



Background

On February 14, 2022, the Village Council adopted a Public Participation Plan for the Village of Blissfield. This plan is a requirement of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's (MEDC) Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) program.

Public Participation Objectives

The purpose for establishing this Public Participation Plan is to have a clear set of policies, procedures, and methods to apply across a wide range of village initiatives to ensure the public has appropriate venues and timing for feedback. This is meant to be a "living document" that is updated periodically to respond to changes in staffing, noticing, and community needs.

Public participation goals for the village include, but are not limited to, the following:

- ❖ To continuously engage residents and stakeholders across the duration of each project with multiple engagement opportunities, ensuring their voices are heard throughout the entire process.
- ❖ Provide engagement opportunities that are accessible for all and include accommodation for people of all ages and abilities, as well as people with schedules that typically prevent them from participating.
- ❖ To proactively include groups of people whose voices are not typically represented in traditional forms of engagement, and to support an equitable balance of input from the entire community.
- ❖ To provide residents with a clear understanding of how their input was used in Village planning and policy and to build trust by publishing timely, user friendly engagement results.
- ❖ To continuously make engagement more effective by updating the engagement decision-making and implementation process based on how well strategies performed in the past.

2023 Annual Status Report

As a component of the Public Participation Plan evaluation, the village will report annually on the plans Implementation; with the following items having been implemented:

- Community outreach - Newspaper and radio advertising
- Joint Board Meeting in March 2023
- Planning Commission Annual report
- 5-Year Master Plan -Survey and Public Hearing
- Budget Public Hearing for Village of Blissfield
- Post Season Parent & Coaches survey for Fall Soccer, Football and Cheer
- Public Hearing for Ordinance Amendments & Repeals
 - Chapter 1 Village Code of Contents
 - Chapter 3 Compensation for Village Officials
 - Chapter 8 Compensation for Building Inspector
 - Chapter 9 Compensation for Zoning Administrator
 - Chapter 11 Compensation for Mechanical/Plumbing Inspector

- Chapter 12 Election of Village President, Trustees, Clerk and Treasurer
- Chapter 13 Terms of Office and Fiscal Year
- Chapter 14 Compensation for Electrical Inspector
- Chapter 140 Village Administrator
- Chapter 150 Water Supply and Sewage Disposal System
- Public Hearing for Spark Grant Submission
- 32 Email Campaigns with 15,342 emails sent through Constant Contact
- Parks & Recreation Information Table at Riga Days
- Mailed DDA Mainstreet Impact Report