MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT COORDINATOR

Partnerships, People and Programs...the essence of our promise to the stakeholders in Lapeer County. Whether it is the delivery of food and nutrition education programs to limited income clients, the development of entrepreneurial opportunities in communities, leadership and citizenship development with our young people or delivering quality educational experiences for development of agriculture and agribusinesses. **PARTNERSHIPS** are the cornerstone of our work with individuals, families and communities. As you review this annual report you will witness plenty of examples of our relationships with others in Lapeer County, the District and across the state. **PEOPLE** are the reason why we are in this business; the business of providing non-formal educational programming to meet the needs, issues or opportunities of our communities. **PROGRAMS** that support the mission help people improve their lives through an educational process that applies knowledge to critical needs, issues and opportunities.

This report highlights specific programs within our four major program areas: Health and Nutrition- Keeping people healthy; Ensuring strong communities – Governance, conflict management, and community development; Developing youth and communities – Literacy, school readiness and 4-H programs that prepare youth with learning skills that prepare them for the workforce, encourage them to be civically active, and ensure success in school; Supporting Food and Agriculture

Thank you for your PARTNERSHIP to deliver sound educational PROGRAMS that are meaningful to the PEOPLE of Lapeer County.

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District 10 Digital Reach

From July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, 110,000 visitors from the Lapeer County district viewed the msue.anr.msu.edu/ website filled with pages of rich, science-based content. Search engine rankings make msue.msu.edu one of the most visited Cooperative Extension Systems education sites in the country.

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Measuring Impact

15% Growth in Adults Participating in MSU Extension Programs

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16% Growth in Youth Participating in MSU Extension Programs

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MSU Extension's Expanded Digital Reach

- 2 million visitors viewed more than 4 million pages
- 560,000 topic newsletters distributed to more than 8,500 email addresses
- Nearly 2,000 Facebook and more than 1,700 Twitter followers

Based on data from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2016
DEVELOPING YOUTH AND COMMUNITIES

When you support MSU Extension 4-H programs, youth participants learn life skills that prepare them for the workforce – especially for highly sought after jobs in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). They learn leadership and decision-making skills in 4-H that increase their likelihood of becoming civically active. 4-H’ers also demonstrate reduced high-risk behaviors such as drug use and learn to complete tasks, solve problems and seek any help they might need from peers and adults. 4-H involvement also helps participants avoid or reduce involvement with the court system. This helps ensure more young people succeed in school, attend college or other post secondary opportunities and contribute to their communities. More successful young people in communities results in greater tax revenues and consumer spending and increases the likelihood that young people will stay in, or return to, their communities.

Supporting 4-H’ers Through Supplemental Workshops and Clinics

Lapeer County 4-H serves youth ages 5-19. 4-H programming offers opportunities for young people to explore interests and develop critical life skills needed in the world today. In addition to the traditional long term clubs 4-H is most noted for, youth are also offered a wide variety of one-day clinics and workshops throughout the year ranging from soap/wood carving, fitting and showmanship clinics in various animal project areas, to workshops to strengthen club meetings or individual achievement goals, such as Parliamentary Procedures Workshops and Michigan 4-H State Award Application Workshops.

From once-a-month family workshops and in-school science lessons to after-school technology training and classroom gardening, MSU Extension supplies Michigan schools and the families they serve with the support they need to be successful.
Growth in Non-Livestock Project Areas

In 2016, the Dog Project area has seen a 75% increase in youth enrollment from 29 to 51 4-H members. As a recipient of a Monsanto Grant, the Dog Leaders Committee used the funds, along with other funds raised, to purchase a new trailer and dog agility equipment. These items are being shared among all Lapeer County 4-H dog clubs as well as to hold local competitions, including the Eastern Michigan State Fair.

Shooting Sports has also seen a drastic rise in youth participation, with only approximately 5 members in 2013 to currently 44 in the county, a 780% increase. In 2016, youth were also offered a new 4-H approved discipline of Pistol Shooting. A trained volunteer in this discipline held additional sessions outside of regular club meetings for youth to target practice and learn the discipline in depth. Plans include additional trained volunteers for next year to support the growth of this project.

