



SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

RURAL COMMUNITIES PEER GROUP MEETING

MARCH 19, 2026

WELCOME!



INTRODUCTIONS

- **Name & Community**
- **One thing we should all know about your community:**
 - Unique fact, success, upcoming event, etc.



AGENDA

Welcome – *Frank Viviano*, Supervisor, Macomb Township and SEMCOG Vice Chair

Part I

- SEMCOG Overview
- Peer Group Goals
- Community Insights Survey Results
- SEMCOG Resources

Part II

- Open Dialogue, Feedback, and Direction

Wrap Up and Next Steps

SEMCOG MEMBERS

★ 186 ★
TOTAL

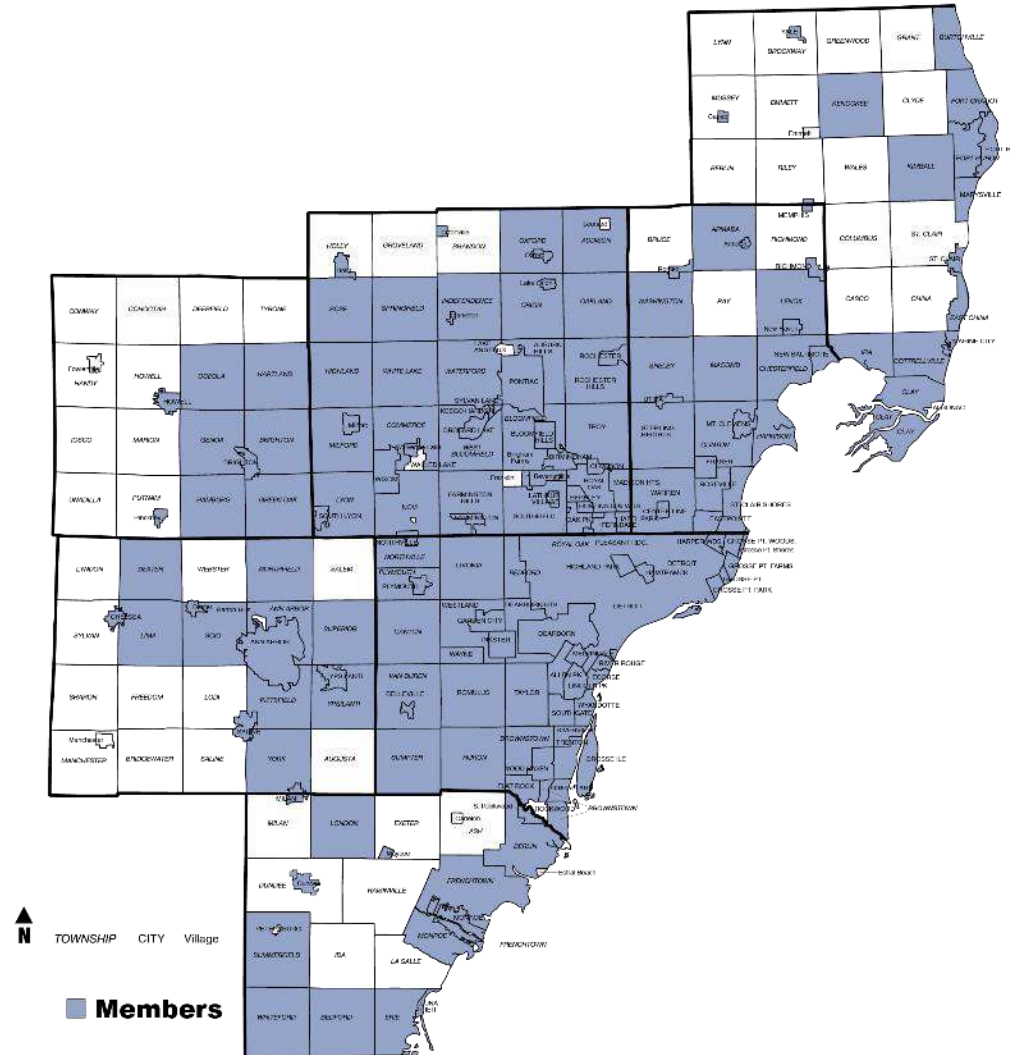
87 CITIES

16 VILLAGES

65 TOWNSHIPS

7 COUNTIES

Livingston, Macomb,
Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair,
Washtenaw, and Wayne



4 ISDs

7 COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Macomb Intermediate School District
Monroe County Intermediate School District
Oakland Schools
Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency

Henry Ford Community College
Macomb Community College
Monroe Community College
Oakland Community College
Schoolcraft Community College
Washtenaw Community College

ABOUT SEMCOG

Regional Planning Agency

- Transportation (MPO)
- Infrastructure
- Environment
- Economic Development
- Education & Workforce
- Data Analysis

Designated transportation, air, water, economic development agency

Membership Organization

- Counties
- Cities, villages and townships
- Community Colleges, ISDs



SEMCOG VISION

All people of Southeast Michigan benefit from a connected, thriving region of small towns, dynamic urban centers, active waterfronts, diverse neighborhoods, premiere educational institutions and abundant agricultural, recreational, and natural areas.



MEMBER EVENTS

- General Assembly
- SEMCOG University
- Networking opportunities
- Grant training
- Member Meetups
- Committees/Task Forces



COMMUNITY INSIGHTS SURVEY: KEY TAKEAWAYS

- **60% of communities** say they are **facing financial challenges**
 - Most frequently noted challenges: **Local government financing, economic development, road infrastructure**, and **water/sewer infrastructure**
 - **Structural revenue constraints** and/or **sharply limited staff**
 - Frequently cited strategies: **new efficiency measures/shared services, increased fees/taxes**, and use of **reserves**.
- Over **80% use traditional line-item budgeting**, but 45% have done some priority-based budgeting.
- Areas in greatest need of efficiency/quality improvements: **public works/infrastructure and community development**.
- 75% prefer **in-person workshops** (webinars also popular)
- **80% prefer to connect** with other leaders via **on-site visits** (remote/online meetings were second).

KEY TAKEAWAYS FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES

- **54%** indicated they are facing financial challenges
 - The most pressing financial challenges were **Infrastructure Maintenance/Capital Needs** (59%) and **Rising Personnel Costs** (51%)
- **62%** indicated they are implementing new efficiency measures or are sharing services
 - Areas in need of efficiency/quality improvements: **Community Development** (38%), **Public Works/Infrastructure** (35%), and **Parks and Recreation** (32%)
- **78%** said they want to connect with leaders from communities with similar characteristics and challenges. **62%** said they want to connect with elected officials from similar communities
- **84%** prefer on-site meetings in nearby communities; **51%** also said that remote meetings would work

SEMCOG PEER GROUPS INITIATIVE

Types of Peer Groups:

- Urban Communities
- Suburban Communities
- Small Communities
- Rural Communities
- Education

Goals of Peer Group Committees:

- 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

GOAL 1: PROVIDING A SPACE FOR COLLABORATION AND SHARING OF OPPORTUNITIES, BEST PRACTICES, CHALLENGES, AND SUCCESSES



Crisis Management Workshop

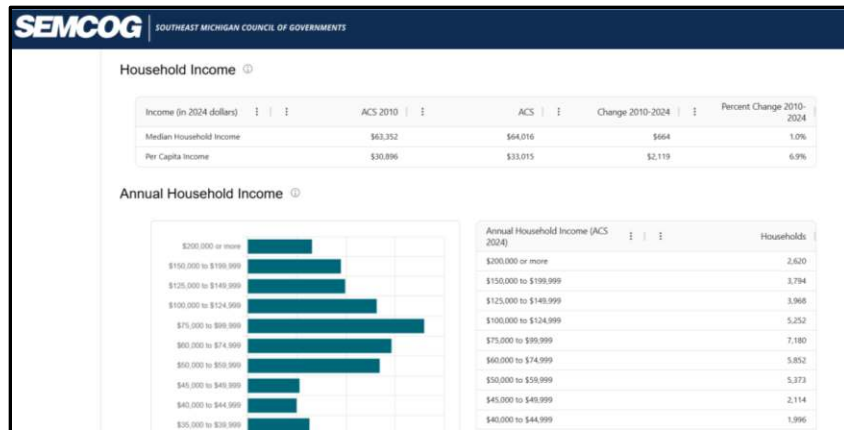
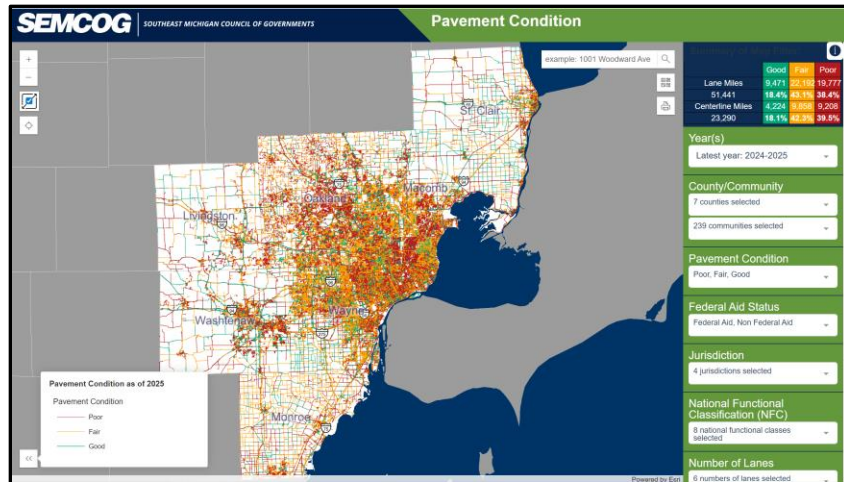


Member Meet-Up (Monroe – River Raisin National Battlefield Park)



Topic Specific Data and Tools – General Assembly, June 2025

GOAL 2: CONNECTING PEERS TO INFORMATION AND RESOURCES SPECIFIC TO THEIR NEEDS AND CHALLENGES



Planning Assistance Program

SEMCOG's Planning Assistance Program provides direct funding for local planning projects that move regional plans and priorities forward. Since its launch in 2019, this program has awarded over \$3.8 million through competitive grants to over 100 projects – ranging from planning projects on transportation safety, accessibility and corridor analysis, trails and greenways, sustainable infrastructure, and pedestrian placemaking.

SEMCOG will be issuing an announcement for FY2027 funding availability in April, with applications due in June 2026. As with previous years, these will be one-year grants beginning on July 1, 2026 and ending on June 30, 2027.

Funded by the Planning Assistance Program

In FY2026, SEMCOG awarded nearly \$500,000 to 13 projects across the region. Please visit the Planning Assistance Program's interactive map (QR code below) to learn more about all the successfully completed and recently awarded projects, including final products that may provide inspiration or guidance for your community.

