



2022

GOALS ACTION PLAN

A. INFRASTRUCTURE ENHANCEMENTS

Work with Ingham County to facilitate a successful replacement of the Okemos Road Bridge. Place an emphasis on traffic control in the adjacent neighborhoods.

Complete year three of the Meridian Township Local Road Improvement Plan. Our PASER rating at the end of 2022 shall be a minimum of 5.50.

Work jointly with the Michigan Department of Transportation to minimize the impacts of the Okemos Road/Grand River Avenue Enhancement Project.

Determine the financial feasibility of implementing of a Railroad Quiet Zone in the northern portion of the Township.

Continue to work with Ingham County officials to determine the most effective process to enhance the community's Broadband.

B. DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

Continue to work with Michigan State University, and the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, to foster a workplace that adheres to the highest standards of diversity, equity and inclusion.

Update the Township's 2015 Personnel Handbook with an emphasis on building equity for all.

Continue to offer DEI training opportunities across the organization on a regular basis.

C. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Continue our efforts to bring vitality to the Village of Okemos with the assistance of the Meridian Redevelopment Fund, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and Downtown Development Authority Tax Increment Financing Authority. Continue our efforts to revitalize downtown Haslett with the Pine Village development. Assistance available shall include the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and the Meridian Redevelopment Authority.

Work cooperatively with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) and the Meridian Township Economic Development Corporation (EDC) to recertify our Redevelopment Ready Community (RRC) status.

Work in partnership with CBL Properties to forge a plan to accommodate a Meridian Mall Commercial Planned Unit Development.

D. COMMUNITY PLANNING

With the support of the Planning Commission, Township Board and residents, formulate a process to update the Township's 2017 Master Plan supporting green infrastructure.

In a cooperative manner with our Parks Commission, and the Department of Natural Resources, develop a 2022-2026 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Develop a policy, criteria and procedure for expanding public art.

Create a structure to broaden our affordable housing opportunities.

E. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

With the support of the Environmental Commission, develop a site and implementation for the Township's fourth solar project with a goal of 100% solar energy by 2035.

Work with the Environmental Commission to create a successful Wetland Campaign and Green Projects Initiative.

Create consistent enforcement of our wetland ordinance.

Continue to place a significant emphasis on community recycling events and improvements to Meridian's Recycling Center.

F. FACILITIES, PARKS AND GROUNDS

In cooperation with our Information Technology (IT) consultant, use our budgeted resources to bring substantial enhancements to our township's IT infrastructure.

Construct Phase I and II of the MSU to Lake Lansing Regional Pathway.

Demolish house on Okemos Road in preparation of building support facilities for the MSU-Lake Lansing Trail.

Improve capacity and safety by expanding parking at North Meridian Road Park and Central Park South

To improve water quality at Central Park South pond, install two Floating Natural Purification Islands planted with live vegetation.

G. PUBLIC SAFETY

Continue our commitment to implementing bold recruiting methods to maintain a police force of 41 and firefighter/paramedic of 34.

Purchase a new 2023 Pumper to replace Engine 93 built in 1999

Review and update our accreditation through the Michigan Association of Police Chiefs.

H. TOWNSHIP FINANCES

Continue our 2017 pledge to voters by investing an additional \$1,500,000 into MERS to help reduce our underfunded pension liability.

Implement a thorough process for the distribution of the \$4,500,000 American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds.

I. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Promote new features and build awareness for added functionality of the newly refreshed Township website. Encourage additional use of the Township's online services.

Strengthen and reinvigorate community support of the Township's brand through a multitude of platforms: Prime Meridian Magazine, new Township signage, digital channels and additional print materials.

Enhance the Town Hall Room audio and visual equipment to improve meeting room capabilities and better serve multimedia usage.

Foster an effective education plan regarding the Community Services Millage.

J. RETENTION, RECRUITMENT AND WELL-BEING

Focus on implementing the 2022 Township Retention and Recruitment Program.

Develop creative ways to focus on and improve the team's well-being.

In an effort to foster teamwork, continue to offer programs and events such as team picnics, holiday parties and Lugnuts games.