

Process

The Holland Charter Township Planning Commission initiated the update of the Comprehensive Plan on October 5, 2010. The Comprehensive Plan was previously adopted in 2006, and is required to be reviewed and/or updated every five years. A notice of the pending update was mailed to agencies and municipalities in accordance with Section 39 of the Michigan Planning Enabling Act on November 24, 2010.

In 2011—2012, the staff of the Community Development Department began updating the content of the Plan. This involved the review of: Census demographic data, current development patterns and trends, plans and development patterns of neighboring communities, transportation plans and studies, capital improvement plan, and input from stakeholders and the community at-large.

During 2012—2014, each revised section was presented to the Planning Commission during a regular meeting to solicit

input from Planning Commissioners and any members of the public.

In 2014, the draft Plan was completed and was approved for dissemination by the Township Board on January 8, 2015. The draft Plan was posted on the **Township’s website for the general public to review and comment**. A notice of the availability of the draft Plan was posted on the **Township’s website and in the Township’s newsletter**.

Additionally, the draft Plan was mailed to agencies and municipalities in accordance with Section 41 of the Michigan Planning Enabling Act on January 20, 2015. Following the submission of the draft Plan, each agency had a 63-day period in which to review the document and provide any comments.

Community Involvement

During 2011, the Planning Commission held several focus group meetings during their regular monthly meetings. The

purpose of the focus group meetings was to discuss each specific land use (agricultural, residential, commercial, and industrial). Representatives of each different land use were invited to attend their respective meeting to discuss their particular concerns or ideas for the changes to the Comprehensive Plan.

In April of 2013, a Community Survey was developed and was mailed to approximately 1,050 residences which were selected at random. The survey was also made available at the Township offices and online. Additionally, a notice of the survey **was published in the Township’s newsletter**. The Community Survey contained questions on a number of different topics. **The purpose of the survey was to obtain citizen’s desires with regard to the Township’s current and future development trends and characteristics**. The survey and a summary of all responses is contained in Appendix B.

Community involvement was also encouraged during the formal adoption of the Plan, a description of this process follows.

Adoption

On April 14, 2014, the Planning Commission held a public hearing to solicit any additional input from the public. The Plan was subsequently revised after the public hearing and the final draft was approved on June 2, 2015. The Planning Commission then forwarded the Plan to the Township Board for review .

The Township Board reviewed the Plan at their meeting on August 6, 2015. The Board also solicited any final input from the public at that time. On August 20, 2015, the Township Board formally approved the Plan and adopted it by resolution. A copy of the resolution is located at the beginning of the document.

The Plan will be reviewed again in five years (2019).