



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.

2024 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 – social media, Newspaper and radio advertising
 - Village of Blissfield social media with 126,000 views, 3,000 followers
 - Parks & Recreation social media with 52,100 views, 1,800 followers
 - Downtown Blissfield social media with 113,600 views, 4,900 followers
 - Blissfield Yuletide social media with 12,800 views, 3,300 followers
- Joint Board Meeting in March 2024
- Planning Commission Annual report
- Budget Public Hearing for Village of Blissfield
- Public Hearing for Ordinance Amendments & Repeals
 - Chapter 111 & 112 Animals
 - Chapter 21 Eating & Drinking Establishments
 - Chapter 23 Public Dances
 - Chapter 24 Pool Rooms and Bowling Alleys

- Chapter 144 & 145 Parks
- Chapter 210.063 Planned Unit Development
- Chapter 216.1315 Planned Unit Development
- Chapter 216 Article VI R1 and R2 Districts
- Chapter Article XII- Schedule of Regulations
- Chapter 5 Compensation for Village Officials
- Annual Audit Presentation
- Truth in Taxation Public Hearing
- 35 Email Campaigns with 29,218 emails sent through Constant Contact
- Parks & Recreation Information Table at Riga Days
- Mailed DDA Mainstreet Impact Report
- Implemented Monthly Newsletters in July
- Parks & Recreation Master Plan Survey
- DDA Pulse Poll Survey
- Public Notice and posting of Council and Board Annual Meeting Calendars