Indoor projects, such as crafts, veterinary science and wood working, continue to be a favorite area whether it’s a 4-H’ers main project focus or a supplemental project for youth in an animal project. One venue for youth to get feedback on indoor projects is at the annual Spring Achievement/Style Revue Event held every spring. Youth utilize this as a goal date to prepare indoor projects and are offered one-on-one judging with qualified adults, in an effort to improve their projects before fair.

Outreach to Differently Abled Youth

In 2016, two 4-H Leaders created a special interest club called “4-H Challenged Me” to focus on embracing differently abled youth interested in livestock, by working with them one-on-one with current 4-H’ers in livestock. 19 current 4-H’ers experienced in sheep, goat and swine project areas volunteered as coaches in this peer to peer mentor program, sharing their time and knowledge with 16 4-H Challenged Me club members, meeting regularly to learn about their chosen animal project, as well as how to show their animal in the ring. Hard work culminated in the youth participating in a special show at the 2016 Eastern Michigan State Fair. Many came to support them, and the event quickly gained visibility nationally. The 4-H Challenged Me Club was honored with American Farm Bureau Federation County Activities of Excellence Award, and the club leaders were invited to the Farm Bureau’s national convention and were successful in speaking with 43 other states about their club.

“This is what 4-H is all about—helping others and being kind,” said Tiffany Howell, Lapeer County Farm Bureau Vice President and co-leader of the “4-H Challenge Me” program. "We rise by lifting others!"
Developing Youth and Communities

**Local 4-H Councils and Committees**

Lapeer County 4-H has 15 active committees, dedicated to planning and executing experiential education that develop critical life skills, including leadership, teamwork, problem solving, citizenship and many more:

* 4-H Council
* Horse Leaders Committee
* Livestock Committee
* Rabbit Committee
* 4-H Camp Committee
* Sheep Committee
* Beef Leaders Committee
* Auction Committee
* Goat Committee
* Teen Horse Committee
* Dog Committee
* Swine Committee
* Poultry Committee
* PEP Committee
* Indoor Committee

**Raising Funds to Provide Experiential Learning Opportunities**

Lapeer County 4-H Spring Auction and Celebrity Autographed Items Auction, now in its 30th year, had another successful year in 2016. These auctions, held every spring, raise nearly all of the funds for local county programming. The event is widely known and supported by both donors and bidders alike. Funds raised are then managed by the 4-H Council with an approximate annual budget of $40,000. Their focus is to provide opportunities for excellent programming that will educate and grow our youth into productive and well-rounded citizens with a love for life-long learning.

In the past ten years, the Lapeer County 4-H Celebrity Autographed Items Auction and Spring Auction combined has raised $410,000 in revenues.
Since 1980 Lapeer County has held an annual summer camp program. For the past seven years Lapeer County has had both a day camp and an overnight camp program for youth between the ages of 5-12. Youth ages 13-19 are recruited to be counselors for this summer camp experience.

Raising Funds to Provide Experiential Learning Opportunities Continued

One of Council’s most significant achievements is to provide generous scholarships annually to 4-H’ers for educational conferences as well as higher education. Lapeer County 4-H Council offers full or nearly full scholarships to state and national 4-H educational programming, including 4-H Capitol Experience in Lansing, Citizenship Washington Focus in Washington D.C., and National 4-H Congress held in Atlanta, GA. Every Lapeer County 4-H’er who registers for Michigan 4-H Exploration Days receives a partial scholarship to attend on the campus of Michigan State University. This is a fun, pre-college 3-day program in career exploration. Youth also experience campus life by living in dorms, meeting new people and independently taking two-day classes on campus. This program inspires youth by giving them a glimpse into attending a university as well as building confidence while in a safe learning environment.

4-H Camp

Lapeer County 4-H offers two summer camp programs, a two-day day camp for youth ages 5-7, as well as a three-night, four-day overnight camp for youth ages 8-12. Our camp program also offers teens, ages 13-19, 20 hours of leadership training in order to participate as camp counselors. Teen counselors learn lifelong skills including leadership, communication, teamwork, self-responsibility, self-discipline, self-motivation, stress management and problem solving. Equipped with these skills, teen counselors serve as excellent mentors and support for campers for the week. In 2016, Lapeer had a total of 62 campers overall with 25 boys and 37 girls, supported by 15 teen counselors and managed by one MSUE staff person and 7 adult volunteers.