Questions? Contact Katie Grantham at grantham@semcog.org

GOAL 3: ENSURING NEEDS AND CHALLENGES OF ALL MEMBER TYPES ARE HEARD AND RECOGNIZED IN REGIONAL PLANNING AND INITIATIVES



GOAL 4: WORKING WITH FEDERAL AND STATE PARTNERS TO UNDERSTAND PRIORITIES AND RESOURCES THAT ALIGN WITH AND SUPPORT THE NEEDS OF OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITIES





Data & Maps

Local Assistance

Policy & Advocacy

Education &
Engagement

DATA, MAPPING, AND TOOLS

- Resources for Community Planning
- Access to Core Services
- Parks and Recreation Tools
- Data Center Resources



RESOURCES FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING

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SEMCOG DATA & TOOLS TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY PLANS

SEMCOG has a number of tools, maps, dashboards, and datasets to support your community planning efforts.

The Big Three...Tools for All Community Plans

Community Profiles

Discover how people live, work, and travel in your community

- **Population data** – forecasted population, population change, older adults and school age population, educational attainment
- **Economic and employment data** – forecasted jobs, daytime population, median household income
- **Housing data** – households, median housing value
- **Transportation data** – pavement condition, bridge data, crash data
- **Land use** – land use data, land cover data, commute data, tree canopy data

Community Explorer

- Population density and additional population data details
- Total households, household size, housing units and housing unit details
- Households with broadband access
- Total jobs and job density, household income, housing value

Open Data Portal

Most of SEMCOG's tools provide users the ability to download the raw data directly from the tool. If not, the Open Data Portal contains many of the data sets which can be downloaded for further analysis.



Scan for all tools and resources listed on this sheet



SEMCOG's Open Data Portal

Search for Data

Or...

Browse All Data

Additional Tools & Resources

Land Use / Existing Conditions / Demographic Trends

- **Building Footprint Data** – includes commercial, institutional, retail, community centers, libraries, etc.
- **Land Use and Land Cover** – includes impervious land and tree canopy by community
- **Population and Households** – includes census data and latest American Community Survey (ACS) estimates for various indicators by community
- **Regional Forecast** – long-range & comprehensive view of future development & economic changes for the region
- **Regional Development** – includes both nonresidential and residential development for the region
- **Aerial Photography** – high-resolution imagery, elevation data, and historic imagery dating back to 1949

Parks and Recreation / Sustainability / Resiliency

- **GREEN Dashboard** – community and regional data for tree canopy, wetlands, land conservation, recreational access, and green stormwater infrastructure
- **Access to Parks** – identify gaps in park accessibility for your community
- **ParkFinder** – information on 3,000 parks, and over 1,000 miles of trails, including amenities, and park type
- **Land Cover and Tree Canopy** – including impervious land and tree canopy by community
- **Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory** – includes a summary of emissions by county and by sector
- **Flood Risk Tool** – displays flood risk for transportation assets including roads, bridges, culverts and pump stations
- **Regional Resiliency Framework** – describes initial planning level priorities at the local, regional and state levels to address flooding in the region

Housing/Neighborhoods

- **Housing Profiles** – includes building permits data, census data, and latest American Community Survey (ACS) estimates by community
- **Residential Construction StoryMap** – includes location and details about residential development for the region
- **Main Street Handbook** – designed to support local communities in revitalizing, enhancing, and/or establishing a main street district.

Economic Development/Employment

- **Socio-Economic Trends** – includes both Economic Indicators for employment, labor force, income, and housing units and High-Frequency Economic Dashboard for data updated quarterly, monthly, or weekly
- **Economy and Jobs** – includes forecast data by industry sector, daytime population, income, and poverty data by community
- **Employment Density** – shows employment concentrations by industry throughout the region and for each community
- **Commuting Patterns** – displays inflow and outflow of residents and workers for each community
- **Broadband Navigator** – provides current information about the availability and importance of fast internet services, commonly known as broadband
- **Laborshed Information** – contains data for where workers live, work, and their commutes between

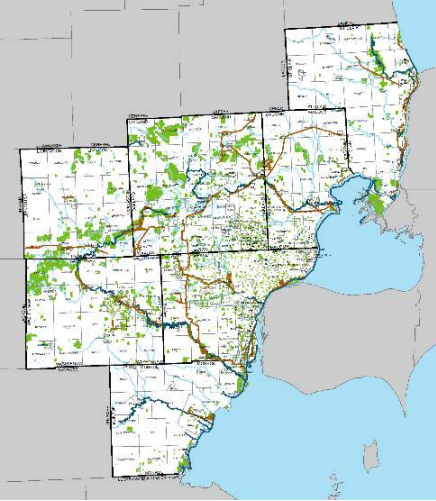
Transportation/Water Infrastructure

- **Transportation Data by Community** – a variety of transportation data for each community
- **Multimodal Tool** – planning tool for Complete Streets and corridor redevelopment
- **Traffic Volume** – Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT) and Vehicle Miles Driven (VMT) data
- **Crash Locations** – current and historic traffic crashes throughout the region
- **Pavement Condition** – current and historic PASER road condition
- **Bridge Condition** – condition rating for over 3,000 bridges in the region
- **Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility Network** – data for sidewalks, trails, bikelanes in the region
- **Bicycle and Pedestrian Counts** – includes detailed information on individual pedestrian and bicycle traffic count studies
- **Electric Vehicle Toolkit** – location of current EV infrastructure and analysis of gaps in the region
- **Water Infrastructure Planning Guide** – includes guidance, policies, and actions for local community planning
- **Transportation Access to Core Services** – Geographic data on access to services such as jobs, fixed-route transit, recreational spaces, grocery stores, childcare centers, and more.

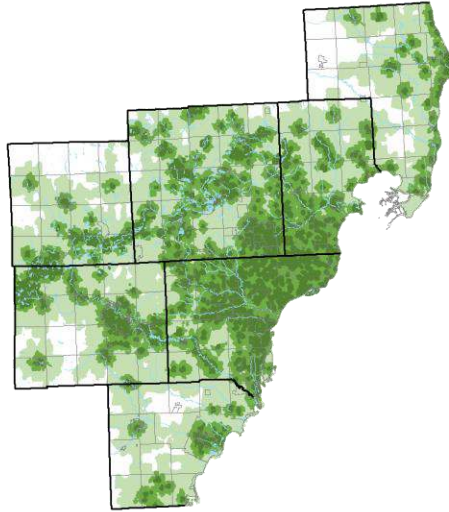


SEMCOG TOOLS AND RESOURCES FOR PLANNING

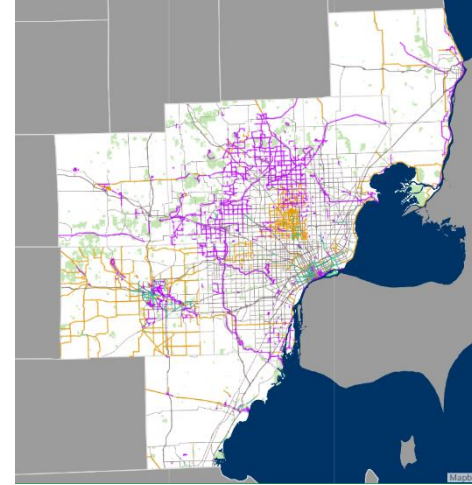
**Parks, Trails, and
Conservation Areas**



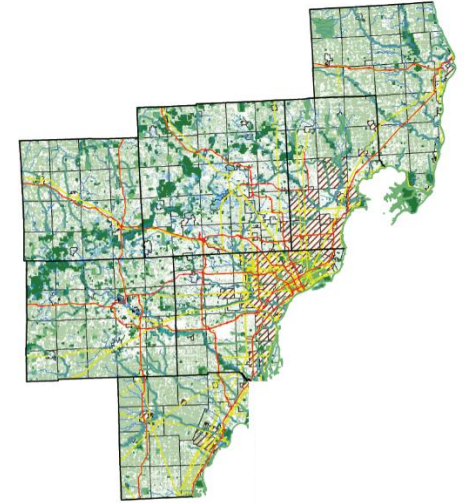
Access to Parks



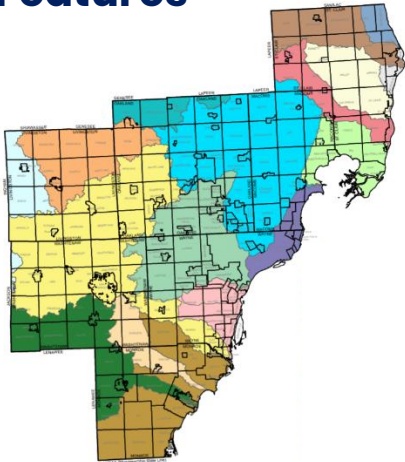
**Walking and Biking
Infrastructure**



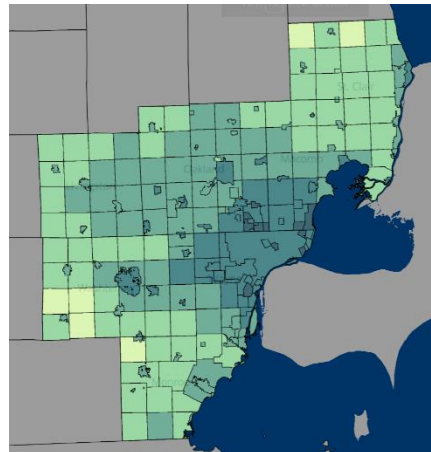
**Green
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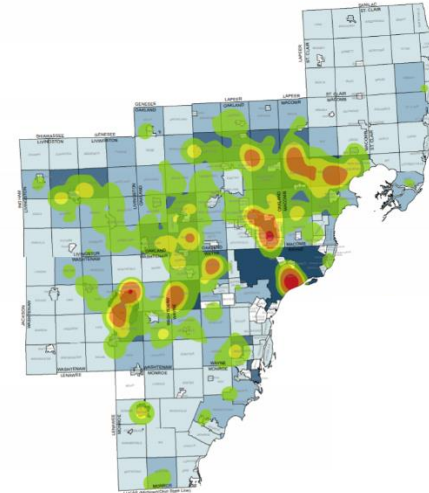
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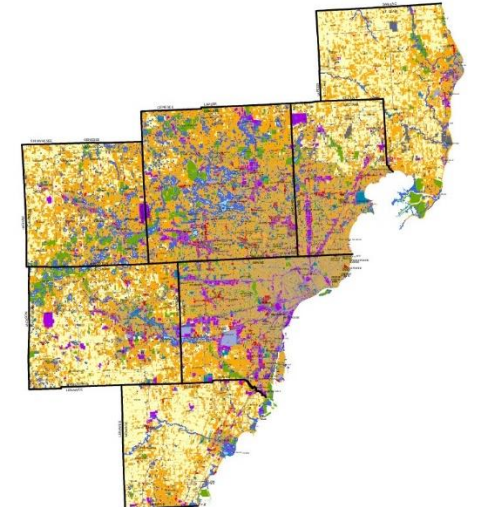
Demographics



