

MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP IMPLEMENTATION MATRIX 2023-2028



IMPLEMENTATION MATRIX:

This matrix is designed for Meridian Township staff, developers, property owners, and the community to use to understand the goals as laid out in the 2023 Masterplan. This matrix will assist Township staff in the completion of the goals as adopted in the 2023 master plan.

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TIME FRAME	GOAL DESCRIPTION	TASK CONTRIBUTORS	KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS
LONG TERM	Encourage Mixed-Use density toward existing development nodes.	Task lead: CPD, ED, DVLP, PPO, TB	At least 50% of MUPUD's should be approved in PICAs.
SHORT TERM	Designate the area surrounding Lake Lansing as a special land use area.	Task Leader: CPD, ZBA, TB	Set as a Special District Designation
LONG TERM	Adopt specific zoning standards to support the conditions in the Lake Lansing area.	Task lead: CPD, TB	Update Lake Lansing Zoning standards
SHORT TERM	Evaluate home business standards to ensure regulation of Home Occupation are current.	Task Lead: ED,CPD	Research current Home Occupation standards and create a white paper comparing our current standards.
LONG TERM	Allow for a range of residential densities of all housing types in the FLUM and Zoning Ordinance.	Task lead: CPD, TB	Update FLUM and Zoning Ordinance
COMPLETE	Evaluate the inclusion of Accessory Dwelling Units in the community.	Task lead: CPD, ED, TB	Present ADU ordinance and Housing update to Township Board
SHORT TERM	Evaluate potential programs to keep existing homeowners in their existing homes.	Task lead: CPD, ED	Create a white paper on available programs for existing home owners to stay in their homes.

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SHORT TERM	Work toward affordability of housing for new and existing residents.	Task lead: CPD, ED, COM & TB	Evaluate the new MSHDA BrownfieldTIF program and process for Affordable Housing. Create standards of affordable Housing in Meridian Township.
ONGOING	Enhance accessibility in all aspects of Township operations to ensure that every resident can participate in civic life.	Task lead: CPD, PRKs, COM, ED, CC, Public,	Meet with department heads to first conduct a review of how we engage and serve the public. Determine priority areas for improvement.
SHORT TERM	Amend the Zoning Ordinance to allow for an increase in missing middle housing development such as duplex units.	Task Lead: CPD, TB	Amend the Zoning Ordinance
SHORT TERM	Create inclusionary zoning standards for affordable housing in future residential developments.	Task Lead: CDP, ED, TB, CRC	Create standards with input from Planning Commission, Community, Economic Development, Township Community Resource specialist, and Township Board.
SHORT TERM	Work with MSU Corporate Research Park for potential expansion or relocation of Van Camp in Meridian.	Task Leader: ED, TM	Set a meeting with MSU Foundation to discuss the current and future conditions of Van Camp operations in the Township.
LONG TERM	Implement walkable design principles in redevelopment projects to influence nonmotorized travel.	Task Leader: CPD, ED, CIA, TB	Implement a walkable design standard.
LONG TERM	Partner with the Private sector to provide opportunities for public art.	Task Leader: ED, TB, TM	Begin discussions with regional stakeholders and community partners on funding for public art. (LEAP, Lansing Arts Council, local artists etc)

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SHORT TERM	Institute necessary process and ordinance changes to better achieve the goals of the CIA along Grand River.	Task Leader: ED, TB, TM	Institute a CIA TIF, create a CIA Integrated Plan
LONG TERM	Evaluate the M-78 corridor, and potentially update the FLUM.	Task Leader: CPD	Analyze the current zoning of M-78 to determine if updates to FLUM are necessary. Meet with major property owners to determine if there are plans for properties along the corridor.
LONG TERM	Analyze the proposed impact of MSU's updated Masterplan and make necessary changes to the FLUM and Zoning districts to accommodate.	Task Leader: CPD	Set aside time for internal staff to meet and discuss the updates from MSU. Propose adjustments to the FLUM that would support the needs of MSU.
ONGOING	Support the development of broadband service throughout the Township.	Task Leader: CPD, ED, CIA, TB	Propose ways to incentive additional broadband service in Meridian. Support broadband in with development projects when feasible.
IMMEDIATE AND ONGOING	Work with Haslett and Okemos Public Schools on the construction, maintenance, rehabilitation, reconstruction, and use of their buildings/properties.	Task Leader: CPD, ENG, DPW	Maintain efficient plan review processes, to approve the construction and rehabilitation of Okemos Public Schools Phased 2023-2028 redevelopment.
LONG TERM AND ONGOING	Eliminate Inflexible/obsolete zoning regulations to streamline the Zoning Ordinance. Ensure the Zoning Ordinance is accessible and comprehensible for the general public.	Task Leader: CPD, TB	Delegate staff time to find parcels or districts with obsolete and inflexible zoning regulations.

