



*It's been too long since last we've lunched...*

Livingston County Planning Department's Brown Bag Lunch Series brings together planning professionals, local governments and others, in an informal setting to share ideas and network with one another. View the educational materials from the Brown Bag Lunch Series at:

<https://www.livgov.com/plan/Pages/lunch-and-learn.aspx>

**Date: Thursday, May 19, 2020**

**Time: 12:00 - 1:15 PM**

**Location: Marion Township Hall, 2877 W. Coon Lake Road**

**Topic: Livingston County's High-Quality Natural Area Assessment, Land Preservation and Conservation**

In January of 2022, Livingston County Planning Department completed its major update to the County High-Quality Natural Areas Assessment, which was first completed in 2004. Much has changed over the past 17-year time period, given the increased pace of land development throughout the county. Thus, much of these important ecological natural areas and habitats have been either completely lost or severely compromised over the period.

In this light our host community, Marion Township, has begun a concentrated effort to stem this unfortunate pattern of lost high-quality natural areas within their borders through a local farmland and open space preservation process.

Please join us to hear the following presenters speak on the County's High-Quality Natural Areas Assessment and the exciting topic of land preservation and conservation.

***Rob Stanford, Principal Planner, Livingston County Planning Department – will highlight the findings of the County's High-Quality Natural Areas Assessment.***

***Sara Thomas, President/Land Acquisition, Livingston Land Conservancy – will present a brief overview of the Livingston Land Conservancy's mission, how they can help local communities in the land preservation effort, and the organization's success stories.***

***Kris Olsson, Watershed Ecologist, Huron River Watershed Council – will present a brief overview of Huron River Watershed Council's mission, natural areas assessments and local conservation activities.***