Housing



Land Use



ACCESS TO CORE SERVICES TOOL



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Transportation Access to Core Services

1. Choose Community:



St. Clair

Kenockee Twp

2. Choose Access to:

☒ Core Services ☐ Jobs

3. Choose Transportation Mode:



☐ Not Considering Biking Comfort Levels

4. Choose Core Service:

☒ Parks (Local and School)

5. Choose Demographic Layer:

☐ View Demographic Data by Access Time

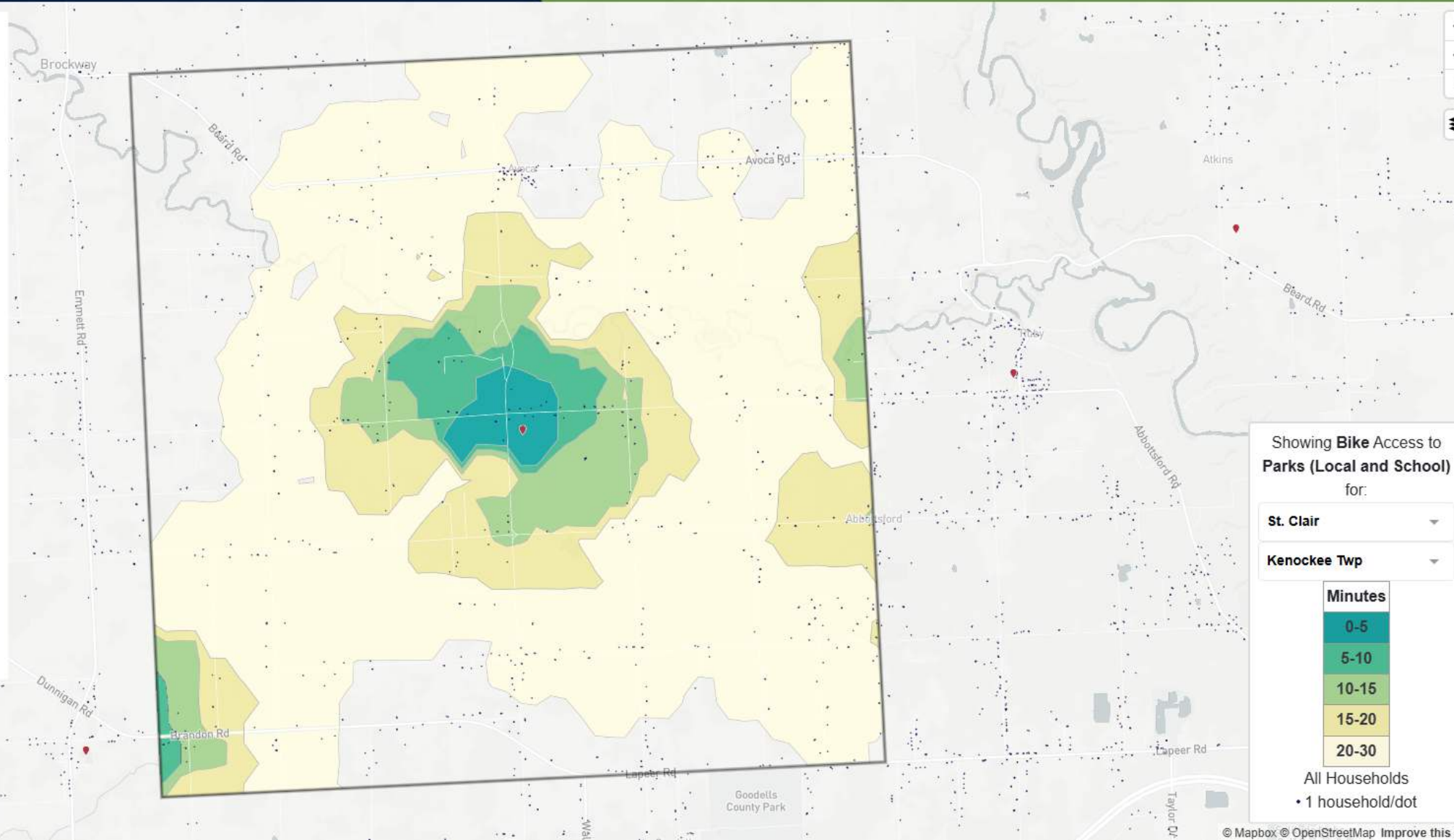
☒ View Additional Demographic Data

Additional Demographic Data:

All Households

☐ Show Average Bike Time by Transportation Access Focus Population

The access area layer is showing an estimate, the layer may shift when zooming.



ACCESS TO CORE SERVICES TOOL

1. Choose Community:



Livingston

21 Communities selected

2. Choose Access to:

☒ Core Services ☐ Jobs

3. Choose Transportation Mode:



4. Choose Core Service:

Schools K-8

5. Choose Demographic Layer:

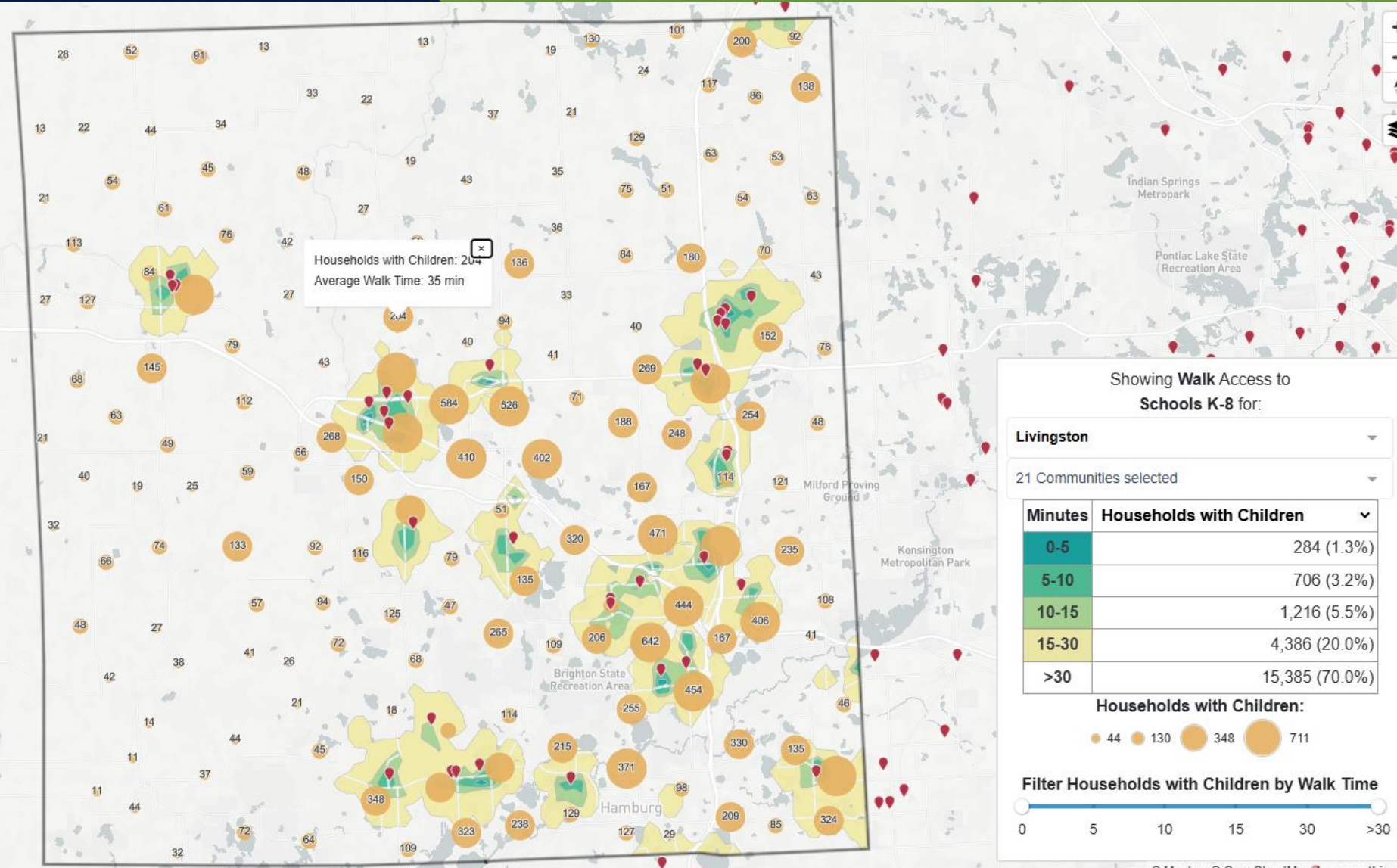
☒ View Demographic Data by Access Time
☐ View Additional Demographic Data

Demographic Data by Access Time:

Households with Children

☐ Show Average Walk Time by Transportation Access Focus Population

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Showing Walk Access to Schools K-8 for:

Livingston

21 Communities selected

Minutes	Households with Children
0-5	284 (1.3%)
5-10	706 (3.2%)
10-15	1,216 (5.5%)
15-30	4,386 (20.0%)
>30	15,385 (70.0%)

Households with Children:

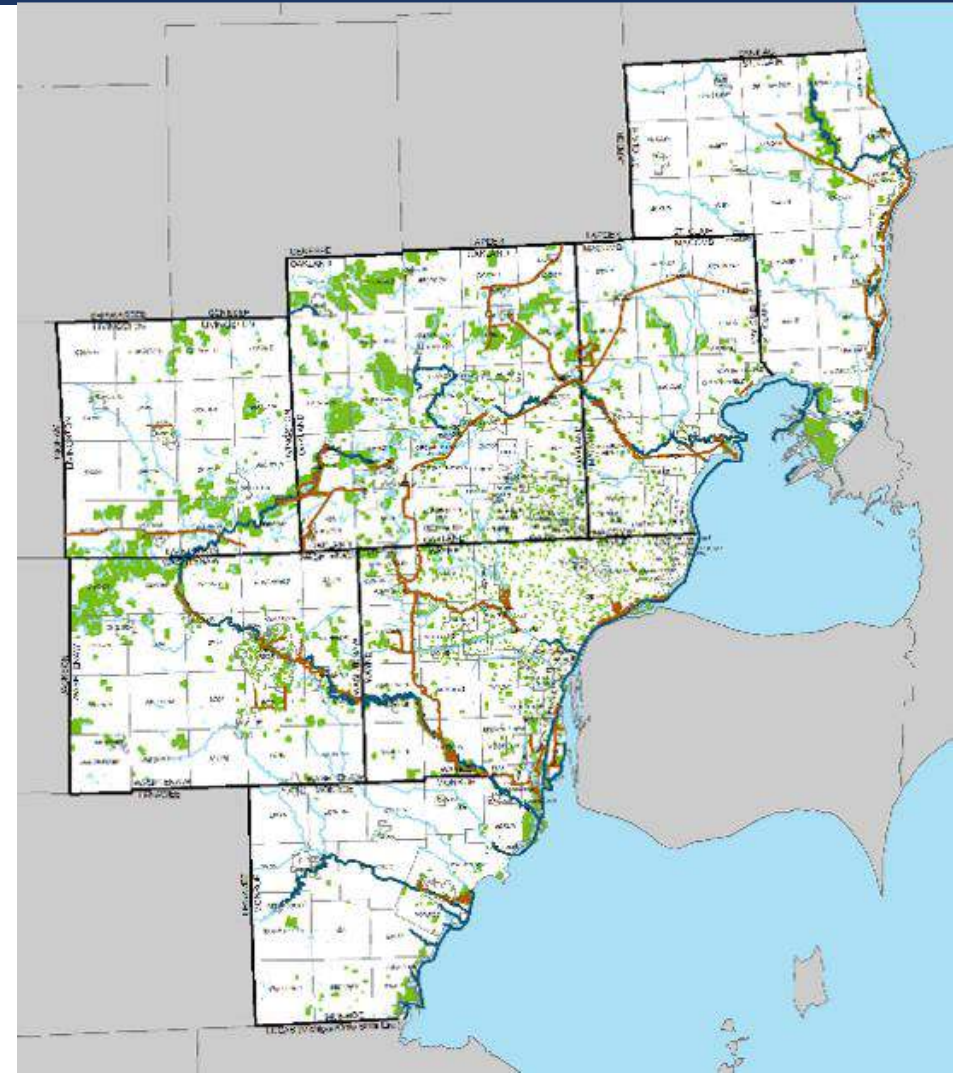


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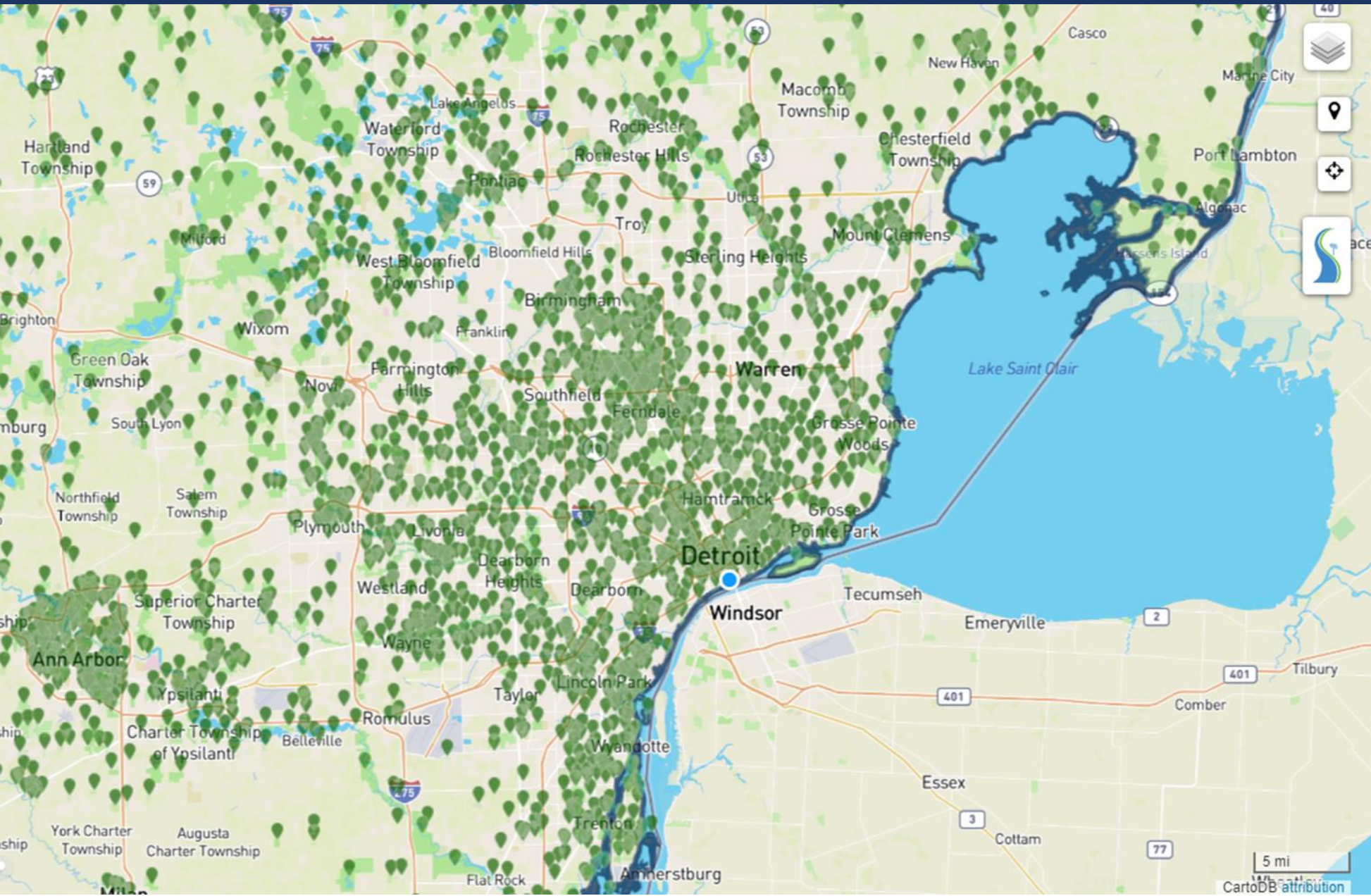


PARKS AND RECREATION

- **Data and Maps**
 - Systems-level tools for parks and trails, amenities, and access
- **Planning and Policies**
 - Results from regional surveys and shared priorities
- **Funding and Implementation**
 - Assistance with grants, projects, partnerships, and promotion



PARKFINDER



Clear All Filters

2,657 parks meet these criteria:

Location

Park Type

Park Size

Filter Amenities by:

Trails & Fitness

Sports & Games

Water Recreation

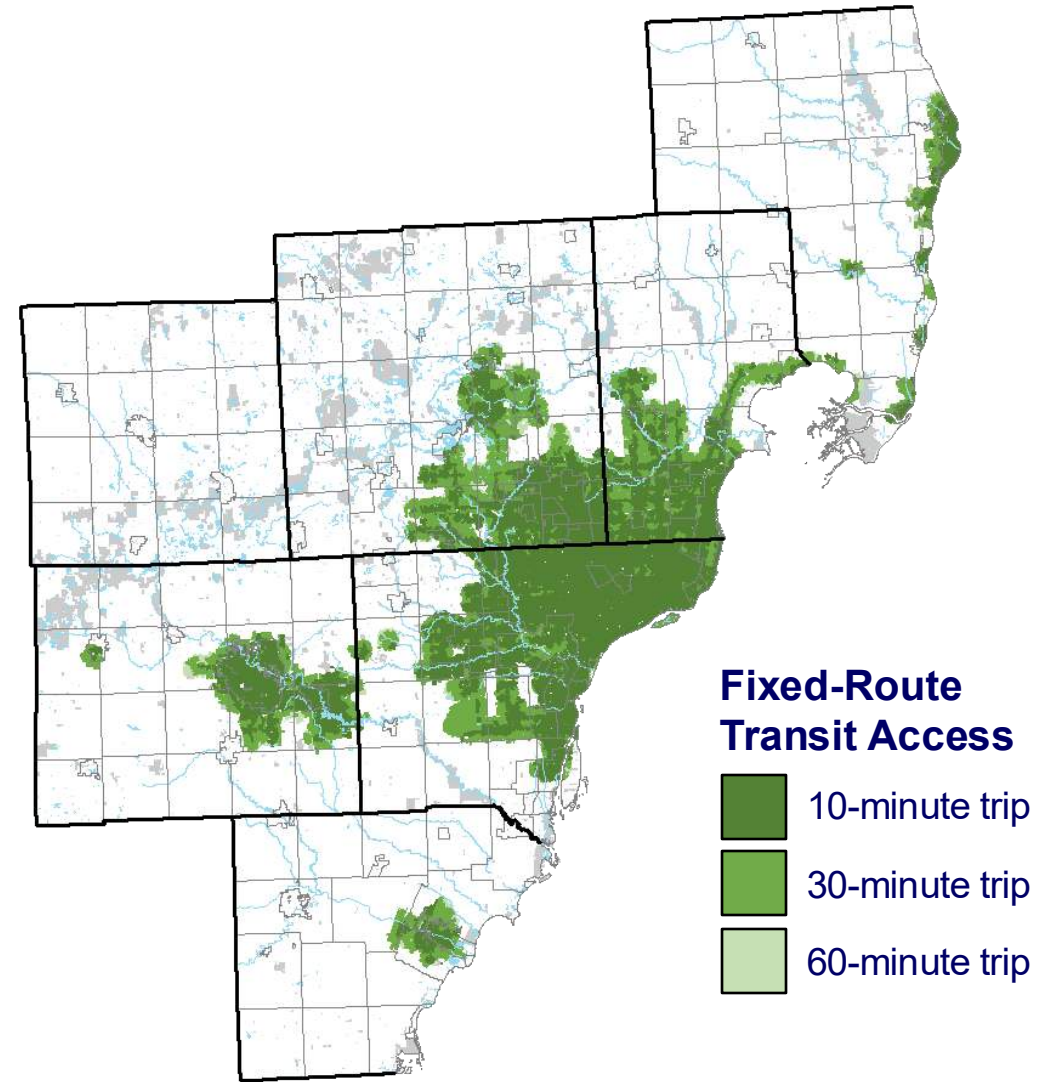
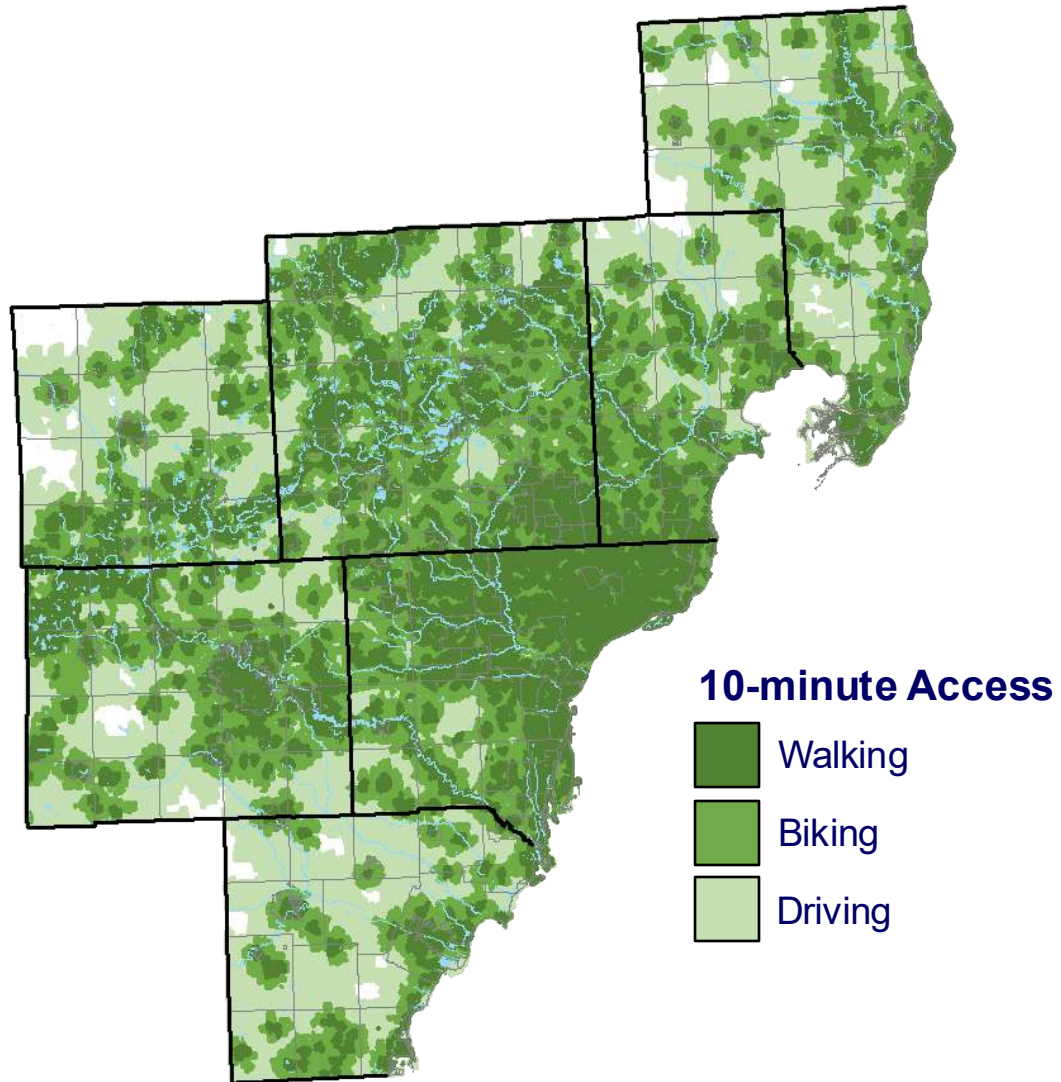
Outdoor Recreation

