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City Planning Commission
19 West Main Street
Hartford, MI 49057

Subject: City of Hartford 2026 Master Plan - Review for Adoption

Dear Planning Commissioners,

We are pleased to present the final draft of the 2026 Master Plan Update. The Planning Commission serves as the authorizing body for the Master Plan and is responsible for its adoption.

Preparation of the updated plan began in 2025 and included engagement with residents and community members through an online survey and various public participation opportunities. Over the past year, the Planning Commission has regularly discussed public input results, demographic updates, land use issues, and the future vision for the City during its meetings. In addition, public comment was received throughout the planning process at meetings, via email, and during the state-required 63-day comment period.

All revisions and changes discussed at previous Planning Commission meetings have been incorporated into the final draft included in your meeting packet. No additional revisions were submitted during the public comment period.

The Michigan Planning Enabling Act (MPEA) authorizes the Planning Commission to approve the Plan by resolution with a majority vote. The MPEA also permits the City Council, as the governing body of the City of Hartford, to grant final approval; however, this option has not been exercised by the City Council. Therefore, approval by the Planning Commission represents the final step in the adoption process.

Upon approval, a public notice will be issued to notify all required parties in accordance with the MPEA, and the document will become the official Plan of record.

If the Planning Commission is satisfied with the plan, we respectfully request and recommend approval of the 2026 Master Plan for adoption.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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