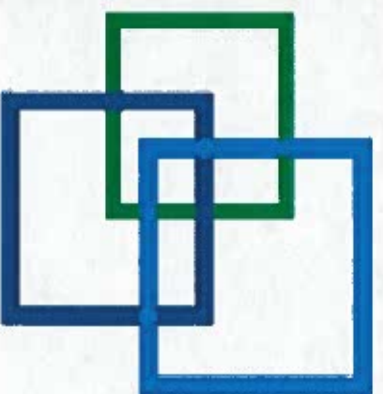


House Local Government and Municipal Finance Committee

February 8, 2023

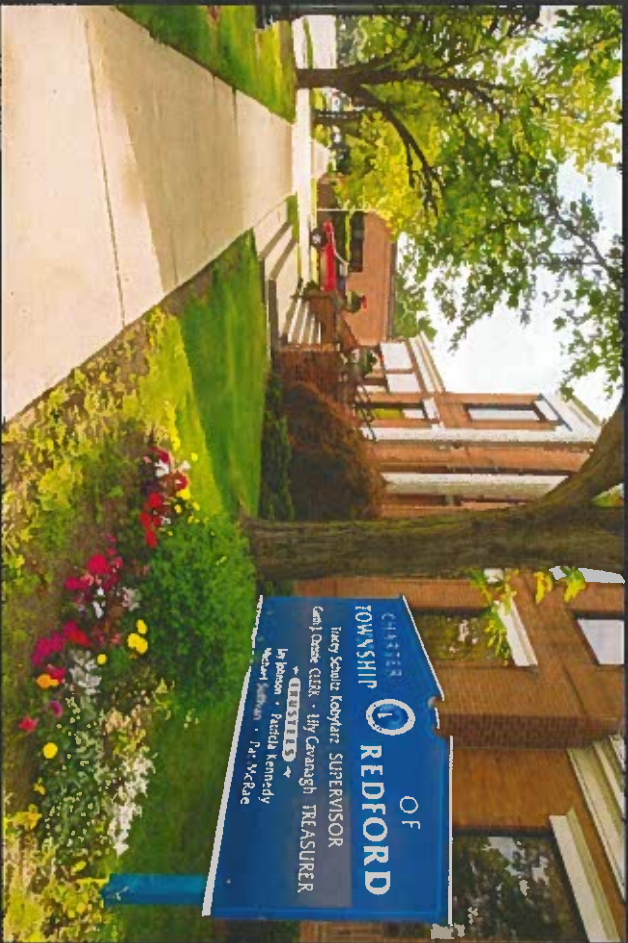


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Townships...