Winter Recreation

Amenities & Facilities

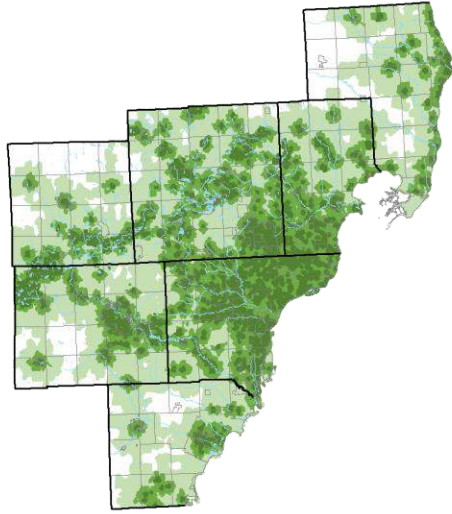


ACCESS TO PARKS ANALYSIS

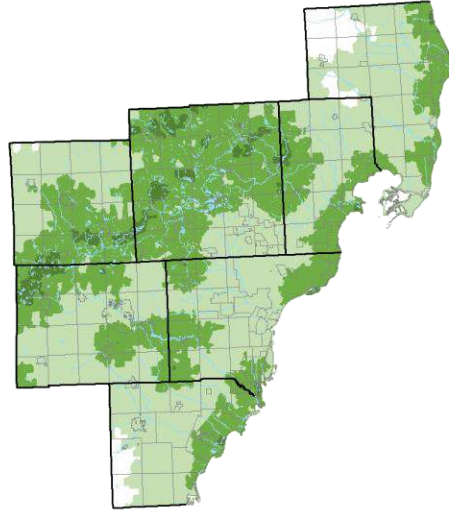


ACCESS TO PARKS ANALYSIS

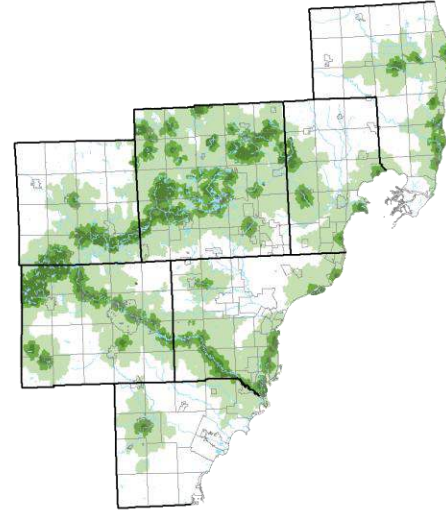
Playgrounds



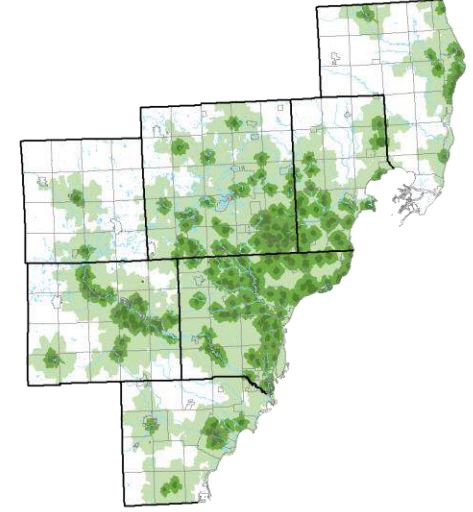
Beaches



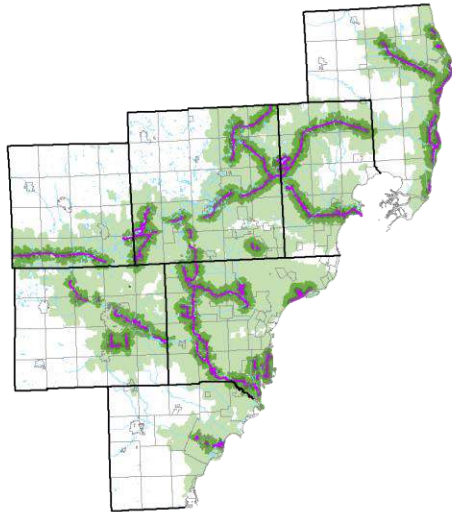
Paddling Launches



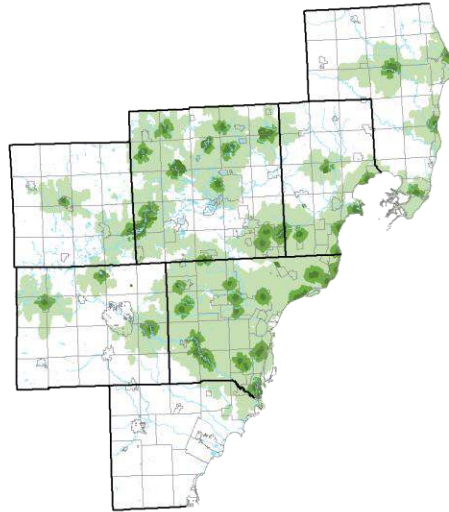
Tennis Courts



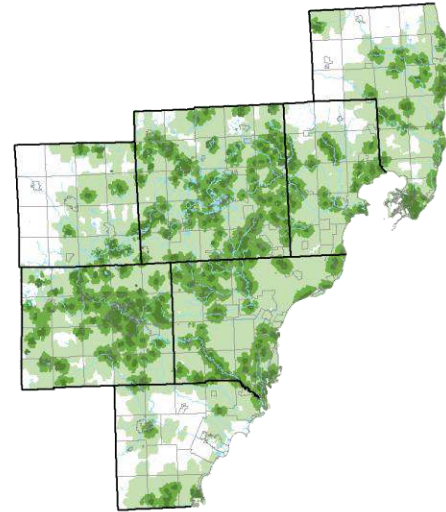
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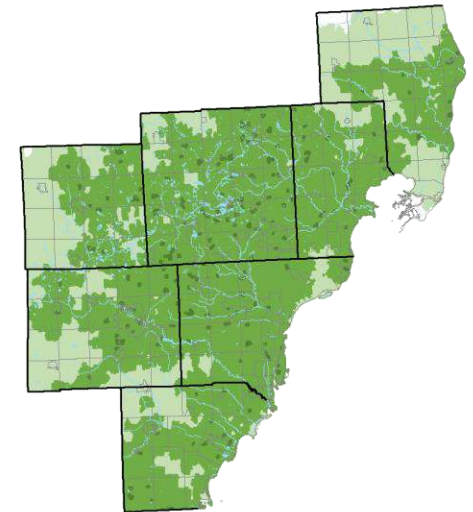
Splash Pads



Nature Preserves



Golf Courses



ACCESS TO PARKS ANALYSIS



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Access to Parks

Choose Community:

Macomb

Lenox Twp

Choose Amenity:

Pickleball Courts

Choose Mode:

