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CITY OF FLINT MASTER PLAN / FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is a Master Plan?

A Master Plan provides a blueprint for the future. It is a comprehensive, community vision that is intended to guide the City for the next 20 years. The Master Plan results in a set of policies that direct future growth and development. These policies, required by state law, lay the ground work for future zoning regulations. Additionally, the creation of a Plan can lead to potential strategies that will help effectively guide City leaders with making substantive and thoughtful decisions for the community.

What are the contents of a Master Plan?

A typical Master Plan outlines the existing conditions of the City, describes future goals and objectives for development, and includes an action plan on how to achieve these goals and objectives. Flint's Master Plan will include sections on economic development, educational and public facilities and services including public safety, transportation and mobility, infrastructure, environmental features and open space, and housing.

Why is Flint creating a Master Plan?

The last City of Flint Master Plan, created over fifty years ago forecasted continued population growth and a robust economy. The current zoning code is based on this forecasted growth and contains an outdated zoning code, which has led to poor planning and missed development opportunities. In addition, the Michigan Planning Enabling Act requires that local governments develop a Master Plan that is regularly updated and that its zoning be based upon this plan.

Who is involved in creating the Master Plan?

As the blueprint for the City, it is critical that all of Flint's stakeholders are involved in the development of the Master Plan. The City is committed to involving residents, businesses, and workers in the process in order to craft a common community vision for Flint's future. Ultimately, the Master Plan will be approved by the City of Flint Planning Commission and City Council.

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My neighborhood already has a plan. What will happen to that?

Existing neighborhood plans are an important part of the Master Plan process. These Plans will inform the Master Plan and in some cases will be incorporated into sub-area plans with more specific land-use guidance.

How can I get involved in the process?

It is important to get involved in all the Master Plan activities from data collection, community visioning and mapping, and creation of community goals and objectives. Contact Flint Planning Staff and make sure that you are on the mailing list so you can be informed of upcoming meetings. In addition, the City of Flint convenes a Master

Plan Steering Committee meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm. These meetings are open to the public. An Interactive project website has also been established for residents to share ideas and create their own city maps. Complete with materials from meetings and more information detailing the Master Plan process, this can be found at www.imagineflint.com, or visit the Flint Public Library Master Plan resource collection.

When will the Plan start and when will it be completed?

The initial phases of the Plan have begun with anticipated completion in June 2014.

Who is paying for the Plan?

The Plan is being funded by a 1.57 million dollar grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and includes matching funds from various community stakeholders. The money from the HUD grant can only be spent on the Master Plan.



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