Each year, Lapeer County 4-H has a new theme chosen by the teen camp counselors. In 2015-16 year, the theme was “Jurassic Adventure.” Activities at both camps focused on the dinosaur era, whether it was hatching a dinosaur egg, doing a guided painting of T-Rex or having fun while on an archeology dig. Along with an educational focus, campers enjoyed swim time, crafts, science projects and nature sessions.
ENSURING SAFE AND SECURE FOOD

When you support MSU Extension’s efforts to enhance residents’ access to an adequate supply of safe, affordable food, program participants will focus on food safety measures in the field and at harvest, learn proper food preparation and food preservation techniques, and bring community partners together to strengthen access to healthy food supplies. This leads to a healthy population, which in turn helps keep health care costs in check and our communities viable.

Teaching residents about food safety

From the farm to the kitchen table, food safety is an important issue. Foodborne illness outbreaks occur crossing all socioeconomic lines from production and consumption to preservation of foods. Foodborne illness costs the U.S. economy billions of dollars each year in lost productivity, hospitalization, long-term disability and even death. The Cottage Food Law took effect in July 2010, allowing home-processed foods to be sold to the public, emphasizing the need for food safety education.

MSU Extension Cottage Food Law workshops supply Michigan residents with up-to-date, scientifically backed information on food safety. In 2013, nearly 4,000 Michigan residents learned about preserving food and preparing safe food for public consumption. Food consumers can have increased confidence when buying food products sold by someone with an MSU Extension food safety certificate related to producing cottage foods.

The Michigan Cottage Food Law went into effect July, 2010, allowing Michigan residents to prepare specific home processed foods and sell them to the public. Participants learn about which specific foods can be made in the home kitchen, such as jams and jellies, breads, cookies, fruit pies, vinegars, dry herbs, dried pasta, popcorn, and chocolate covered items. There is a discussion of safe handling of food to prevent foodborne illness, personal hygiene, hand washing, cleaning and sanitizing, and production and storage.

As a result of participating in the MSU Extension Michigan Cottage Food Law workshops in Lapeer:

70% of participants gained new knowledge in cleaning and sanitizing.
62% now regularly check the temperatures to ensure safe food storage.
53% gained new knowledge in cross-contamination prevention.

“The workshop helps with the planning/prep of starting our business to start selling at the farmers’ market. Very good information! Biggest take away was regarding proper labeling and best practices for storage. Great for all start up practices I need to put in place.”
Cooking for Crowds

Cooking for Crowds is an educational program for people who volunteer or work at non-profit organizations and prepare food for the public or groups as a money making event. The curriculum used was developed by Penn State Cooperative Extension Service with adaptations for Michigan participants. The strategies were designed to educate non-profit organizations such as churches and community organizations on how to safely prepare large quantities of food for the public. Participants learned how to prevent unsafe conditions that may cause foodborne illness during food planning, purchasing, storage, preparing, and serving. By the end of the program, participants were able to identify unsafe conditions and safely plan for food preparation and service at future community events.

As a result of the workshop:

69% will check the temperature of the food with a calibrated thermometer.
69% will limit the time food spends in the temperature danger zone.
77% will cool foods quickly (going to 70°F in 2 hours and 40°F in an additional 4 hours)
61% will use appropriate strength sanitizer on utensils, equipment, and food contact surfaces.

“This class was enormously helpful!! I will improve home food handling procedures and will bring the knowledge from this class to my church. It brought up some new facts about food safety. It was a good refresher! It is always good to be reminded.”

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Food Preservation

Food Preservation is both a hobby and a small business opportunity. But people are still preserving food without following safe scientifically proven food preservation techniques. In 2005 the National Center for Home Food Preservation did a survey that showed consumers were still doing open kettle canning, which is an unsafe and dangerous technique for canning food products.

At the Lapeer Farmers’ Market there were four food preservation demonstrations using currently available produce from local farmers. The demonstrations covered the topics of: making jams and jellies; blanching and freezing fruits and vegetables; freezing fruits without added sugar; canning techniques for tomatoes, salsa, pickles, and the equipment needed to do freezing and canning.

