

Strengthen community identity and enhance the quality of life for Delta Township residents.

- a. Delta Township will develop a recognizable identity among both its own citizenry and the Mid-Michigan area.
- b. Develop a wider variety of recreation activities for local residents.
- c. Delta Township will provide a sense of personal security, peacefulness and harmony for people while they are living in their homes, working, or traveling in Delta Township.

Encourage economic development as well as provide for responsible growth and redevelopment.

- a. Delta Township will be guided by planning principles and a policy of managed growth.
- b. Existing neighborhoods will be preserved, well maintained and thriving.
- c. Existing business districts will be preserved, well maintained and thriving.

Participate in efforts to promote regionalism to explore collaborative solutions for services to our residents, provide consensus within the region for issues of mutual benefit and growth.

- a. Enhance Delta Township as a regional leader that is proactive and aware of potential changes and opportunities.

Ensure a collaborative government structure and staff skills that will provide for fiscal integrity, efficiency, and excellent services for our residents.

- a. Delta Township will take a proactive position for a changing economic environment.
- b. The Township government will be aware of opportunities, economies of scale and cost efficiencies in all service areas.

Formulate and update long term plans to address all aspects of the Township's infrastructure needs.

- a. Delta Township shall continue to provide and assure high quality services, utilities, and facilities through long term planning.
- b. Through the legislature, Delta Township will gain more control over its basic services such as land use, roads, and drains.

Sustainability – to convey our Township, not only equal to, but greater, better, and more beautiful than it was given to us.

- a. Develop a mission/ecological statement for a greener community.
- b. Consider the environmental impacts of all Township activities.
- c. Expand the Township's recycling program and education.
- d. Pursue grant opportunities specific to energy, recycling, and other environmental concerns on behalf of the Township.

- 1. Strengthen community identity and enhance the quality of life for Delta residents.**
 - a. Develop a plan to provide expanded public transit to Delta Township residents.
 - i. Isolate specific issues that impact providing unified public transit to the residents.
 - ii. Develop options or alternatives and identify related costs for same.
 - b. Provide a sense of security and public safety:
 - i. Provide the means to staff and train our fire and emergency services personnel for excellent services to our residents.
 - ii. Plan for and maintain excellent police of services for our residents.
 - c. Establish a campaign to promote a Delta Township post office.
 - d. Develop promotional materials that can be distributed to businesses, realtors, hotels
 - i. Be conscious of opportunities to promote the Township as a thriving community by means of media press releases, etc.
 - ii. Promote and provide education for Delta Township services provided to residents.
 - e. Continually review and improve existing recreation and community education programs; solicit public input to develop new programs.
 - f. Provide for annual events to promote a sense of community, such as:
 - i. Delta Rocks! Family Festival
 - ii. Annual Fireworks display
 - iii. Greener Delta
 - iv. Community Awards Program
 - v. Neighborhood Pride Award program
 - g. Provide support to the Delta Township Historical Society.
 - h. Expand and improve the Township's web presence, provide more information access to the community at large to include social networking sites as appropriate.
 - i. Promote, encourage, and support activities that strengthen community pride and involvement.
 - j. Seek citizen input through the use of surveys.
- 2. Encourage economic development as well as provide for responsible growth and redevelopment.**
 - a. Research and initiate zoning and financial options for development and redevelopment.
 - b. Focus on retention visits to local businesses to strengthen relationships between the Township and the businesses.
 - c. Interact with Leap, Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce, Michigan Economic Development Corporation, and other regional entities to expand our economic development opportunities.
 - i. Focus on bringing in or creating jobs within the Township.
 - d. Promote the Township's commercially zoned facilities/properties and to preserve and expand the Township's industrial base.
 - e. Strive to improve public participation in the planning process.
 - f. Make quality of life issues a high priority in planning efforts.
 - g. Provide for Smart Growth implementation measures.
 - h. Encourage in-fill development.
 - i. Strengthen property maintenance and enforcement capabilities that will protect homeowners and residents, commercial, and retail properties.
 - i. Address urban decay issues.
 - j. Focus on improvements to the West Saginaw Corridor.
 - i. Initiate amendments to the Zoning Ordinance such as:
 1. Mixed use development.

