

April 2019 News

Livingston County Master Plan Implementation

Livingston County Planning Department Staff are currently involved in several projects noted in the Implementation Chapter of the 2018 Livingston County Master Plan. The projects are detailed in the department's 2019 Work Program and they include:

- Inventory and Map Important Agricultural Resources
- Create Guidelines for Countywide Infrastructure Dev.
- Livingston County Potential Natural Area Inventory
- Community Economic Development Profiles
- Implement Housing Best Practices
- Conduct a Countywide Broadband Buildout Analysis
- Livingston County Public Recreation Areas Map

The Housing Best Practices project entails partnering with a minimum of five (5) Livingston County communities that are willing to incorporate a housing best practice from the Livingston County Master Plan into their local zoning ordinance with technical assistance from County Planning Staff. If you are interested in partnering with County Planning Staff on this or any other Livingston County Master Plan implementation effort, please contact our office. The Livingston County Master Plan can be viewed on the County Planning website at:

<https://www.livgov.com/plan/Documents/MasterPlan/2018-County-Master-Plan-Approved-Final-optimized-final-2.pdf>

MSU Extension Webinar Series on Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act (MRTMA)

Michigan State University (MSU) Extension, in partnership with the Michigan Bureau of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA), present a webinar series for local government officials to learn the latest about the implementation of the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act (MRTMA). On November 6, 2018, Michigan voters approved Proposal 18-1, which created the MRTMA and legalized adult marijuana use for recreational purposes. Unlike the 2016 law regulating medicinal marijuana where communities were automatically "opted out", the 2018 law automatically "opts-in" all municipalities. Learning and responding to this in a timely way is critical. Is your community ready to make a decision? Industrial hemp in Michigan will also be addressed in this webinar series due to the latest US Farm Bill which removed hemp as a federally controlled substance.

There are six webinars in the series - register for one, several, or all. All live webinars are from 3:00 to 4:30 PM—each will be recorded to watch later. 3 Master Citizen Planner (MCP) continuing education credits for the entire series. Cost: \$15 per webinar or \$50 for the series. Registration and additional information: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/mrtma>

DATES and TOPICS:

- May 23:** What's Next for Marijuana? The Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act
June 20: How to Frame a Public Conversation Around Local Marijuana Regulation
July 25: To Ban or Not to Ban: Example Michigan Marijuana Local Government Regulations
August 22: Industrial Hemp Regulation, Research and Prospects for Development
September 19: Marijuana Revenue: From Excise to Property Taxes – Who Gets What and How Much?
October 24: The Latest from LARA on Marijuana Regulation

Ground Breaking at Fillmore County Park

Please join Livingston County Commissioners and the Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee on **April 30th at 5:30 p.m.** to break ground and celebrate the start of construction at Livingston County's Fillmore County Park!

Where: NE corner of Kellogg and McClements Roads, Genoa Township

You're Invited to a Ground Breaking!

