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This document is the culmination of an extensive community engagement and participation process aimed at outlining a vision for the future of Pittsfield Charter Township. This vision strikes a balance between preservation and development and respects the past while reimagining the traditional township model. The 2010 Pittsfield Master Plan builds upon previous Master Plans to highlight the interconnected relationships between transportation, land use, economic development, agriculture, natural areas, open spaces, and, for the first time, arts and culture.

It is important to note that the vision outlined in the 2010 Pittsfield Master Plan is just that – a vision outlined in participation with the community. The overall aim of the master planning process was to develop a dynamic and innovative Master Plan that can be used as a reference tool to guide future decision making processes for land use, transportation, economic development, capital improvement expenditures, and for general Township policy development and prioritization.

The 2010 Pittsfield Master Plan ultimately provides a set of implementation strategies that focus on the general policies and specific steps the Township must take in order to realize the visions and goals identified through the master planning process. The technical planning strategies, policies, and support necessary to implement the vision laid out in the following pages will be undertaken as a next step and serve as addendums to the Master Plan.

The Plan is comprised of chapters that are based on key topical areas. Each chapter is designed to be a stand-alone document while also serving to highlight the multiple links within and between each topic. These topical chapters are: Transportation and Land Use; Focus Development Areas; Great Neighborhoods; Successful Economy; Green Pittsfield; Arts & Culture; and Open Space, Agriculture & Natural Resources.

The 2010 Pittsfield Master Plan document has been co-designed for online access and for hard-copy usability. As such, the chapters use hyperlinks to identify inter-linkages between topical areas while also being stand-alone pieces that clearly identify Township policies and priorities for that particular topical area.

The 2010 Pittsfield Master Plan was developed through a transparent process led by residents and community stakeholders, committed to creating a vibrant community. It is based on the belief that Township residents can make

decisions today to create the Township of tomorrow. Tomorrow starts here. We understand that change happens; we want to define how that change occurs. The 2010 Pittsfield Master Plan outlines the policies and priorities that will guide and manage change into the 21st century.



Image from the Community Workshop held at Harvest Elementary on November 12, 2009



Top: Utilities Facility, Platt Road Greenway
Bottom Right: Legacy Trail