- 2. Changing commercial zoning boundaries.
 - 3. Consider options that include alternative tax programs.
 - ii. Dialogue with City of Lansing, Lansing Township regarding the Corridor Improvement Authority
 - iii. Promote more stringent code enforcement
 - k. Participate in the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission's "Regional Growth Plan"
- 3. Participate in efforts to promote regionalism to explore collaborative solutions for services to our residents, provide consensus within the region for issues of mutual benefit and growth.**
- a. Take a leadership role in promoting regionalism.
 - b. Keep communities and agencies within the Tri-County Region that may be impacted by Delta Township's proposed plans and programs apprised of their status.
 - c. Keep apprised of local plans and programs within the Tri-County Region that may impact the Township.
 - d. Explore and develop opportunities for intergovernmental coordination and cooperation.
 - e. Maintain or seek membership, as applicable, on the various regional authorities, boards, commissions, and committees.
 - f. Maintain and establish mutually beneficial agreements with neighboring communities for the efficient and effective provision of shared public services.
 - g. Respond to neighboring communities' invitations and requests for input on their proposed local plans and programs.
 - h. Identify those collaborative services that the Township is able and willing to share with other communities within the region.
- 4. Ensure a collaborative government structure and staff skills that will provide for fiscal integrity, efficiency, and excellent services for our residents.**
- a. Recruit and hire well-qualified, professional staff that will have the capabilities to develop and promote long term goals for the Township.
 - i. Ensure that Delta makes all reasonable efforts to promote diversity in its job application processes, including solicitation and advertising.
 - ii. Promote and recognize technical and professional training and certification.
 - b. Identify economic issues, their impact upon the Township, and provide responsible fiscal planning.
 - c. Continue to add on-line payment capability for residents to include permits, licensing, fees for work done by Engineering and Planning Departments, etc.
 - d. Be proactive in approach to policy making and responsive to opportunities in and cost efficiencies of Township provided services.
 - e. Systematically scan documents into the Township's digital data base for permanent record retention, to preserve the integrity of Township operations.
 - f. Actively pursue grant opportunities that may impact all aspects of Township activities in an effort to defray existing costs and/or provide for positive projects to further the overall Township goals.
 - g. Participate in the certification/recognition programs that provide significant measurement of Delta Township work product or the accomplishments/contributions of the Township employees, such as annual budget, web site design, park design, master plans, innovative programs awards, etc.
 - h. Actively promote and encourage legislation change that will impact the Township positively through memberships and participation with such organizations as Michigan Townships Association, Michigan Municipal League, and other such organizations.

- 5. Formulate and update long term plans to address all aspects of the Township's infrastructure needs.**
 - a. Support Eaton County's efforts to enforce the "time of sale" inspections for private wastewater and well systems.
 - b. Provide local matching funds for road improvements and participate in local sharing grants when possible.
 - c. Update the current Delta Township Non-Motorized Transportation Plan, Parks Master Plan, Water and Sewer Long Range Plans, Comprehensive Plan, Sidewalk Plan, and Road Plan, etc.
 - d. Improve the functioning and safety of the Township's regional arterial roadway (Saginaw/M43).
 - e. Increase public transit options available for use within the Township by providing expanded transit services with a functional plan via cooperative efforts with CATA and Eattran.
 - f. Systematically review applicable ordinances for updates and/or revisions.
 - g. Water and Sanitary Sewer Operations – provide plans for expansion and/or alternative measures relative to requirements imposed by the state and the Township's fiscal resources.

- 6. Sustainability – to convey our Township, not only equal to, but greater, better, and more beautiful than it was given to us.**
 - a. Green community – develop a mission/ecological statement.
 - i. Promote such activities as the "Greener Delta" event.
 - ii. Support a staff Sustainability Committee that will explore environmentally conscious concepts and make recommendations for improvements, changes, and education for our community at large.
 - b. Commitment to consider environmental impacts of all Township activities.
 - c. Expand the Township's recycling program and education for same.
 - i. Expand hours/days that the center is open to the public
 - ii. Provide public education opportunities for recycling at public events.
 - iii. Work closely with other recycling agencies to pool resources, programs and information.
 - iv. Locate additional drop-off points for certain recyclables to make it easier to recycle.
 - d. Pursue grant opportunities specific to energy, recycling, and other environmental concerns on behalf of the Township.