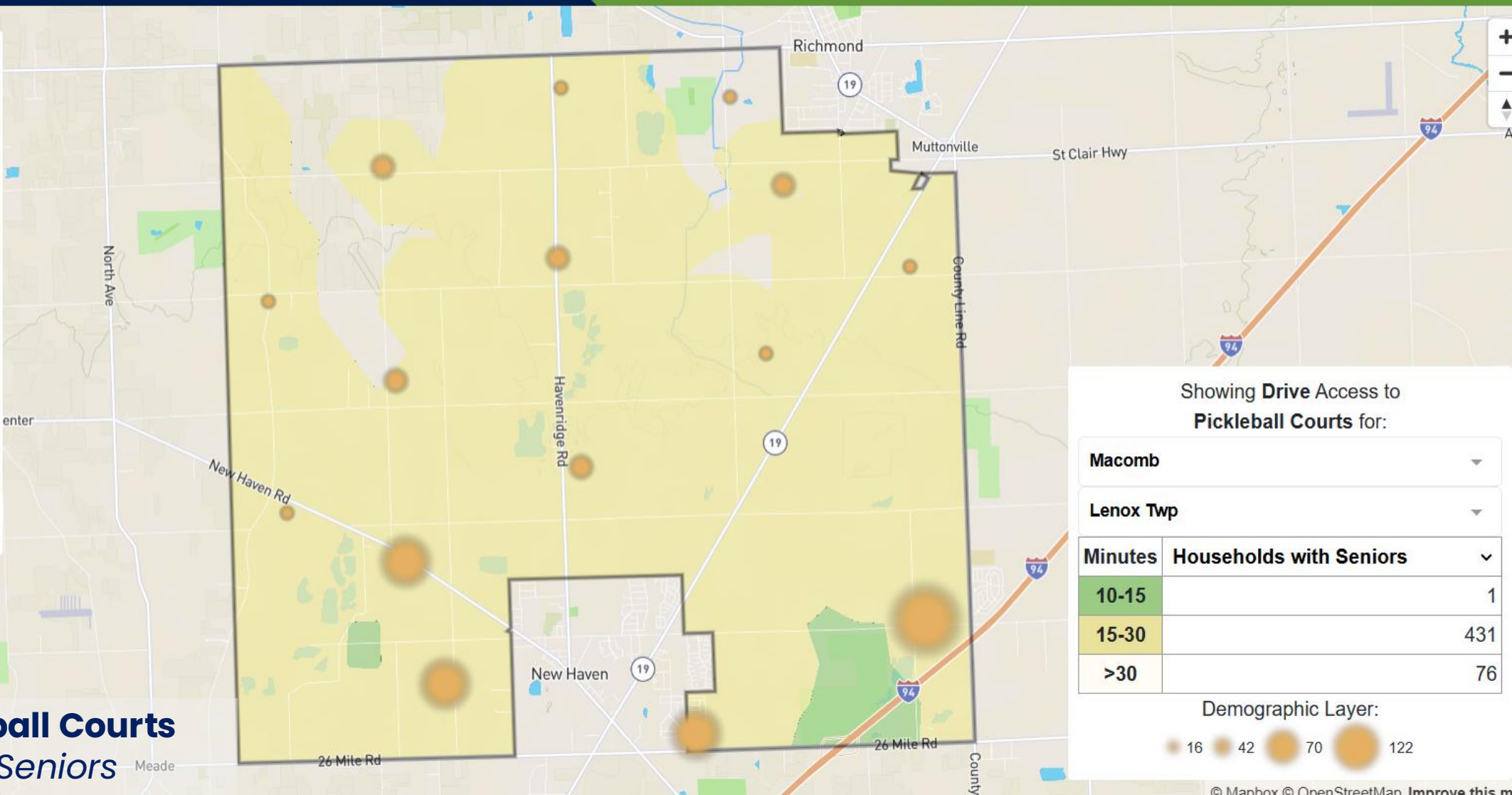
Walk Bike Drive Transit

Choose Demographic Layer:

Households with Seniors

Allow Zoom: ☒

The access area layer may shift with zoom enabled.



Showing Drive Access to Pickleball Courts for:

Macomb

Lenox Twp

Minutes	Households with Seniors
10-15	1
15-30	431
>30	76

Demographic Layer:

16 42 70 122

Access to Pickleball Courts
Households with Seniors

DATA CENTER RESOURCES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

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Sample Zoning Ordinances

The following resources provide links to sample zoning regulations from communities across the country, highlighting different approaches local governments can take when it comes to zoning for data centers. These approaches include permitting data centers by right, regulating them as special land uses, planned unit developments (PUDs), or through an overlay zoning district. Communities should examine the different approaches and develop regulations that align with the master plan and community vision. Additionally, communities should update their master plans to designate areas where data centers could be permitted or prohibited.

- [Henrietta Township, Michigan](#) – Requires various detailed studies with application. Includes requirements for decommissioning and reclamation.
- [DeKalb County, Georgia](#) – Detailed webpage with overview of the new zoning ordinance language and definitions for various sizes of data centers.
- [Monticello, Minnesota](#) – Detailed webpage highlighting language added into master plan. Data center zoning handled as a planned unit development (PUD).
- [Prince William County, Virginia](#) – Creates a data center overlay district; applies 24-hour noise limits, architectural screening, and buffer standards.
- [Chandler, Arizona](#) – All new data centers must now go through a public hearing process and are restricted to specific districts.
- [York County, Virginia](#) – Model zoning ordinance for data centers.
- [Fairfax County, Virginia](#) – Webpage includes a detailed staff report explaining the regulations. Includes performance standards for cooling and noise.

Moratoriums:

Local units of government sometimes adopt moratoriums to prohibit a particular land use/activity until regulations pertaining to that land use/activity are developed and adopted. As noted in the MSU Extension article linked below, *"A local government might adopt a moratorium to prevent development until rules are established, but this is not without legal risk. Do so with caution and make sure the municipal attorney is directly involved."* While there is no enabling legislation in

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- *Planning Assistance Grants*
- *Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)*
- *Green Infrastructure Implementation*



FUNDING RESOURCES: PLANNING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

- Annual program (April call for projects)
- FY2026 program focus areas (example)
- Multi-community and regional impactful planning projects:
 - ***Transportation Accessibility & Corridor Planning***
 - ***Trails and Greenways***
 - ***Transportation Safety***
 - ***Stormwater Management***
 - ***Streetscapes & Pedestrian Oriented Placemaking***
- Maximum grant – \$50,000 (18.15% match)



Filter by Categories
No category selected

- 11.5 Mile Relief Drain Retrofit and Access Study**
Macomb County, St. Clair Shores, Roseville
- 4 Corners Project 24 Mile at Van Dyke**
Shelby Twp.
- 9 Mile Road Corridor Improvement Plan**
Eastpointe
- Alley Pathway Project**
Hamtramck
- At-Grade Cross Blockage Resolution Strategy**
Romulus, Huron Twp.
- Auburn Avenue Traffic Study**
Pontiac
- Belleville Road Corridor Safety and Complete Streets Plan**
Van Buren Twp.
- Broughton Road Corridor Planning**
Macomb Twp.
- Citywide Nonmotorized Plan**
Northville
- City-wide Pathway Mobility Master Plan**
South Lyon
- Clinton River Spillway & Lower Clinton River Greenway Plan**
Macomb County
- Clinton Township DDA Streetscape and Placemaking Initiative**
Clinton Twp. DDA
- Community Plan - Shaping our Future**
Royal Oak Twp.
- Community Transportation Needs Assessment**
Livonia
- Corridor Improvement Study**
Oak Park, Huntington Woods, Berkley

