



Suburban Peer Group

July 15, 2026

| **Welcome!**





WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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Agenda:

- SEMCOG Updates
- Input on SEMCOG's 2027-2028 Legislative Policy Platform
- Placemaking, Community Character, and Corridors
- Tour of Village Arts Factory

March Meeting Recap

20+ participants at the session

Community Challenges

- Road safety
- Infrastructure: road reconstruction in downtowns and aging corridors
- Balancing density and population growth with community charm and character
- Managing growth for community benefits
- Home rule considerations

Peer Group Committee Goals

- Providing space for collaboration & knowledge sharing
- Connecting peers to information & resources
- Ensuring needs & challenges are heard & recognized in regional planning
- Working with federal & state partners to ensure priorities & resources reflect the unique needs of all communities.

2030 Local Updates to Census Addresses (LUCA)



Knowing where to count people: Local Update to Census Addresses (LUCA)

- The Census Address List is how the Census Bureau:
 - identifies where people live.
 - knows where to contact people for census counts in households or group quarters, such as nursing facilities and assisted living facilities.
 - knows where to conduct non-response follow-up and other data operations for a complete count.



Why LUCA Matters

- There is only one time to get the census right—and we need to start now, by updating the Census Bureau’s Address List in the LUCA operation.
- An accurate census count depends on an accurate address list.
- Two reasons why LUCA matters even more in 2030 than it did in 2020:
 - **Declining participation in federal surveys**
 - **Declining population**



LUCA Process and Timeline

2026 – EARLY 2027

LUCA Groundwork: Local governments should identify census blocks for priority address review in their jurisdiction and start building or updating the local address list for those priority blocks.

MAY 2027 – AUGUST 2027

LUCA Invitation, Training, and Preparation: Register for LUCA and conduct a block level address count comparisons.

OCTOBER 2027 – MARCH 2028

LUCA Review: submit suggestions to add, delete, or update the geographic location of residential addresses.

AUGUST 2028 – MARCH 2029

Feedback and Appeals: Local governments receive address-level feedback on how their submissions are incorporated into the Census Address List and have the option to submit appeals.



SEMCOG resources for communities to conduct LUCA

- Interactive web-based mapping application:
 - visualize housing unit change from 2020 census to latest available data
 - compare Census Bureau's housing unit counts with SEMCOG housing unit estimates derived from current buildings data at census block level
 - View the locations of group quarters (GQ) facilities throughout the region
- Member communities requiring technical assistance or additional guidance may contact **Sirisha Uppalapati at uppalapati@semcog.org**.



Legislative Update

RECENT ADVOCACY EFFORTS AND TASK FORCE INPUT

Federal Legislative Update

- Proposed changes to the Uniform Grants Regulation, Part 2, CFR 200
- 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act passes Congress

Scan the QR code to learn more information about proposed rule changes



State Legislative Update

- Budget passed on July 3, 2026, with over 60 policy bills alongside
- Statutory revenue sharing kept flat:
 - \$333 million for CVTs
 - \$291 million for counties
- Constitution revenue sharing is down about 2% due to last year's proposal
- Public safety revenue sharing remained constant at \$50 million

Policy bills affecting local government:

- **SB 721 and 722:** Commercial Redevelopment Act sunset extension
- **HB 6074:** Prohibits large institutional investors from purchasing a single-family home
- **SB 966, HB 5806 and 5807:** Provides for a low-income housing tax credit
- **HB 5570 and 5571:** Allows single-exit stairways in multiple-unit dwellings
- **HB 5232, 5233:** Mandates local governments provide 26 days of paid leave serving in the Army or Air National Guard or in the reserves
- **HB 4644:** Allows CVTs with populations under 65,000 to authorize the operation of golf carts on local streets

Legislative Policy Platform Task Force

Prior to each new session of Congress and Michigan's Legislature, SEMCOG forms a Legislative Policy Platform Task Force to guide development of a new policy platform.



2027-2028 TASK FORCE CHAIRS

Legislative Policy Platform



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Task Force Timeline

- July/August 2026 – Peer Group input discussions
- **July 17, 2026 – Task Force Meeting #1**
 - Introductions, task force objective, breakout groups to share initial feedback
- August 2026 – Task Force Policy review
- **September 14, 2026 – Task Force Meeting #2**
 - Review all policies, develop needed/missing policies
- October 2026 – SEMCOG Staff draft platform policies, legislative priorities document
- **November 9, 2026 – Task Force Meeting #3**
 - Final review of legislative platform policies and priorities document
 - Recommendation to Executive Committee
- **December 4, 2026 – Presentation to Executive Committee for approval**



Input Discussion

- What operational and fiscal challenges is your community currently facing? (e.g., staffing shortages, inflationary pricing)
- What property tax reforms would have a positive impact on your community? (e.g., property tax exemptions, dark stores, Prop A)
- What infrastructure needs is your community facing?
- What types of economic development tools are most beneficial for your community? (e.g., state tax credits to attract large-scale investments, placemaking grant programs, brownfield/blight elimination programs)



Contact us!

