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Density = Healthy Climate, Clean Water

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The City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, and, indeed, much of the US is undergoing a housing affordability crisis. The climate crisis burns on, as well, getting worse every year.

The current draft of the CLUP addresses both of these crises. If we don't allow what the plan is proposing, we will be dooming our community to continue to

- Rely on cars for travel,
- Be forced to move further away from work and school and from each other
- Convert farmland, forests, wetlands, and other wildlife habitat into subdivisions
- Cough out carbon pollution, as we will all continue to build roads, parking lots, and energy-inefficient housing
- Pollute the Huron River, as we create more impervious surfaces per household, which increases polluted runoff

The current draft allows maximum flexibility in creating walkable, bikeable, and less expensive neighborhoods that will use energy and land in the most efficient way possible while providing opportunities to fit new developments and conversions from single to multi-family homes into existing neighborhoods without excessive changes in character.

WCR urges the planning commission to keep the flexibility of the three current categories –

hub, transition, and residential. Leave the more specific design characteristics for when changes to the zoning ordinance map are proposed.

Washtenaw Climate Reality is a chapter of the nonprofit Climate Reality Project, which works for just climate solutions that speed the global transition from dirty fossil fuels to clean, renewable energy.

Thank you.

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