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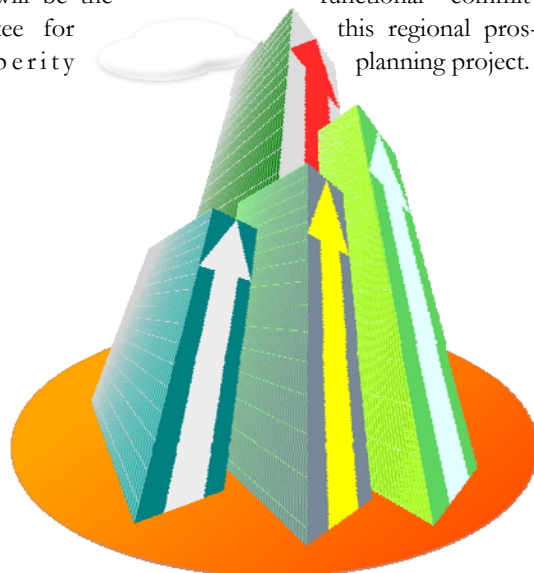
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## Regional Prosperity

TCRPC has been awarded \$155,300 by the State of Michigan to develop a regional prosperity plan. This initiative has just begun and TCRPC will commit to identifying and addressing barriers to our prosperity with a leadership group of LEAP, Inc., MIWorks!, Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce, Lansing Community College, and Michigan State University. Our goal is a plan by late 2014. Through RFPs, consultants will be hired to conduct a multi-modal network transit feasibility study and to create a dashboard to track our regional progress toward prosperity. The grant partners hold large and small regional economic development plan summit events.

The regional economic developers committee, the Lansing Tri-County Economic Partnership (LTREP) is TCRPC's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) workgroup and is also the Lansing Economic Area Partnership's Community Development Coalition (CDC). LTREP will be the functional committee for this regional prosperity planning project.



## TCRPC 2014 Chairperson

Brian McGrain is a native Michigianian, born in Lansing. After growing up out of state, he graduated from high school in Virginia and returned to attend Michigan State University, where he earned a bachelor's in Urban and Regional Planning, then a masters in Public Administration and Urban Studies.



Currently Associate Director/COO of the Community Economic Development Association of Michigan (CEDAM), a statewide trade association for community-based non-profits, McGrain oversees CEDAM's operations, training and communication efforts.

McGrain is now in his third term on the Ingham County Board of Commissioners, and has chaired the Human Services and Finance committees. He serves on the County Land Bank, the Economic Development Corp and Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. He has helped with many accomplishments in Ingham County and is pleased to lead the Commission in its planning efforts.

## TCRPC is MPO Certified!



TCRPC is the Metropolitan Planning Organization serving the Lansing, Michigan tri-county region. This status was reviewed and renewed in late 2013. TCRPC is responsible for the regional coordination and approvals of federal and state funded transportation projects in mid-Michigan. This coordination

makes the region's local governments, road agencies and transit providers eligible for more than \$57.6 million each year in grants and programs. The TCRPC is similarly designated as the Economic Development District for the US Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) and maintains the region's CEDS plan. This assures eligibility for EDA public works

and economic development projects. The TCRPC complies with all federal, state, and local requirements for fund management and project implementation. The Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration and the EDA review the TCRPC every three years to assure our processes meet federal planning requirements.

## 18th Annual Children's Water Festival

The 18th Annual Children's Water Festival was held on May 6, 2014 and hosted more than 1,400 middle school students on the Michigan State University campus.

Over the past 18 years, the successful Festival has engaged over 40,000 students from area schools in water resources education. Students learn about the importance of our environment and water resources and their role in protecting and conserving it. They participate in hands-on activities that relate to water resources. They also get to experi-

ence Billy B, the Natural Science Song and Dance Man, who provides an interactive musical per-



formance about water stewardship. A great addition to the festival this year was the Lansing Board of

Water & Light's Lethal Ladies Tapping Team. The Ladies set up a live demonstration of how to tap in a residential water line for all the students and teachers.

There were over 40 presenters from many different organizations, agencies, and companies including local Conservation Districts, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, and the American Water Works Association—Michigan Section. If your district schools are not already attending, please contact [Erin Campbell, TCRPC Environmental Planner](#), for more information.

