region and the effects retention ponds and development are having on ground water and over all water quality. Traffic studies by the County are also ongoing and would like to identify key issues related to traffic and non-motorized pathways within the region and developing connections. Major issues facing the County at this time include U.S. 31 and its location as well as the traffic problems that are occurring on M-104 and the development of the local bridge in the area. The County would like to pursue a policy of infill development/economic redevelopment with quality development practices being incorporated into local Zoning Ordinances. New industrial development and the availability of land to accommodate that development were also mentioned briefly.

FOCUSED DISCUSSION

Regional Traffic Issues:

Fruitport Township: Feels that a local bridge into Crockery Township is needed within the region, the Township feels that putting the bridge into the Village would be a hard task to try and accomplish.

Village of Spring Lake: The Village is interested in a local bridge in order to improve traffic circulation through the Village center to make it a more walkable community.

Housing Issues:

Spring Lake Township: Believes that the new housing market will slow within the Township but people will continue to relocate to the area. Spring Lake Township also feels that the effects on the housing market will be less severe within the region and the overall economic situation in the state will have less of an impact as in other areas of the State. The Township also believes that this slow down period should be used to coordinate planning efforts within the region and develop regional goals for natural resource preservation and smart growth.

Fruitport: Will continue to allow development into those areas that it has set aside for residential development. Fruitport Township is interested in learning what has worked for other local communities and is interested in coordinating planning efforts in a regional setting.

Village of Spring Lake: The Village has developed a design manual for development character and has an effective planning commission. The Village feels that it has been proactive in addressing planning issues. The Village is committed to creating a walkable community and preserving the quality of life for its residents.

Crockery Township: There is a surplus of housing on the real-estate market within the Township. Would like to develop a M-104 overlay district that would contain design guidelines for future development and site design guidelines. The Township would also like the Overlay district to enforce the recommendations of the M-104 corridor study.

City of Grand Haven: The City is currently working with form based standards to develop new housing, and working with neighborhood groups to preserve existing conditions. The City is also actively working toward transitioning industrial property into new residential development.

Grand Haven Township: The Township is working with overlay district to control the quality of development.

REGIONAL PROGRAMS

- Coordinate the development of sewer systems to promote water quality within the region while guiding new development in an appropriate manner.
- Transportation Diversity: Creating a multi-modal transportation system within the region utilizing a mix of motorized and non—motorized transportation options. Create a 365-day schedule of routes for Harbor Transit. Link regional trail connections and bike paths to connect regional facilities including parks, schools, and residential developments.
- Affordable Housing: Many of the contributing communities are experiencing a need for more affordable housing. The City of Grand Haven is actively working to create affordable housing options. Many of the local communities that participated recognized a need for affordable housing for singles, young families and seniors.
- Economic Development: Continue to recruit jobs to the region including manufacturing jobs and research and development firms. The region should look to capitalize on some of the success of the Grand Rapids area.

SCHOOL DISTRICT COMPARISON

	Spring Lake Public Schools	Fruitport Community Schools	Grand Haven Area Public Schools
Student Proficiency on State Tests - 2004			
Reading Proficiency (%)	96.1	77.9	86.4
Math Proficiency (%)	89.1	59.2	75.6
Reading and Math Proficiency (RaMP) (%)	92.6	68.3	81.1
Reading Proficiency by Subgroup (%) - 2004			
All Students	96.1	77.9	86.4
White	96.0	78.2	86.8
Black	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Hispanic	n.a.	80.0	85.7
Asian/Pacific Islander	n.a.	n.a.	80.0
American Indian/Alaska Native	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Multi-Racial	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Female	99.1	82.0	90.5
Male	93.6	73.3	82.8
Economically Disadvantaged	89.5	71.7	80.5
English Language Learners	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Students with Disabilities	n.a.	39.0	53.6
Migrant	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Math Proficiency by Subgroup (%) - 2004			
All Students	89.1	59.2	75.6
White	89.4	59.3	76.0
Black	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Hispanic	n.a.	80.0	70.4
Asian/Pacific Islander	n.a.	n.a.	80.0
American Indian/Alaska Native	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Multi-Racial	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Female	90.3	61.5	75.2
Male	88.1	56.8	75.9
Economically Disadvantaged	85.0	44.8	58.6
English Language Learners	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Students with Disabilities	n.a.	32.8	39.1
Migrant	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
College Prep - 2005			
ACT - Average Score	23.1	20.6	22.4
ACT - Participation Rate (%)	77.5	37.9	56.0
SAT Reasoning Test - Average Score	n.a.	n.a.	1,142
SAT Reasoning Test - Participation Rate (%)	n.a.	n.a.	7.7
PSAT/NMSQT - Average Score	151	132	167
PSAT/NMSQT - Participation Rate (%)	52.4	18.5	10.1
AP - Scores 3 or Above (%)	70.4	10.0	74.4
AP - Participation Rate (%)	35.8	15.2	24.0
Estimated Graduation Rate - 2002			
Cumulative Promotion Index (Urban Institute) (%)	94.7	79.9	85.1
Classroom Profile - 2004			
Enrollment	2,300	3,282	6,034
Students with Special Needs Index	14.1	26.1	14.5
Enrollment (%) - 2005			
White	97.0	92.9	92.4
Black	0.6	1.6	1.0
Hispanic	0.7	3.5	3.8
Asian/Pacific Islander	1.0	1.4	1.4
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.1	0.6	0.7
Multi-Racial	0.6	0.0	0.8
Economically Disadvantaged	16.0	35.0	20.0
English Language Learners	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Students with Disabilities	11.8	18.6	10.6
Spending Per Student (\$) - 2004			

	Spring Lake Public Schools	Fruitport Community Schools	Grand Haven Area Public Schools
Operating Expenditures	7,952	8,036	7,895
Instructional Expenditures	4,925	4,724	4,734
General Administration Expenditures	225	183	112
School Administration Expenditures	447	395	431
Revenue Per Student (\$) - 2004			
Local	3,131	2,116	4,275
State	5,805	6,276	4,780
Federal	144	287	171
Spending Indicators - 2004			
Core Spending (\$ Per Student)	7,323	7,391	7,367
Instructional Spending Allocation Index	63.7	70.6	70.8
Student Needs Cost Adjuster	84.3	76.4	84.7
Geographic Cost Adjuster	105.0	101.0	105.0
Return Indicators - 2005			
Return on Spending Index (RoSI)	12.6	9.2	11.0
RoSI - Adjusted for Student Needs	15.0	12.1	13.0
RoSI - Adjusted for Geographic Costs	13.3	9.3	11.6
RoSI- Adjusted for Student Needs and Geographic Costs	15.8	12.2	13.6
Performance Cost Index (PCI)®	79	108	91
PCI - Adjusted for Student Needs	67	83	77
PCI - Adjusted for Geographic Costs	75	107	87
PCI - Adjusted for Student Needs and Geographic Costs	63	82	73
Community Profile - 2005			
Median Household Income (\$)	68,654	66,360	72,887
Adults with a Bachelor's Degree (%)	35.7	17.6	33.3
Single-Parent Households with Children (%)	7.0	8.3	7.4
NCLB Information -- 2005			
Is this district making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)?	Yes	Yes	Yes
District Facts			
City or Town	Spring Lake	Fruitport	Grand Haven
County	Ottawa	Muskegon	Ottawa
Telephone Number	(616)847-7919	(231)865-3154	(616)850-5015
Urban Status	Rural, Inside CBSA	Urban Fringe of a Mid-Size City	Urban Fringe of a Mid-Size City

Source: Standards & Poor's