

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Planning Commission

FROM: Wendy Rampson, Planning Manager

SUBJECT: Ann Arbor Township Master Plan Amendments

DATE: January 6, 2012

The City received the attached master plan amendments from Ann Arbor Township for review and comment. The proposed amendments affect two sections of the plan: Part 5 – Policies and Part 6 – Implementation. The current master plan may be found at <http://www.aatwp.org/pdf/Adopted%20Master%20Plan%20December%2023%202008.pdf>.

The Township embarked on this master planning effort to expand the land eligible for purchase of development rights funding from the State of Michigan. The attached map shows the Agricultural Preservation Area now encompassing much of the northern section of the township.

Most of the proposed text changes are clarifications of existing language related to the agricultural preservation areas. Other changes clarify that property owners of active farmland in areas master planned for residential development can request to be included in the Agricultural Preservation area.

Planning and Greenbelt staff have reviewed the changes and have no comments, other than expressing support for the Township's agricultural preservation efforts. Any comments received from the Commission at the January 10th working session will be forwarded to the Township by the January 14th deadline.

Attachment: December 5, 2011 Draft Ann Arbor Township Master Plan Amendments

c: Ginny Trocchio