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The Future Land Use Plan Map is a representation of the City's preferred land use arrangement. The map identifies general locations for various uses envisioned by the Planning Commission. The Master Plan is a guide for local decisions regarding land use. The recommendations in the Land Use Plan do not necessarily imply that rezoning is imminent. Rather, the recommendations set a long-range planning goal.

Illustrated on the Future Land Use Plan Map are the following future land use categories: Single Family Residential, Multiple Family Residential, Mixed Use, Commercial Vehicular, Office, Village Center, Institutional, Parking and Open Space. Descriptions of these categories are provided below:

Single Family Residential: Residential land uses account for the largest land use category in the 2015 Master Plan; there is no change to the category, except to note that there will likely be opportunities for new single family residential, in the form of attached single family residential dwellings, in the Village Center and mixed use areas. It is envisioned that occasional lots will be converted to parking adjacent to the parcels along Southfield Road to encourage redevelopment. Historic homes are encouraged to be preserved. It should be noted that the House in the Woods area is currently zoned as R3 Cluster Housing, which allow single-family dwelling units to be developed with varied yard setback requirements and/or design innovations so as to (a) facilitate development of parcels that are difficult to develop under the usual standards, (b) allow for a single-family detached residential development without increasing the permitted appropriate conventional lot-by-lot subdivision density, and/or (c) enhance useful open space and preserve significant trees and other natural features through the proper utilization of density transfer techniques. The redevelopment concept included on page 74 is consistent with the current zoning.

Multiple Family Residential: The 2015 Master Plan had limited areas designated for multiple family uses, located primarily along 11 Mile Road and Evergreen Road. Again, this plan considers that there are opportunities to increase the provision of multiple family residential in conjunction with redevelopment along the Southfield Road Corridor, in both the Village Center and mixed use areas.

Mixed Use: The 2015 Master Plan identified the blocks north of the Village Center and blocks south of 11 Mile Road as mixed use, to be redeveloped with residential, office, and "lower trip-generation retail businesses." Most of the Southfield Road Corridor (except the Village Center and mile road intersections) are designated as Mixed Use.

Commercial Vehicular: The intent of the Commercial Vehicular category is to serve transient customers creating higher trip generation to the commercial site. These areas are located along Southfield Road at the intersections of 11 Mile Road and 12 Mile Road. The uses envisioned within this land use class would include retail; restaurant; service businesses, such as banks, professional offices; and gas stations. No changes are proposed for this land use category.

Office: This land use category is reserved exclusively for professional office use. These areas are located along 12 Mile Road where professional offices are currently located and at the northeast corner of 11 Mile Road and Evergreen Road.

Village Center: The Village Center encompasses all of the segments of the California Drive octagon and, as a result, establishes a concentrated area for commercial and civic activities. It is envisioned that there will be a mix of public and private property, including residential, office, retail, restaurant, entertainment, gathering spaces, and recreation areas. The final configuration of Southfield Road will dictate the size and development footprint of the area. It is anticipated that the internal road network will be developed to continue the alley system and the conceptual "Park Street Promenade." The current civic facilities are intended to remain in the Village Center area, but may be leveraged or reconfigured to accommodate the redevelopment as envisioned for a vibrant, compact, pedestrian-oriented downtown area.

Institutional: Schools, churches, and public facilities are regarded as institutional land uses, and therefore are spread throughout the City in order to provide services to a wide range of residents.

Parking (deleted in 2021): The 2009 Master Plan classified properties adjacent to the Southfield Road parcels as “Mixed Use Expansion Areas;” they were identified as Parking in the 2015 Master Plan Update. While these areas continue to be envisioned as supplemental rear parking areas as a way to facilitate redevelopment, it may be confusing to show them only as parking. The redevelopment of Southfield Road properties continues to be directed to the Southfield Road frontage.

Open Space: These areas accommodate existing public parks, publicly owned open space, and open areas formed by converging rights-of-way. Open space areas within residential developments are classified under the appropriate residential land use category. Open space areas in the Village Center area are included in the Village Center land use category, recognizing the value of open space in a downtown environment. No changes have been identified for adding or subtracting open space. The City currently has four developed park properties and one undeveloped park property:

1. Annie Lathrup Park: Approximately two acres in size, Annie Lathrup Park has a 1/4 mile walking / jogging asphalt pathway, with a large center grassy area, two out-door skating rinks with benches and trash cans.
2. Goldengate Park: Located south of the Interstate 696 highway that divides the City of Lathrup Village into north and south sections, Goldengate Park was developed in 1989 and is approximately 2 1/2 acres. Its amenities include a walking path that leads into and out of the residential areas, four designated play ground areas, two bench swings, picnic tables, grills, trash cans, split rail fencing, and a small parking lot.
3. Lathrup Village Municipal Park: Located directly behind the City’s Municipal Building, the Lathrup Village Municipal Park encompasses approximately two acres. The park has a picnic shelter with brick BBQ and electric capabilities, picnic tables, playground equipment, children’s garden, gazebo with electric service, brick paver walkway, large grassy open area, ample parking, and close to the municipal building for restrooms.
4. Sarrackwood Park: Situated between Saratoga, Rackham and Woodworth Way streets, Sarrackwood Park is approximately 3/4 of an acre. This park has playground equipment, picnic tables, trash cans, split rail fencing, and a small garden area.
5. Dorothy Warren Pocket Park, on Morningside Street.

MAP 6: LATHRUP VILLAGE FUTURE LAND USE MAP