A participant commented: I got to ask specific questions that are not directly addressed in books.

ServSafe® for Food Service Managers

Lapeer County MSU Extension offers ServSafe®, a national certification program for those individuals working in the food service industry. ServSafe® teaches about foodborne illness, how to prevent it and how to train employees on the latest food safety issues. Lapeer County MSUE provides the participants with education to successfully pass the Managers’ Certification Exam. The educational program is offered in two forms. The first is the sixteen-hour class designed for those who are new to the food service industry or have never taken a ServSafe® exam. This class provides more in-depth discussion and training than the eight-hour class. The eight-hour class is designed for those individuals whose certification has expired. Participants take their exam at the end of the day. If participants pass the exam with a 75% or better score, they receive a certificate that is good for five years before it needs to be renewed. Overall, 80% of participants passed the exam with an average passing score of 81%.

“I plan to teach food safety practices to my employees.”
“I plan to train my employees and enforce the food safety practices more.”
“I plan to do more hand washing, use gloves more effectively, and check the temperature for hot holding food more often.”
Senior Project Fresh

241 adults over the age of 60 years participated in Senior Project FRESH. The enrollment sessions were held at Imlay City Senior Center, Lapeer County Community Health Department, Riverview Towers, and Silver Maples Senior Apartments. As a part of the enrollment process an educational session was held. It covered the topics of hand washing, washing fresh produce, freezing produce, the MY plate eating pattern for better health, and how to use the Senior Project FRESH coupons. To follow up with the Senior Project FRESH Coupon program, 235 households received postcards as a part of an evaluation.

The Seniors were asked where they redeemed their coupons:

- 54% redeemed their coupons at John Davlin Farms
- 31% were redeemed at the Lapeer Farmers’ Market
- 5% were redeemed at the Davison Farmers’ Market
- 10% were redeemed at roadside stands.

The question was asked if there were problems redeeming the coupons:

- 89% said no problems. 5% said yes, there were problems.

The question was asked: ‘Were you able to increase your average daily eating of fresh fruits and vegetables by at least ½ cup?’

- 99% said yes. 1% said no. Our redemption rate for Lapeer County was 92%.

In Lapeer County we had a 92% redemption rate!
Keeping People Healthy

When you support MSU Extension, you help participants learn safe food handling practices, increase their physical activity and improve the quality of their diets. Extension programming also helps decrease incidents of violence and bullying. Encouraging these healthy behaviors helps reduce food and health care costs by helping prevent chronic health conditions and providing safe environments throughout a person’s life span.

Improving nutrition and increasing physical activities in Michigan communities

Limited income and poor nutrition affect quality of life and can increase healthcare costs. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention reports that more than 30 percent of Michigan adults are considered obese, and one out of every three deaths in Michigan is caused by cardiovascular disease, influencing the quality of life and adding billions of dollars each year in economic burden.

MSU Extension delivers affordable, relevant, evidence-based education to help residents in urban and rural communities stay healthy throughout their lifespans. Programs teach participants how to buy and prepare nutritious, budget-friendly foods and increase physical activity.

MSU Extension reached more than 87,000 adults and young people across the state through programming. Nearly one-third of youth increased their level of physical activity and more than two-thirds of adults increased time spent being physically active, including three-quarters of older adults.
SNAP-Ed

Michigan State University (MSU) Extension partners with Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to provide Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed), a free nutrition education program to reduce hunger and food insecurity and promote healthy eating habits. MSU Extension SNAP-Ed nutrition instructors teach youth, teens, adults and seniors how to make health a priority through an instructional series.

With community partners as host sites, information in a series of 6 classes or in single presentations to over 116 adults throughout Lapeer County was taught to adults on how to choose, prepare, and store healthful, safe foods that are also affordable and delicious. Adults also learned how to keep eating in balance with physical activity to address overweight and obesity concerns. Adults who participated in the series completed pre- and post-assessment surveys. 73% showed improvement in one or more nutrition practice, and 70% of the participants showed improvement in one or more food resource management practice. One curriculum, Cooking Matters for Adults™, has the added feature of hands-on food preparation with groceries sent home to replicate the cooking done in class. Near the end of the series, they tour a local grocery store.