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Placemaking, Community Character, and Corridors

**What spaces in your community are
good examples of successful
placemaking?**

What defines YOUR communities' character?

**Do you have a corridor that you wish
to improve?**

In what way?

Share your Feedback on Today's Meeting



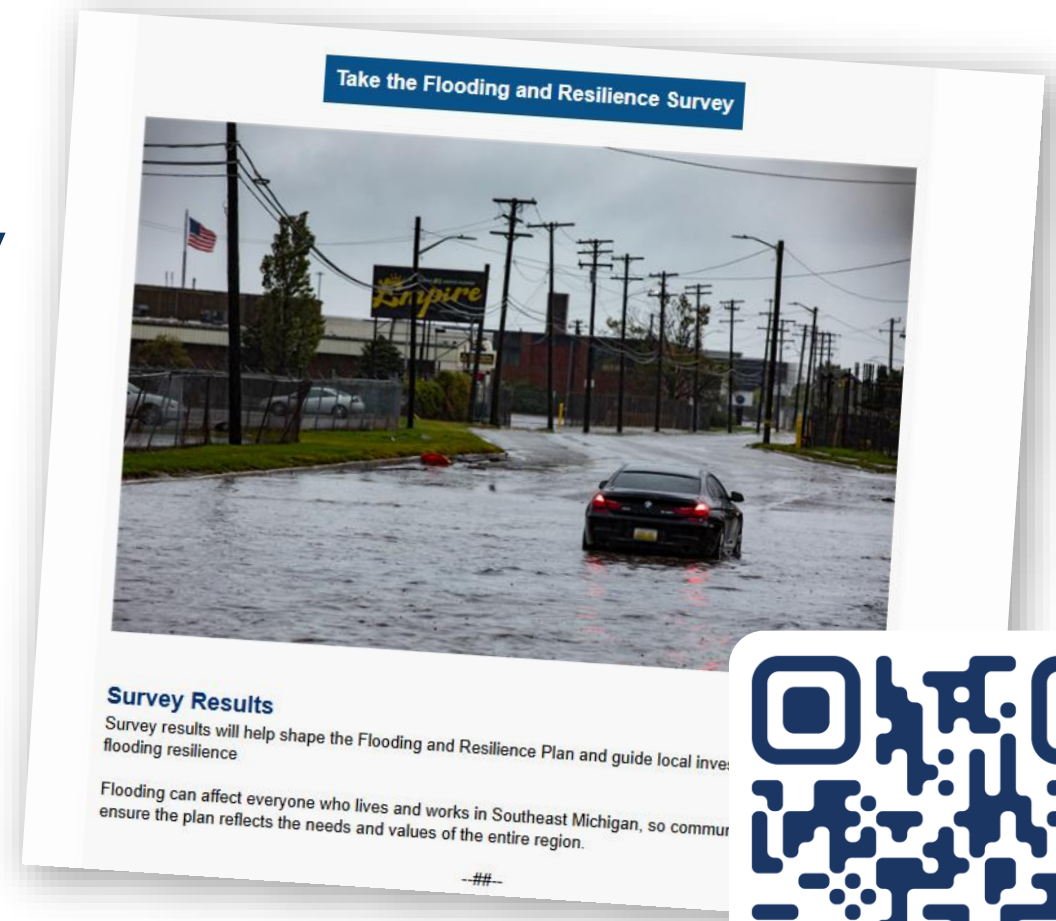


Upcoming Meetings/Workshops

- **July 16** | SEM U: State and Federal Financing Tools to Support Housing Needs
- **July 21** | SEM U: Murals and Public Art
- **July 29** | Rural Peer Group
- **July 30** | Small Peer Group
- **August 5** | Urban Peer Group
- **August 20** | SEM U: Housing for Everyone
- **September 2** | E-Bikes in SE MI: How to Ride Safe

Flooding and Resilience Survey

- Shape the plan to help guide investments in resilience strategies
- Understand how flooding impacts residents across the region
- Prioritize efforts to build resilience
- What communities need to build resilience to flood events



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