

## October 2019 News

### Planning Excellence Awards For 2018 Livingston County Master Plan

On September 25, Livingston County Planning Department staff were honored to receive two Planning Excellence Awards for the 2018 Livingston County Master Plan at the Michigan Association of Planning 2019 Annual Conference in Kalamazoo.

Annually, the Michigan Association of Planning sponsors Planning Excellence Awards to honor outstanding planning projects throughout the State of Michigan. There are ten (10) Planning Excellence award categories, that parallel national American Planning Association (APA) award categories.

A jury of APA Michigan Chapter professionals review and select the award-winning projects. The 2018 Livingston County Master Plan received the following two awards:

**2019 Daniel Burnham Award  
for a Comprehensive Plan**

**2019 Planning Excellence  
Award for Best Practice**



At the award ceremony the plan was recognized as follows:

*"This master plan was created by a staff of 3 in the Livingston County Planning Department. The plan is a fully web-based, interactive plan, containing hundreds of links to trends and best practices intended to influence both the master plans and zoning ordinances of each of the 20 local municipalities in Livingston County. It focuses on features that connect each municipality such as natural features and transportation networks. An alternative to the future land use map is a county wide map that identifies border issues or conflicts, community strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. A photo contest provided great visuals to make the plan more compelling. An entire year of public engagement included use of the regular County Planning "Brown Bag Lunches" and visits to all municipal planning commissions. Many municipalities in Livingston County do not have the time or personnel to research new planning techniques. The county's extensive research and innovative approach provides a communal toolkit to help local government make educated decisions."*



Left to right: Rob Stanford, Kathleen Kline-Hudson and Scott Barb. The Livingston County Master Plan is on-line at:  
<https://www.livgov.com/plan/Pages/2018-Livingston-County-Master-Plan.aspx>

### Upcoming Brown Bag Lunch:



### Planning for Renewable Energy

Dr. Sarah Mills, Senior Project Manager,  
Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy  
University of Michigan

WHEN: Wednesday, October 30, 2019

TIME: 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: Hartland Township Hall, 2655 Clark  
Road, Hartland, MI 48353

For additional information on this current  
Brown Bag Lunch or for materials from past  
events see:

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