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## “Pollution Isn't Pretty” Awarded an ADDY

The Tri-County Regional Planning Commission partnered with the Middle Grand River Organization of Watersheds (funded through Mid-Michigan Program for Greater Sustainability and several Mid-Michigan watershed groups and agencies to rollout a recently developed water resources brand, “Pollution Isn't Pretty.” This campaign will streamline multiple organization's educational efforts to create clear, consistent messages that educate area residents about water quality con-

cerns and what they can do to reduce pollution and protect our region's water resources.

We are pleased to announce the water resource brand for the mid-Michigan area received the 2013 Gold ADDY award. The ADDY is a national advertising competition that recognizes creative excellence in all forms of media and design. The award recognized this educational campaign for its significance in communicating the impor-

tance of protecting the watershed. To learn more about Pollution Isn't Pretty visit [www.pollutionisntpretty.org](http://www.pollutionisntpretty.org). Erin Campbell is the lead TCRPC staff for this project.



## Health Impact Assessment Tool

TCRPC, the Ingham County Health Department and Michigan State University are pleased to announce a new online mapping tool for communities can use it to complete health impact assessments of policies and changes to our built environment. Anyone can evaluate the potential health impacts of new construction projects, road improvements, community plans, and more. The Health Impact Assessment tool is now available at [midmichigansustainability.org](http://midmichigansustainability.org), home of TCRPC's Mid-Michigan Program for Greater Sustainability.

Funded by a grant from the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development's Sustainable Communities program, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Pew Charitable Trust Health Impact Partners program, the Health Impact Assessment tool is a free online mapping tool. Community leaders, land owners, governmental staff, and residents can locate a construction or development project on an interactive map and assess the development's impact on public health.

Mid-Michigan's new Health Impact Assess-

ment tool will help our citizens and professionals better understand the impacts of changes to the built environment. For more information, please contact TCRPC's Land Use Planner, [Harmony Gmazel](#).



## A TCRPC Staff Profile: Maria Habba



Maria Habba, TCRPC's Executive Assistant and Commission Clerk, joined the TCRPC in 2000. She supports all programs at TCRPC and is a particularly valuable asset to the Transportation Department. She brings exceptional service to the TCRPC and has helped manage the agency's administrative functions for many years.

Maria is responsible for creating content and maintaining the agency's website and produces the quarterly newsletter to help better educate the general public, partners and clients. She also serves as TCRPC's Capital Area United Way Coordinator and finds this role very rewarding. Maria is a member of the Lansing Area Young Leader's Society and successfully completed their program.

Maria is diligent and committed to all her responsibilities at TCRPC. She also helps to manage a family-owned business while she is pursuing a degree in Business Management at Dav- enport College. Maria has one daughter and she enjoys participating in charitable events and spending time with family and friends.

For more info, go to [www.mitrpc.org](http://www.mitrpc.org)

## Regional Vision for Michigan Ave./Grand River Ave.

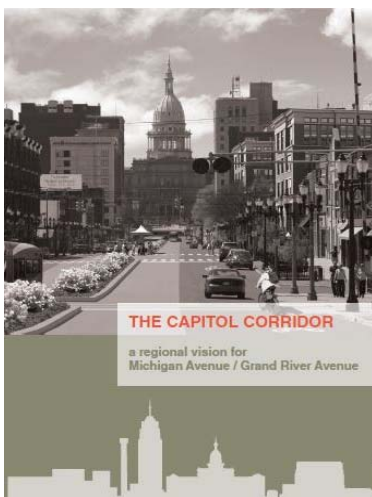
TCRPC is pleased to unveil "The Capitol Corridor: A Regional Vision for Michigan Avenue/Grand River Avenue." The TCRPC Commissioners from throughout Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties encourage all to recognize and share in this regionally developed vision for the Capitol Corridor, our region's "main street".

The Capitol Corridor Vision was developed through a series of public meetings, workshops, design sessions, online input, and week-long planning events called "charrettes." This effort demonstrated Charrettes Planning in our region, giving opportunities for planners, community leaders, and residents to participate. And, the exercises resulted in a broad-based and community-driven vision for a more sustainable and resilient corridor. This report and more information is available at [migrand-](http://migrand-)

[charrette.com](http://charrette.com).