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IMMEDIATE	Engage CATA regarding large scale construction, reconstruction, and development projects to align public transit with the new project.	Task Leader: ED, CPD, CATA, TB	Set an annual meeting to sit with CATA stakeholders and discuss the overall development plans. Mention areas of transit needs specifically in support of major industries, employers, commercial attractions etc.
LONG TERM AND ONGOING	Pursue pedestrian, bicycle, and pathway linkages that best connect to Township Parks and Facilities with residential neighborhoods.	Task Leader: CPD, ENG, DPW, EV	Pursue a bronze status in Bike Friendly Community program with a complimentary bicycle /pedestrian plan for the Masterplan.
SHORT TERM	Pursue a Bronze status for the Township in the Bike Friendly Community program. Create a bicycle/pedestrian plan to complement the Masterplan.	Task Leader: CPD, ENG, ED, EV	(See above)
IMMEDIATE	Encourage the Haslett and Okemos Public Schools districts to implement Safe Routes to Schools principles for districts' buildings.	Task Leader: CPD, TB, ED	Meet with Okemos and HaslettPublic Schools stakeholders by mid-2024 to begin the conversation on Safe Routes to Schools.
IMMEDIATE	Collaborate with the Ingham County Drain Commissioner's Office on future projects to ensure public input.	Task Leader: ED, CPD, TB	Meet with Ingham County Drain Commission and ask about construction projects planned, timeline, and potential impact.
IMMEDIATE	Set metrics to enhance the equity and inclusivity of a project during the development, planning, and implementation stages.	Task Leader: ED, CPD, TB	Delegate staff time to determining parameters of focus for equity and inclusivity during the planning and development stages. Provide development boards with a Equity Statement.

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SHORT TERM	Enhance public safety aspects in development design to ensure that CPTED principles are met.	Task Leader: CPD, PD, DPW, TB	Provide development boards with CPTED training materials (residential and building assessments). Set a standard of CPTED principles to be applied in PCIA areas.
SHORT TERM	Create a development small area plan including Meridian Mall as a PICA.	Task Leader: CPD, ED	Coordinate with Planning Staff, Economic Development Staff, and CBL Property members about the future potential of the site.
SHORT TERM	Create small area plans for each PICA in anticipation of future development.	Task Leader: CPD, ED	Coordinate with Planning Staff, Economic Development Staff and property owners to create a potential site concept for remaining parcels.
SHORT TERM	Align with the property owners of Carriage Hills shopping center to determine how the Township can support the start of redevelopment.	Task Leader: ED, CPD	Coordinate with Planning Staff, Economic Development Staff and property owners to create a potential site concept for remaining parcels.
SHORT TERM	Conduct a Housing and Market study to support future commercial redevelopment of the PICAs.	Task Leader: ED, CPD	Request the EDC utilize the funding from MEDC to conduct a full Market study.
SHORT TERM	Coordinate with Ingham County Drain Office on potential stormwater management of the Okemos and Meridian Mall PICAs.	Task Leader: ED, CPD	Include potential stormwater management concepts on the Meridian Mall PICA plan area.

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IMMEDIATE	Update the Downtown Development Authority Integrated Plan.	Task Leader: ED, CPD, DDA, TB	DDA members, Economic Development staff, and Planning Staff work to update the Integrated Plan.
IMMEDIATE	Create the Corridor Improvement Authority Integrated Plan.	Task Leader: ED, CPD, CIA, TB	CIA members, economic development Staff, and planning staff work to create an Integrated Plan for the CIA.
SHORT TERM	Develop standards to require electric car charging stations in new commercial development.	Task Leader: ED, CPD, TB	Develop standards to require electric car charging stations in the PICA development and other incentivized areas.
LONG TERM	Identify potential targets for the use of the Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund.	Task Leader: ED, CPD	Identify potential project sites for the use of the Brownfield Revolving Fund and present projects to the BRA.
LONG TERM	Expand opportunities for cluster developments to preserve environmentally significant areas.	Task Leader: ED, CPD, TB	Include cluster development options in the Integrated plans and PICA plans.
ONGOING	Promote Infill Development along the main vehicular corridors or PICAs in the Township.	Task Leader: ED, CPD, TB	Promote Infill Development along the main vehicular corridors or PICAs in the Township.

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LONG TERM	Update the Townships 2004 Greenspace Plan.	Task Leader: CPD	Update the Greenspace Plan.
ONGOING	Aid in evaluating how to shift the Land Preservation program's focus away from acquisition.	Task Leader: ED, CPD, TB	Consider a Purchase of a Development Rights program for the Land Preservation program.
SHORT TERM	Review the wetland setback requirements; make any necessary changes to modernize or consolidate standards.	Task Leader: ED, CDP	Delegate to Planning Staff to review the wetland setback requirements.
LONG TERM	Incorporate Low Impact Design Standards into the Zoning Ordinance. Update the Landscape Ordinance to create Low Impact Design standards.	Task Leader: ED CPD	Incorporate Low Impact Design standards into the Zoning Ordinance. Update the Landscape Ordinance to create Low Impact Design standards.
LONG TERM	Investigate a Woodlands Ordinance.	Task Leader: CPD	Delegate to Planning Staff to analyze and research Woodlands Ordinances.
LONG TERM AND ONGOING	Analyze and begin consolidation of the entire FLUM with the existing, established land uses, outside of potential redevelopment areas.	Task Leaders: CPD, TB	Begin the consolidation fo the entire FLUM with existing, established land uses outside of redevelopment areas.
LONG TERM	Update alternative energy generation ordinances to address changes in technology.	Task Leaders: CPD CPD, EV	Delegate to Planning Staff to research best practices for alternative energy ordinances.

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SHORT TERM	Analyze the potential of a green burial program in Meridian cemeteries.	Task Leaders: CPD, EV	Analyze the potential of a green burial program in Meridian cemeteries by the end of 2024.