Citywide Nonmotorized Plan

Zoom to
Pan

Project Type

Complete Streets and Corridor Safety Planning

Communities

Northville

Year

2023

Award Amount

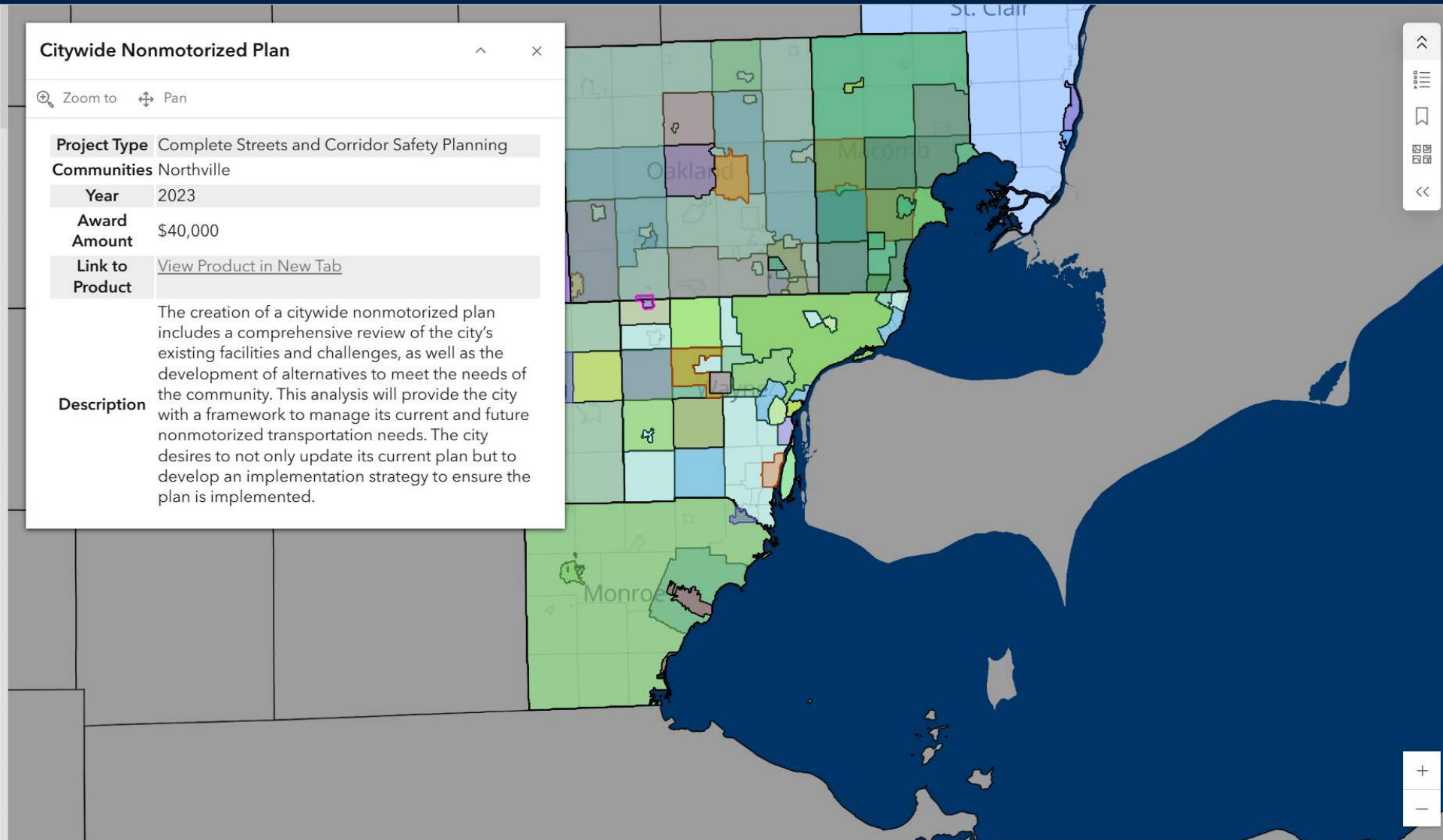
\$40,000

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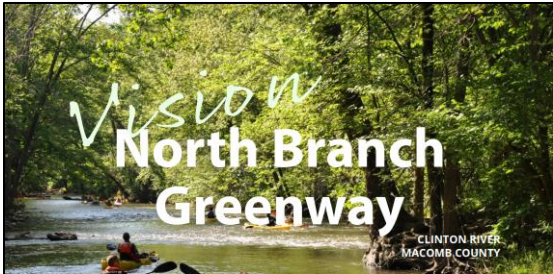
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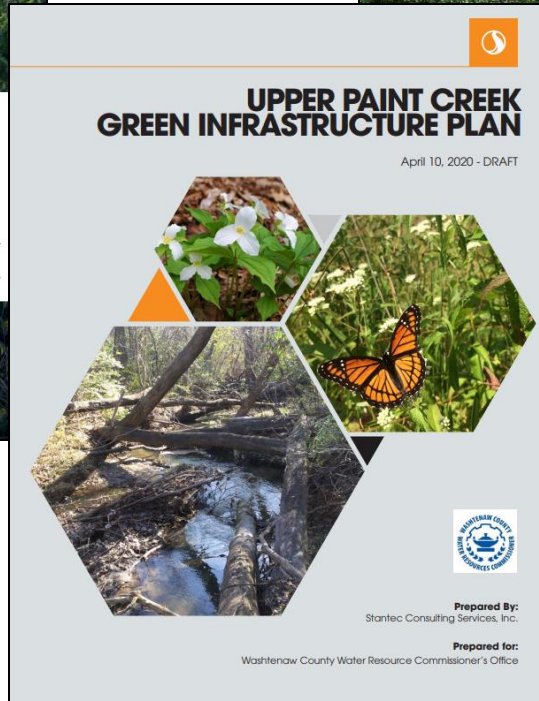
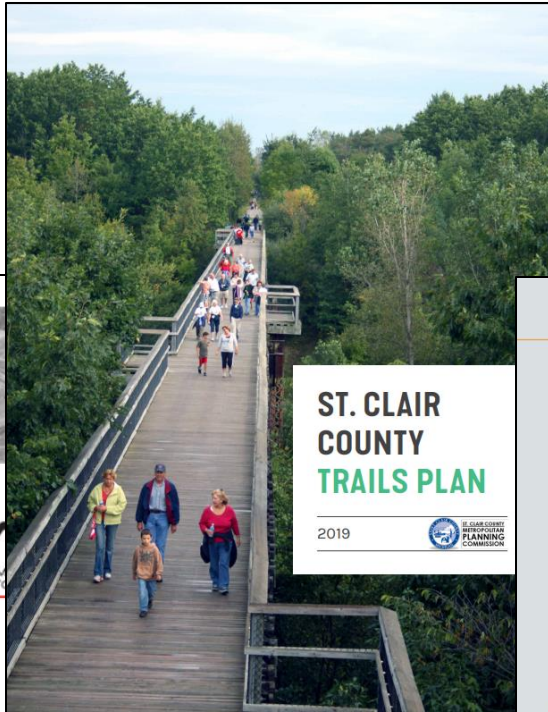
The creation of a citywide nonmotorized plan includes a comprehensive review of the city's existing facilities and challenges, as well as the development of alternatives to meet the needs of the community. This analysis will provide the city with a framework to manage its current and future nonmotorized transportation needs. The city desires to not only update its current plan but to develop an implementation strategy to ensure the plan is implemented.



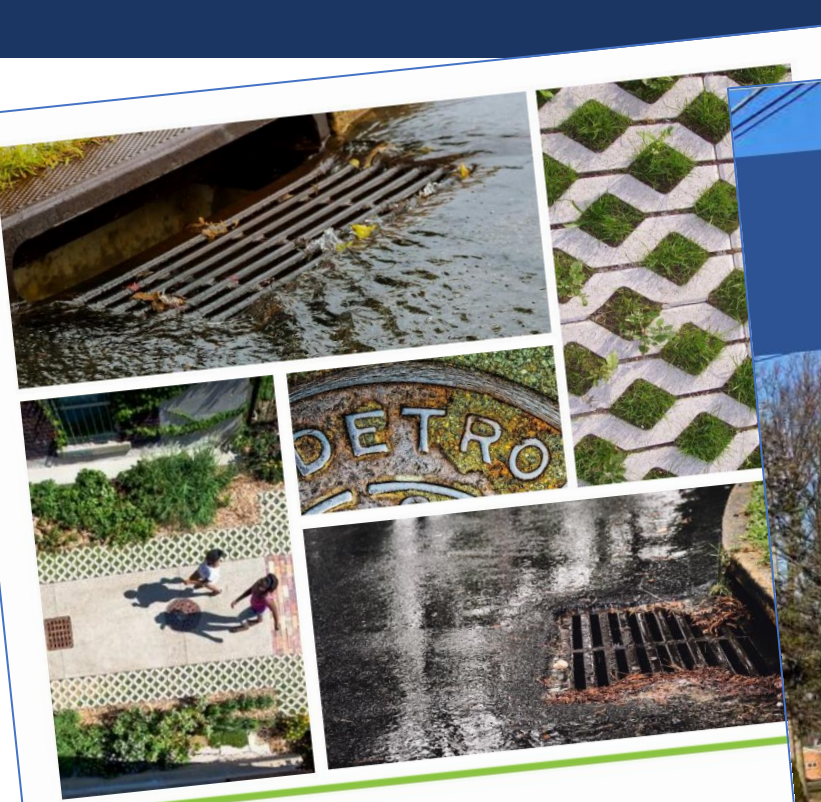
PLANNING ASSISTANCE GRANT PROJECTS



January 2025
**BROUGHTON ROAD
VISION GUIDE**
MACOMB TOWNSHIP



PLANNING ASSISTANCE GRANT PROJECTS



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SEMCOG Stormwater Management Planning Grant
**Ecorse Stormwater Best Management
Practices for Brownfield Sites**
Prepared for the City of Ecorse

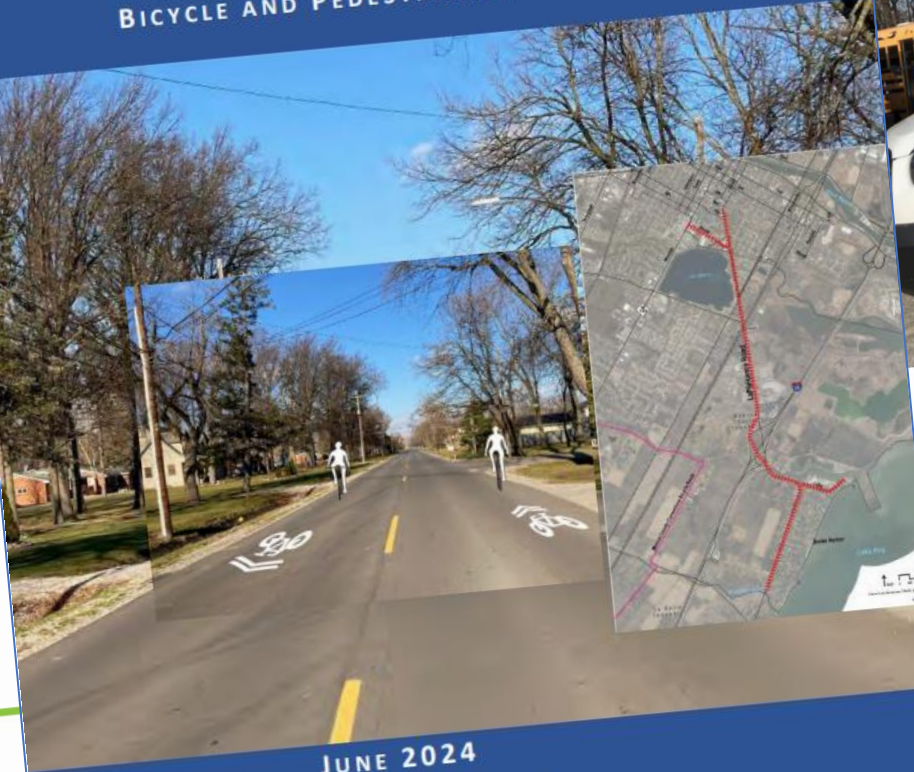
July 31, 2023

Issue #: 1

Project #: 20322.00

SEMCOG Stormwater Management Planning Grant – BMPs for Contaminated Sites
Project #: 20322.00 | Issue #: 1

LAPLAISANCE ROAD CORRIDOR FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS



JUNE 2024



MONROE
Charter School District



June 2024

MOBILITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT LIVONIA COMMUNITY TRANSIT

PREPARED FOR:

Liv&Go

PREPARED BY:

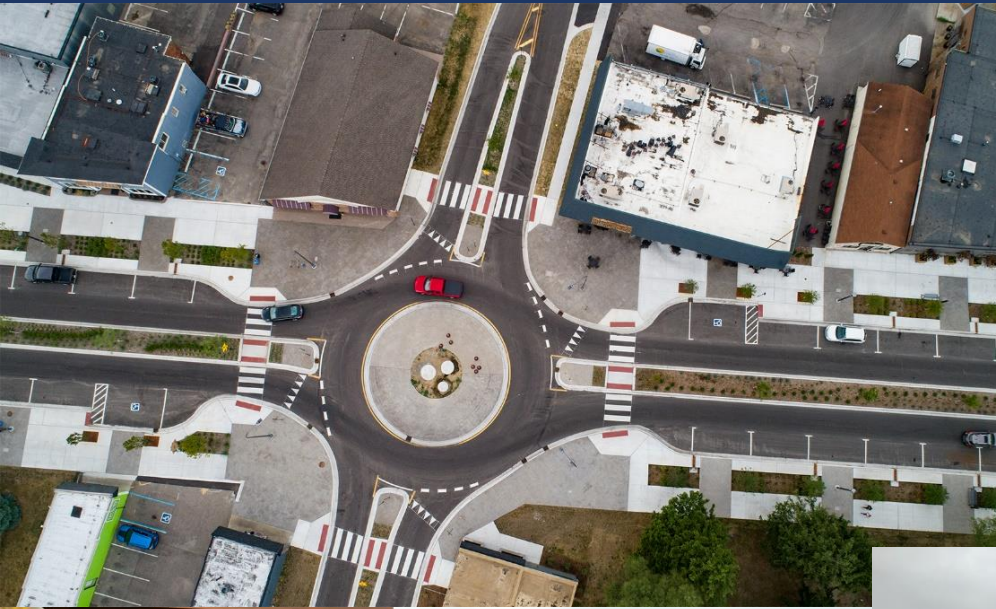


TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP)

- Safe Streets Now
- Regular TAP Call for FY2030



SEMCOG AWARDED PROJECTS (TAP)



GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM

- \$4.2 Million from USEPA for Green Infrastructure Implementation
- Pass-Through Funding for Subawards:
 - 12-15 Projects
 - \$50,000-\$300,000
- Call for Projects May 2026 – August 2026
- Implementation from **Spring 2027 – June 2030**
- Demonstrate annual stormwater runoff reduction



EDUCATION AND ENGAGEMENT

- *SEMCOG Universities*
- *Experience Southeast Michigan*
- *Task Forces*
- *Safe Streets/One Water Campaigns*



SEMCOG UNIVERSITY WORKSHOPS

Locals Lead: Innovation and

Michael Spence - SE...