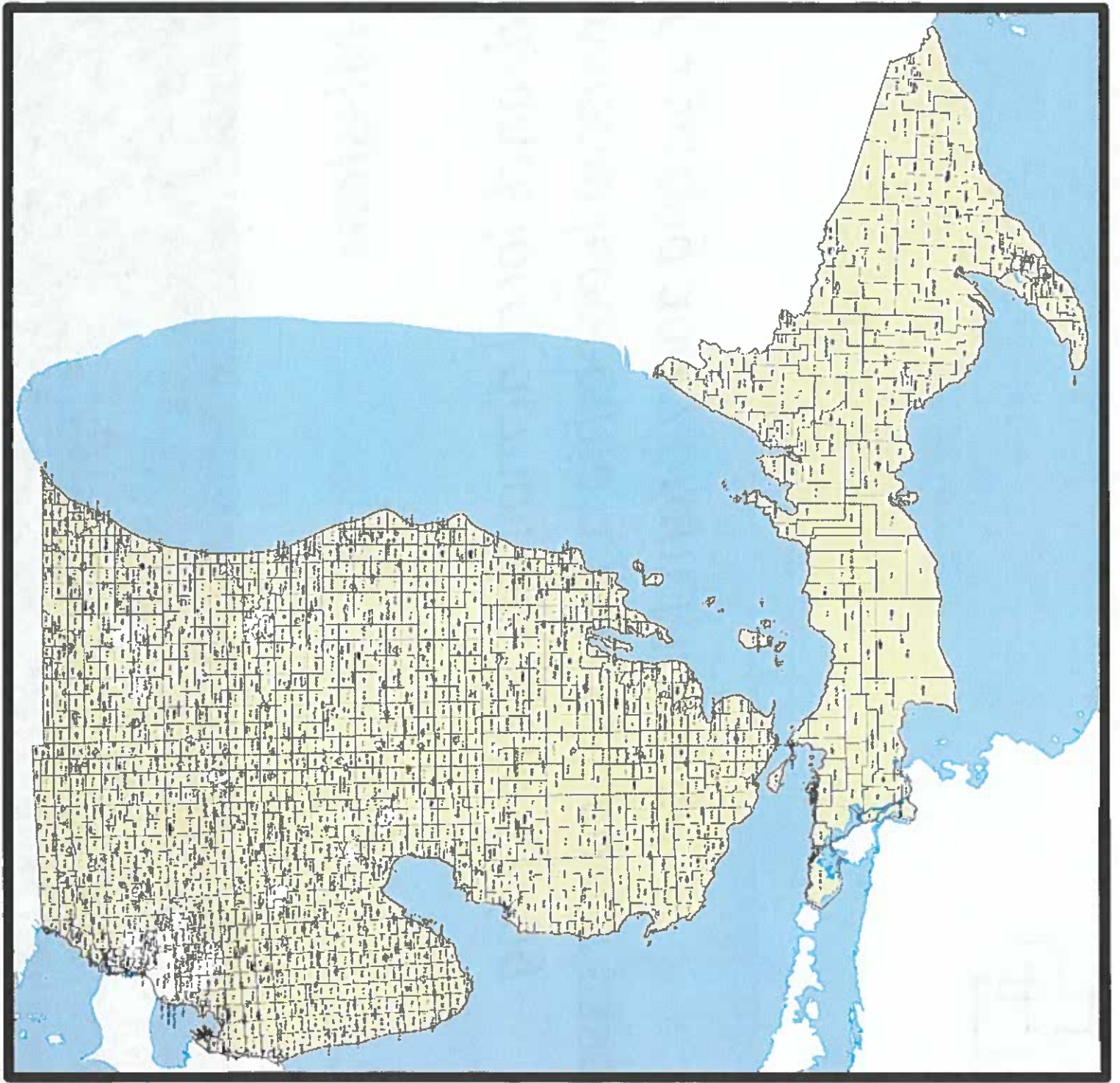
- Vary in size & population
- 1,240 in total





Townships

- are home to over 52 percent of all Michigan residents
- regulate 96% of Michigan's land area



Michigan Townships Association

Our Mission:

To advance local democracy by fostering township leadership and public policy essential for a strong and vibrant Michigan



MTA Legislative Policy

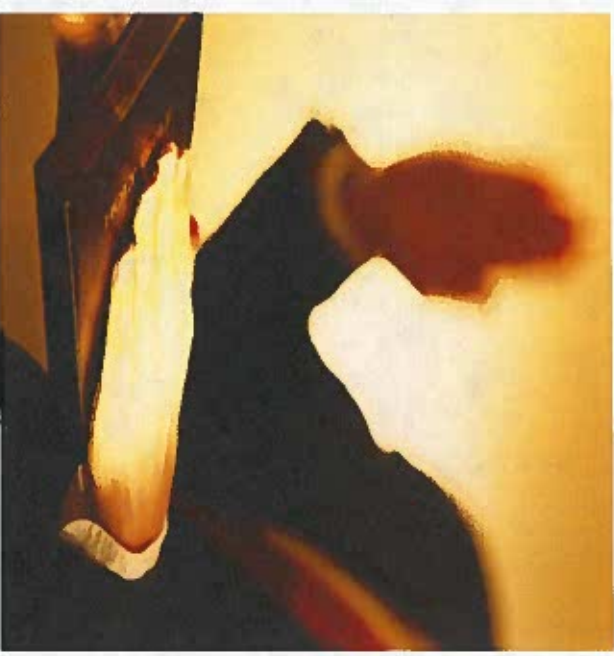
Six Committee Areas:

- Assessment & Taxation
- Elections
- Environment & Land Use
- Intergovernmental Relations
- Township Operations
- Transportation & Infrastructure