The next important step is to implement this vision. Please use this report and its website resources to evaluate and guide your municipal planning, zoning, and development policies and incentives. We look forward to assisting you as you align this regional vision with your community's practices.

The Capital Corridor project was supported by the [Mid-Michigan Program for Greater Sustainability \(MMPGS\)](#) with a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. It is one of many projects to plan for a mid-Michigan community that is more livable, walkable, economically resilient, and environmentally sustainable. Visit [midmichigansustainability.org](http://midmichigansustainability.org) to learn more. Please contact TCRPC's Chief Transportation Planner, [Paul Hamilton](#) with any questions about the Capital Corridor vision plan.



## Sue Says...

I noted with sadness the passing of Maya Angelou this week. I remember her most as an author—I met her first book when I was a teenager and over the years have read all of her autobiographies, she wrote seven. Through her stories, I came to know her as a daughter, a mother, an artist, an actor, an activist, and an adventurer. When she spoke at President Clinton's inauguration, I knew her as a poet and a deeply thoughtful person. Maya Angelou lived through many different and challenging life circumstances. She was a survivor of abuse, of prejudice, and of

change. She was, at the same time, challenging and supportive, educated and creative, obstinate and accommodating. Maya An-

***"Our country needs us all right now to stand up and be counted. We need to try to be great citizens. We are necessary in this country, and we need to give something ....You'll be surprised at how much better you will feel," she said. "And good done anywhere is good done everywhere."***

***Maya Angelou, in a 2009 interview with Anderson Cooper on CNN***

gelou lived a sustainable life—building and creating success as a person that lasted through the many challenges and changes that life presented her.

When I picture the word

'resilient' in my mind's eye, I see Maya Angelou. I think that as a community, we can learn much from her life. We can learn to listen to all of the differences in our community, and give voice to needs for equity. We can care for the least amongst us while we invest in our greatest leaders. We can, as a community, plan for a better future while we react to the challenges that face us...actively advocate for progress while we manage our existing resources conservatively. We can plan for a more sustainable life for ourselves and our children. We can become a resilient community.

### Don't Miss These Opportunities!

**GLACC Jump Start Your Green Fleet with Propane**—June 17 at Michigan State University Transportation Services

**Regional Prosperity Initiative**—June 19 - 3-5 p.m. at the TCRPC Offices

**MMPGS Clinton County Showcase**—June 19 - 12 noon - 2 p.m. at the Agri-Culture Liquid Fertilizers Building. [RSVP is requested.](#) ([More information](#))

**Safe Routes 2 School Free Training!**—August 27 - 9:00 – 12:00 noon at the TCRPC Office ([More information](#))

## Long Range 2040 Transportation Plan Update

The Long Range Transportation Plan for Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties in mid-Michigan is being updated out to the 2040 year. We are asking that our local municipalities verify the population and socio-economic data that will be used to update the Plan ([More Details](#)). TCRPC is also accepting suggested projects that should be included in the Plan. Anyone is welcome to submit new projects for any mode of

transportation for Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties and all communities within the mid-Michigan region ([More Details](#)). Use this [LINK](#) to enter your new project idea for roads, ramps, pathways, parkways, rail or air routes, or any transportation project that should be considered in our regional plans out to the year 2040. Please visit the [TCRPC-Transportation](#) page for more information.

### Mark your calendars for these public meeting opportunities!

- \* Tuesday, June 24th: East Lansing Hannah Community Center from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- \* Wednesday, June 25th: Delhi Township Hall from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- \* Thursday, June 26th: Clinton County Road Commission Office from 1:00-3:00 p.m.



### News & Information from MDOT

There are many common myths and misconceptions about transportation in Michigan, from why MDOT replaces "perfectly good" signs to why current funding levels aren't enough to keep roads and bridges in good condition. [Transportation Reality Check](#) takes on some of these myths, and explains why MDOT does things the way they do.

MDOT has also provided information on how your tax dollars at the pump are being used to fund Michigan roads ([More Details](#)).



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