



## WASHTENAW COUNTY OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING

To: Manchester Community Joint Planning Commission  
From: Melissa Milton-Pung  
Re: May 13 Board Packet  
Date: April 30, 2009

### Dear Members of the MCJPC:

Please find enclosed the board packet for the May 13 meeting, including:

- **Agenda for the May 13 Meeting**
- **Minutes of the April 8 Meeting**
- **Status of Joint Planning Commissions in Michigan (LIAA Data)**
- **Memo from Pennington/De Groot, dated April 22**
- **Staff Response to Pennington/De Groot, dated April 30**
- ***The Manchester Enterprise* article, "Development in Manchester Township" (7/24/1997)**

We will continue this month with discussions about the composition of the Joint Planning Commission. For comparison, we have included in the board packet an update on the status and composition of several other joint planning commissions across the state.

You will also note that we have received a third comment memo from Don Pennington and Bill De Groot, planning consultants for Freedom Township. This board packet contains their memo, dated April 22, as well as a detailed staff response. Please take these comments and staff recommendations into account as we move forward in the Plan Implementation chapter and Future Land Use chapter review process this month and in the future.

This month's meeting will include a presentation from Any Dale, Associate Planner in the Office of Strategic Planning. Anya has developed a new model for analysis of the build-out projections for the Manchester Community planning area, and will provide context for the data included in the Plan Implementation Chapter.

Finally, we have included a small reminder about the importance of the work you all are doing with the MCJPC. This article, "Development in Manchester Township," was published in *The Manchester Enterprise* on July 24, 1997. That's nearly 12 years ago, only a few months after SWWCOG was formally organized, and when regional planning was gaining steam in the Manchester area. The last section is of particular relevance to the work you are doing now, concluding that "Most people believe our community works pretty well just the way it is . . . Careful planning on the part of our local governments and planning commissions will help make the shape of things to come, a shape that we can live with."

It's exciting to think that the MCJPC is on the cusp of completing a Joint Master Plan with potential for lasting impact in the Manchester Community. ***All of the draft documents are in your possession, and we are making progress in editing and formatting them into the final versions. It's now up to you to let us know what type of support you need, and how we can assist in putting this plan into place.*** As always, thanks for your thoughts and participation as we continue to move forward with this Joint Plan. If there are any questions, you may contact me at [miltonpungm@ewashtenaw.org](mailto:miltonpungm@ewashtenaw.org) or (734)222-6878.