<p>2022-23 MTA legislative policy platform</p> <p><i>As adopted by delegates at MTA's Annual Meeting, held April 28, 2022, at the Lansing Center, then policies are the addition from which legislation will be sought in the coming year.</i></p>	
<p>Vision Statement</p> <p>The Michigan Township Association envisions a 21st Century Michigan where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Townships have restorative authority and state financial support sufficient to provide high-quality services and infrastructure consistent with community needs and expectations, and to enable full compliance with ever-expanding state-imposed mandates without cutting local spending priorities • Elections are accurate, secure, fair and a high percentage of registered voters participate • Townships are valued and respected for solving local and regional challenges through visionary, ethical leadership and collaboration • Natural resources are utilized in a manner consistent with township regulations that protect public health and safety and property values • There is clarity of roles and responsibilities among township officials essential for efficient and effective services to the public • Townships retain authority to govern and regulate the public rights-of-way and other land uses in the interest of the public • State laws recognize that township officials are elected by and accountable to their residents for the township's governance, financial position, programs and services consistent with community values 	<p>Assessment and Taxation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarify property tax exemption eligibility for nonprofit charitable institutions • Raise the current charter township 10 mill tax limitation to allow charter townships, with voter approval, to address higher costs, meet demands for expanding services and offer millage market requirements • Recodify Michigan township status to include clarification that assessors are accountable to the township board when the supervisor is not certified to perform assessing functions • Increase the specific tax on mobile homes located in licensed parks and levy on park owner rather than individual occupied dwelling owners • Example: minimal personal property tax obligations resulting from minor property improvements on mobile home lots such as small decks, stairs and porches • Allow option for a local excise tax for the purpose of providing public recreational facilities and/or public safety expenses related to increased tourism
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Township Officers

- Supervisor
- Clerk
- Treasurer
- Trustees - not to exceed 4
- Terms - 4 years



Sources of Authority...

Michigan
Constitution

State
Statutes

Case Law



Service

1904

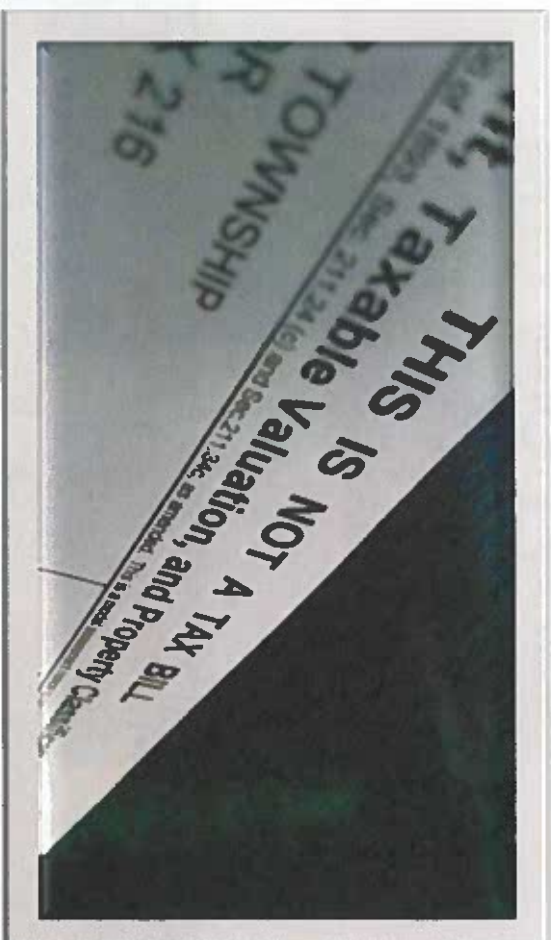
1904

Roll No.	Name	Value
301	E. S. Miller	1.00
5	W. H. Swaine	1.00
5	W. T. Ogden	1.00
4	Wm. S. Baker	4.00
4	W. S. Baker	4.00
7	W. S. Baker	8.00
8	W. S. Baker	7.00
9	W. S. Baker	4.00
10	W. S. Baker	4.00
11	W. S. Baker	4.25
12	W. S. Baker	4.25
13	W. S. Baker	4.25
14	W. S. Baker	4.25
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116	W. S. Baker	1.50
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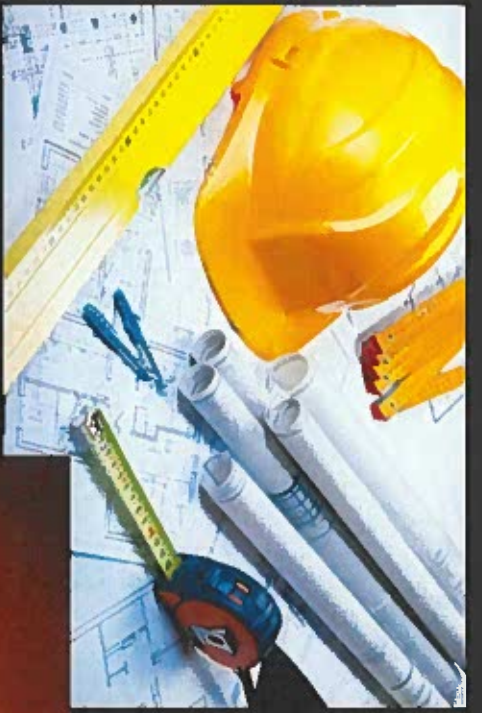
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Permissive Functions