SEMCOG University Webinar: Unlocking Local Prosperity – Collaborative Purchasing for Every Michigan Community

Thursday, May 22, 2025

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Upcoming SEMCOG Universities

Attend free training on a variety of topics of interest to elected leaders and government staff.



March 23, 2026 - SEMU:
Green Infrastructure Grant
Program Informational
Session

Join us for an important, enriching and
interactive meeting in your area!



April 30, 2026 - SEMCOG
University: A Deep Dive into
State Transportation
Funding

Join SEMCOG staff and William E.
Hamilton who serves as the Senior
Fiscal Analyst at the Michigan House
Fiscal Agency (HFA).

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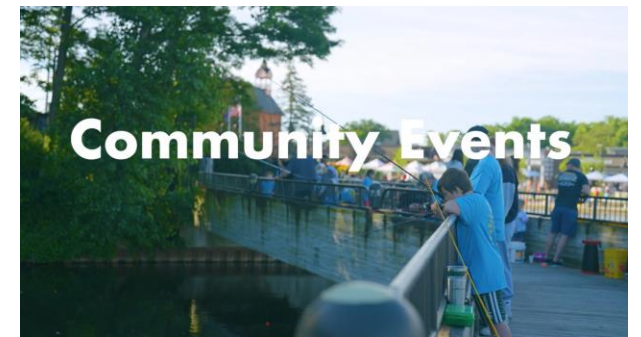
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SEMCOG TASK FORCES



Flooding Task Force



Freight Task Force



Legislative Policy Platform Task Force

PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGNS: SAFE STREETS AND ONE WATER



Campaign begins in May



Campaign begins in June

SEMCOG LEGISLATIVE POLICY PLATFORM



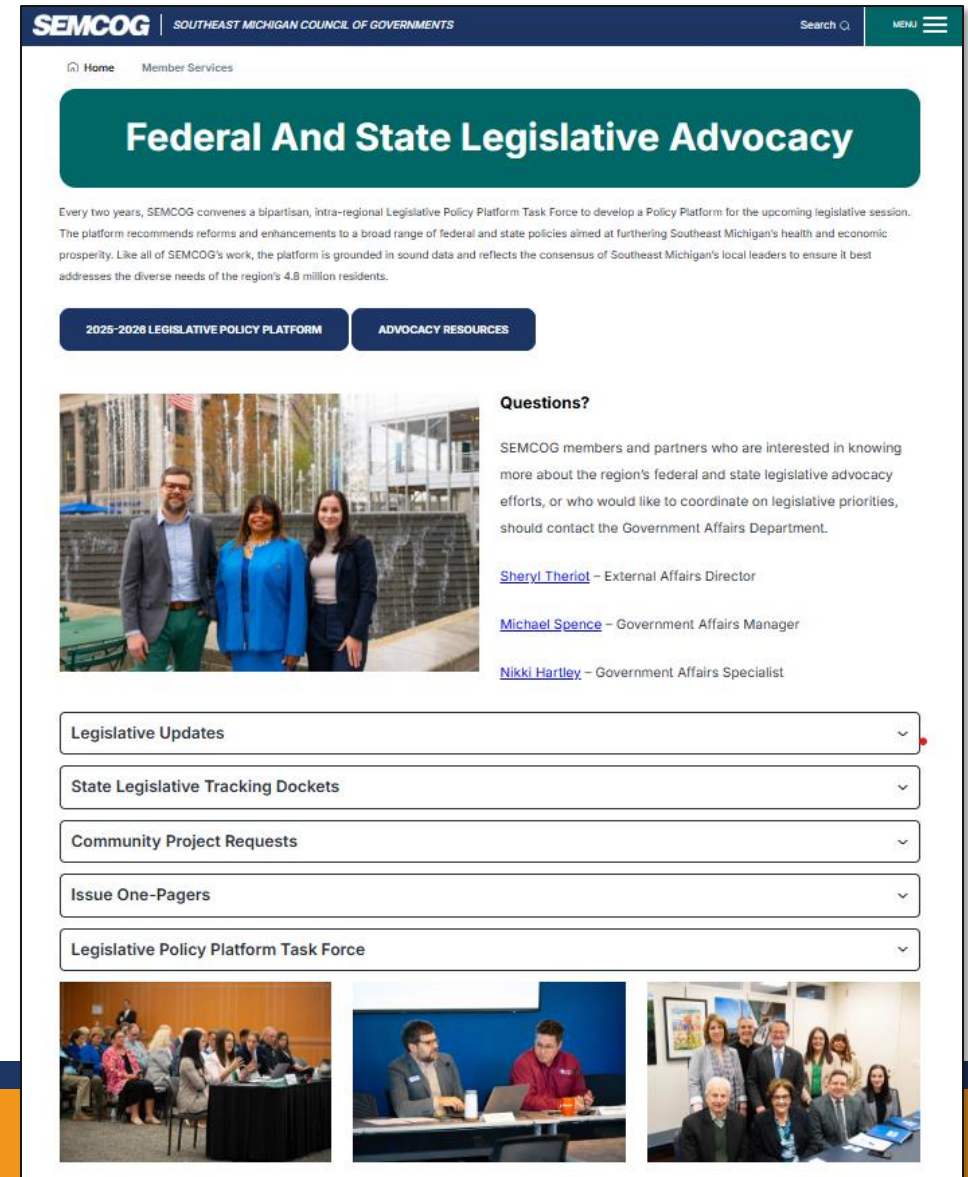
Prior to each new session of Congress and Michigan's Legislature, SEMCOG forms a Legislative Policy Platform Task Force to guide development of a new policy platform.

SEMCOG's 2026 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- **Advance sustainable stormwater infrastructure funding**, including the implementation of stormwater utilities to ensure long-term, locally driven solutions
- **Protect and preserve local government and education funding**, with a focus on safeguarding property tax revenue as a cornerstone of community services
- **Secure a surface transportation reauthorization** that protects and strengthens SEMCOG's most impactful programs
- **Defend local control** by opposing state or federal preemption that undermines the authority of local governments to address community-specific needs

CHECK OUT SEMCOG'S ADVOCACY WEBPAGE!

- Federal and State Legislative Reports from SEMCOG lobbyists
- Legislative Update and Action Alert e-newsletters
- Community Project Funding info and support
- State Legislative Tracking dockets
- Issue Area One-Pagers
- Advocacy Resources
 - SEMCOG data/reports supporting policy positions
 - Legislative district maps
 - Michigan legislator contact info



The screenshot shows the SEMCOG (Southeast Michigan Council of Governments) website's advocacy section. The header includes the SEMCOG logo and navigation links for Home and Member Services. A search bar and a menu icon are also present. The main heading is "Federal And State Legislative Advocacy". Below this, a paragraph explains the Legislative Policy Platform Task Force. Two buttons are visible: "2025-2026 LEGISLATIVE POLICY PLATFORM" and "ADVOCACY RESOURCES". A photo of three people (two men and one woman) is shown. To the right of the photo is a "Questions?" section with contact information for Sheryl Theriot, Michael Spence, and Nikki Hartley. Below the photo and text are five dropdown menus: "Legislative Updates", "State Legislative Tracking Dockets", "Community Project Requests", "Issue One-Pagers", and "Legislative Policy Platform Task Force". At the bottom, there are three small photos: a group of people in a meeting, two men working at a laptop, and a group of people standing together.

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Federal And State Legislative Advocacy

Every two years, SEMCOG convenes a bipartisan, intra-regional Legislative Policy Platform Task Force to develop a Policy Platform for the upcoming legislative session. The platform recommends reforms and enhancements to a broad range of federal and state policies aimed at furthering Southeast Michigan's health and economic prosperity. Like all of SEMCOG's work, the platform is grounded in sound data and reflects the consensus of Southeast Michigan's local leaders to ensure it best addresses the diverse needs of the region's 4.8 million residents.

2025-2026 LEGISLATIVE POLICY PLATFORM ADVOCACY RESOURCES



Questions?

SEMCOG members and partners who are interested in knowing more about the region's federal and state legislative advocacy efforts, or who would like to coordinate on legislative priorities, should contact the Government Affairs Department.

[Sheryl Theriot](#) – External Affairs Director

[Michael Spence](#) – Government Affairs Manager

[Nikki Hartley](#) – Government Affairs Specialist

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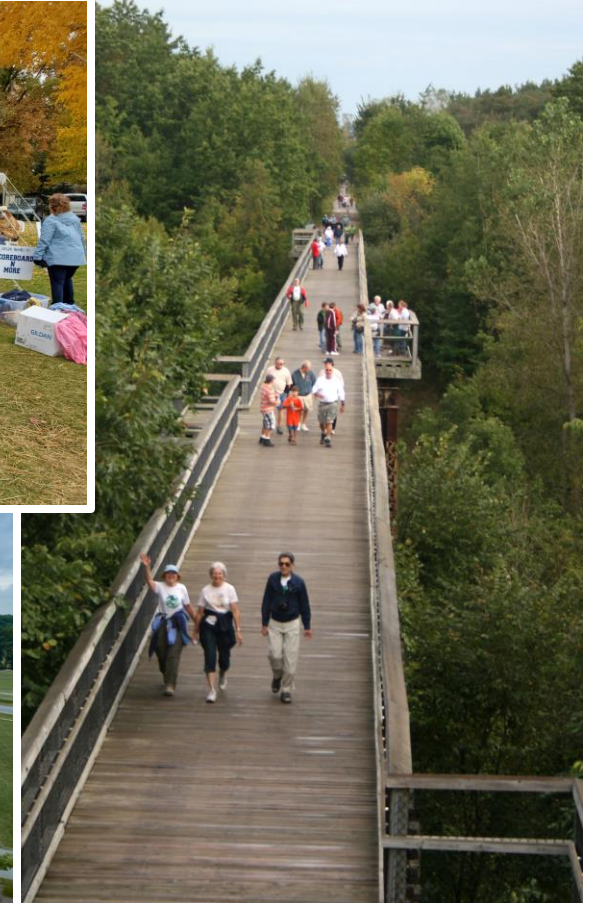
GUIDING OUR DIRECTION & FOCUS

Open discussion:

- What are the big issues/challenges in your community?
- What tools and resources do you need from SEMCOG?
- What do you want to get out of the Rural Communities Peer Group?
- What future topics would you like SEMCOG to dig deeper into?

NEXT STEPS

- Location & dates for future meetings
 - *When/Where?*
 - *How often?*
 - *In-person/Virtual?*
- Agenda Topics



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