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Upcoming Meetings & Events

Phase II Community Workshops:

- **Foster Community Center**
January 14, 6:30-8:30 PM
- **Letts Community Center**
January 19, 6:30-8:30 PM
- **Fenner Nature Center**
January 21, 6:30-8:30 PM
- **South Side Community Center (Hill)**
January 26, 6:30-8:30 PM

What's in a Name?

"The term green infrastructure was selected to emphasize its difference from traditional conservation practices and the need to change several popular perceptions about green space planning and protection. Where-as green space is often viewed as something that is nice to have, the term green infrastructure implies something that we must have. Protecting and restoring our nation's natural life support system is a necessity, not an amenity.

- Where-as green space is often thought of as isolated parks, recreation sites or natural areas, the term green infrastructure emphasizes interconnected systems of natural areas and other open spaces that are protected and managed for the ecological benefits they provide to people and the environment.
- Where-as green space is often viewed as self-sustaining, the term green infrastructure implies something that must be actively maintained and at times restored."

From:

Green Infrastructure:

Smart Conservation for the 21st Century

Mark A. Benedict, Ph.D.

Edward T. McMahon, J.D.

www.sprawlwatch.org

"The role of the street is social as well as utilitarian."
- Andres Duany

What's Next?

Phase II of *Design Lansing* City Master Plan will begin January 14! Phase II Public Workshops are open to anyone interested in the future of Lansing. This new workshop will enable those who have been involved previously to have greater input and for those new to the process to become involved. The workshop will cover what we have done to date, and how we use those findings to begin creating our plans. Citizens will participate in small "break-out" discussions of one of four topics: Land Use, Economic Development, Transportation, and Green Infrastructure. The groups will then share their priority list, and that list will then be part of the basis for the February Phase III Topical Forums. Each of the January Phase II Public Workshops is the same format, offered on different nights, in different parts of town in hopes of accommodating the most participants. Please plan on attending one of these workshops!



What else is going on....

Regional 2035 Transportation Plan for Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties is available for review (www.miterpc.org). The plan identifies major transportation system investments in the region between 2010-2035.

- Foster Community Center - Wed. January 13 (3-4 PM)
200 N. Foster - Room 209
- Hannah Community Center - Thurs. January 21 (6-7 PM)
819 Abbott, East Lansing - Executive Conference Room

Eastside Food Forum, on Wednesday, January 20 at Foster Community Center, Room 213, from 6:30-8:00 pm.

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