- Fire Protection
- Police Protection
- Emergency Medical
- Water / Sewer
- Parks and Recreation
- Planning and Zoning
- Code Enforcement
- Ordinance Enforcement
- Liquor Inspections
- Library
- Cemetery





Ordinance Authority

“Police Power” Ordinances

- Blight Elimination
- Cemetery
- Dangerous Buildings
- Utility Franchise
- Cost Recovery (Fire Run Charge)
- Land Division Ordinance
- Liquor Control
- Noise and Public Nuisance
- Noxious Weeds
- Nuisance Abatement
- Outdoor and Open Burning
- Truck Route

Administrative Ordinances

- Group Insurance Benefits
- Retirement Benefits
- Establishing Planning Commission
- Fire Department Structure
- Officials Compensation Commission
- Housing Commission

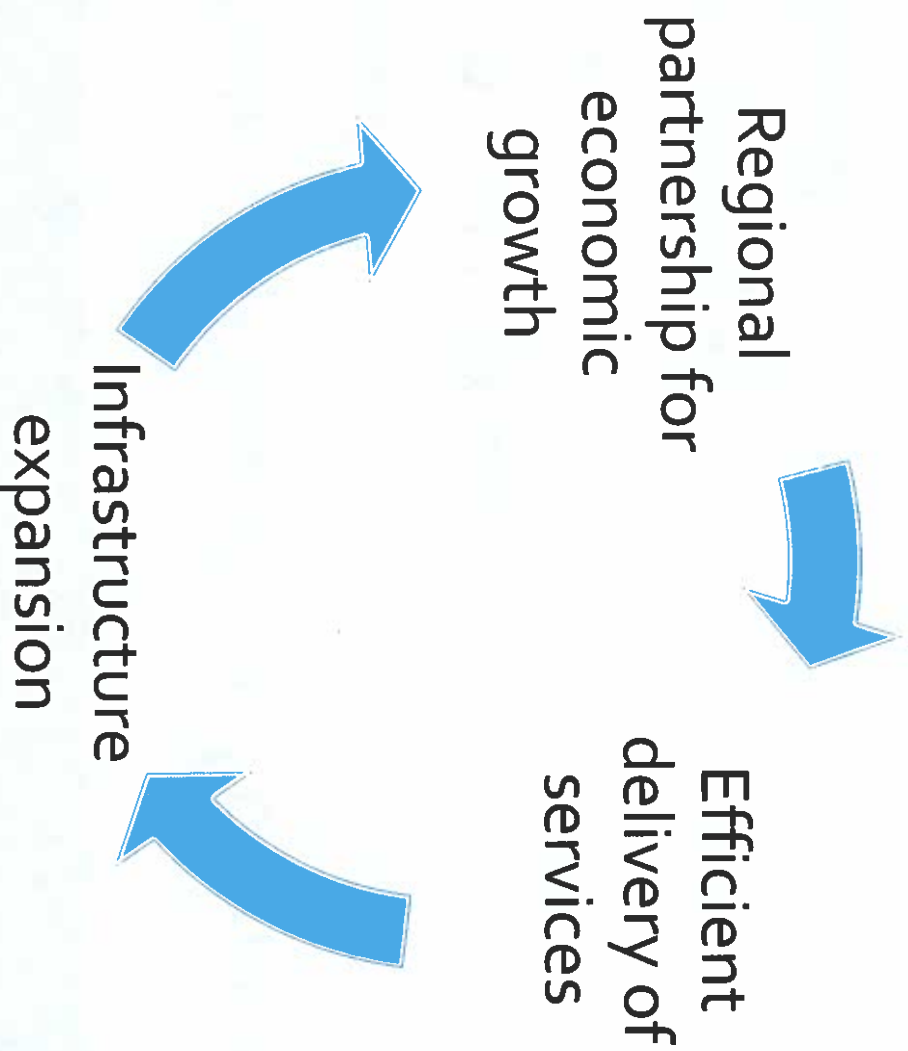
Zoning Ordinances

Statutory Boards & Commissions

Common township boards and commissions:

- Planning Board
- Zoning Board of Appeals
- Board of Review
- Election Commission
- Library Board
- Park Commission

Interact with gov't entities...



Work with local units...