The tour culminates in a challenge for each participant to choose 4 adult servings from each of the 5 food groups and keep the cost $10 or less. The program then purchases those foods for the participants. Almost all of them meet the challenge; most of them save about 20% on their purchase; some save as much as 60% and more. Thanks to partners in early childhood education programs, schools, and 4-H, SNAP-Ed youth nutrition programs have a broader reach, with delivery of programs in series and presentations to over 2700 youth and teens. The students who participate in nutrition programs receive material to take home to continue the fun learning in their home environments. The students and their families are not the only learners. The teachers learn, too.

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Michigan agriculture continues to be a growing segment of the state’s economy, and the production of commercial food and nonfood agricultural operations is growing rapidly. When you support MSU Extension, you help participants learn profitable and efficient business and production practices. Participants also learn how to optimize and reduce the use of pesticides and fertilizers, and how to conserve and protect water resources. This education leads to better use of time, money and human capital, and helps retain and create agricultural jobs. These measures strengthen Michigan’s economy while connecting farmers to local food opportunities and global markets. In this way you help MSU Extension encourage growth in a sustainable and prosperous Michigan food and agriculture system.

**Bridging the gap between farm to fork**

Breakfast on the Farm (BOTF) bridges the gap between Michigan’s farmers and consumers who often have little idea where the food on their plates originates. BOTF invites the public to enjoy a delicious farm-fresh breakfast on a working farm and educates them on the farm-to-fork process. BOTF is an open door for the community to learn about modern food production and build trust with and appreciation for local farmers. An online survey showed that 88 percent of participants told others they should attend a BOTF event.

There have been 26 events held since the program’s launch in 2009. A total of 12,687 adults and children attended five BOTF events held in 2013.

A 2013 survey asked BOTF participants about their experience. The results showed:

» 53,552 children and adults have attended Breakfast on the Farm events since the program’s launch in 2009.

» 80 percent left with a positive impression about modern dairy farms.

» 61 percent said farmers are doing a good job caring for their animals.
Breakfast on the Farm (BOTF) – Zwerk & Sons Farms

The Tuscola County Breakfast on the Farm event was held in a pouring rain on August 13, 2016, and provided consumers the opportunity to see, touch, and feel what it’s like to be on an active working farm. This event provided everyone, especially those unfamiliar with agriculture, the chance to learn where the food on their table originates. It’s an experience that attendees relished as they personally talked to the farmers and enjoyed a hearty breakfast. 2,500 people passed through the farm gates to meet the farm families, industry personnel, educators and others on this 7,000 acre crop farm. Corn, soybeans, navy beans, wheat, sugar beets and cover crops are the main crops of this farm that also has a milk trucking operation.

Guests from 48 different counties and 8 different states participated in the event. For first-time visitors, the level of trust that crop farmers will do the right thing with regard to various elements increased in all cases. For example:

- “caring for the land and environment” increased from 80.6% BEFORE the tour to 93.5% AFTER the tour
- “protecting water quality” jumped from 72.2% BEFORE to 95.6 AFTER the tour
- "safeguarding the food they provide us" increased from 74.6% BEFORE to 94.7% AFTER
- "modern food production methods" also increased from 51.8% BEFORE to 65.5% AFTER the tour

**Total Participation:**

- 55 youth volunteers
- 220 adult volunteers
- 568 youth visitors (23 from Lapeer)
- 1630 adult visitors (95 from Lapeer)
- 46 households from Lapeer

It is also interesting to note that 78% of the first time visitors felt their level of confidence in Michigan food and grain products increased as a result of the experience (69% of all participants indicated an increase).
During the spring of 2016, a coordinated effort between Emergency Management Director, Mary Piorunek, MSU Extension Educator Phil Kaatz, and Emergency Services Rescue Training, Inc. (ESRT) put together a training on “Managing Farm Related Emergencies” for first responders. 31 participants attended the training and represented Lapeer County firefighters (Dryden, Hadley, Elba, Columbiaville, and Otter Lake), Lapeer County EMS, Michigan State Police, Brown City Fire Department, Marlette Fire Department, and the Lapeer County Sheriff Department. The training consisted of classroom presentations and tours of Michigan Ag Commodities (MAC) in Marlette (large grain handling facility), Phillips Dairy Farm (80 cows), and Goma Dairy (2,500 cows). Each of the three stops provided a different perspective of potential hazards that responders may encounter during a farm emergency.