Fire/police
departments

Cemeteries

Parks/recreation

Utilities

Libraries

Planning/zoning

Revenue Sources

- Property taxes
- Revenue Sharing
 - Constitutional
 - Statutory
 - *Currently only 12% receive*



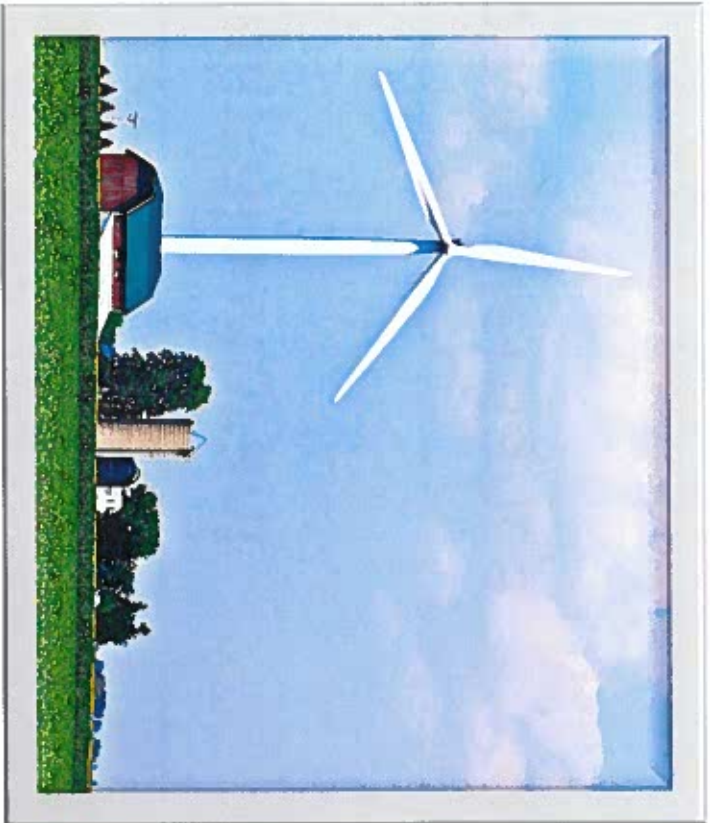
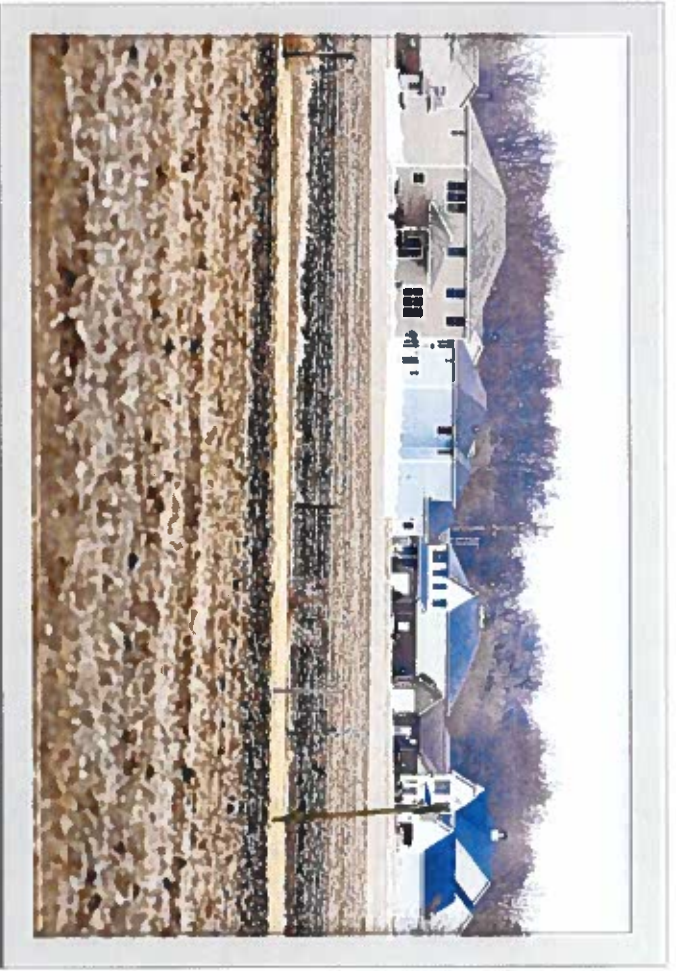
Strengthening for the future

Preserving local value and priorities

Investment to create and maintain vibrant communities

Revising and modernizing local governance

Broadband accessibility



Maintaining Local Democracy.....

To allow people to live and work in unique communities that best match their values and preferences for taxation, service levels and regulatory climate



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