The following impacts (n=29) were recorded following the training:

76% increased their knowledge about the subject matter as a result of the class

79% had a change in their attitudes on how they would handle a farm emergency situation

83% felt the information was beneficial in their everyday work practice
Clean Sweep/Household Hazardous Waste Collections

During 2016 MSU Extension provided leadership in conducting two hazardous waste collections in Lapeer County. The collections provide residents and farmers a way to dispose of unwanted pesticides and hazardous materials and keep them out of our landfills and help prevent the possibility of groundwater contamination. This program is the epitome of government involvement for the public good.

The collections are a unique example of collaboration between MSU Extension, the Lapeer County Commission, Lapeer County municipalities and townships, and the State of Michigan’s Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD). The Lapeer County Commission provides $10,000 in matching funds with money from all the Lapeer County townships and municipalities for a total of $20,000. The State of Michigan MDARD reimburses Lapeer County for all pesticides collected and the hazardous materials collected. In total, 22,227 pounds of hazardous materials were collected in 2016, which included 6,356 pounds of pesticides.

Spring 2016 (total amount of materials = 13,418 lbs)

- 112 participants
- 4,064 lbs of pesticides
- 119 lbs of mercury
- 9,235 lbs of other materials (oil based paint, acids, bases, batteries, liquid flammables, solvents, reactives, and toxic products)

Fall 2016 (total amount of materials = 8,809 lbs)

- 79 participants
- 2,292 lbs of pesticides
- 10 lbs of mercury
- 6,507 lbs of other materials (oil based paint, acids, bases, batteries, liquid flammables, solvents, reactives, and toxic products)
Building soils and soil health are major trends for farmers that are serious about improving their farms in an environmentally friendly way. One of the building blocks of this trend is the use of cover crops to provide a nutrient rich, high organic matter environment where plants can thrive. On a warm summer evening over 40 participants enjoyed an opportunity to learn about the latest science-based information on cover crops to help farmers do a better job on their farms. Lapeer County Michigan State University Extension and the Lapeer County Soil Conservation District partnered together on the Matt Swoish Farm to conduct the training.

Following the training session, the Swoish Family farm conducted a tour to look at different mixtures used in tandem with manure to build their soils and increase profitability.
KEEPING BUSINESSES STRONG

MSU Extension and the MSU Product Center help Michigan entrepreneurs develop and commercialize high-value, consumer-responsive products and businesses in the food, agriculture, natural resources and bioeconomy sectors. When you support MSU Extension, you help participants understand the economic, environmental and social benefits of purchasing local and regional foods. You also help young people develop business skills that will help them succeed as adults and help communities capitalize on their ecological, social and cultural assets. This fuels the economy by creating and retaining jobs, and helps ensure a healthy tax base.

Strengthening local governments and entrepreneurial communities through 4-H

As the backbone of the economy, small business owners play a critical role in the prosperity of the nation. But to be a successful entrepreneur, one must have not only the ambition and moxie to take a risk, but also the business sense and skill to make a profit. To ensure the business owners of tomorrow – today’s youth – are triumphant in their future endeavors, they need to learn the entrepreneurial concepts that pave the way for success.

MSU Extension is helping to meet this need by providing youth and the adults that support them with the skills and resources necessary to turn ideas into business ventures. Through simulations and workshops, youth learn how to develop business plans and operate their own companies, as well as how to be more entrepreneurial in their everyday 4-H experiences. In 2015, these programs were delivered to nearly 1,200 people in 59 Michigan counties.

MSU Extension’s Government/Public Policy and Land Use Educators have provided support to Lapeer County in multiple formats during 2015-2016. Specifically using MSU Extension experts in Land Use, planning, Right to Farm Act and Walkability to communities during their 2016 annual workshops. Additional expertise also provided support to multiple communities in the county (and region) via Citizen Planner – a seven week education series for Planning and Zoning officials and active citizens.
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