

Suggestions made during Open House sessions: Cross Village Township, Pellston, Mackinaw City, Bear Creek Township, and Little Traverse Township					
	Page #	Comment	Suggestions	Discussed	Action taken
1	Page 6	Confusing	These include: current development activity, <b>character of development (i.e. how a development fits within the community)</b> , viewshed analysis, <b>development of character type</b> , and transportation framework.		
2	Appendix A	Wolverine Stage Zoning "Mixed Use" narrow strip need more land for aviation related businesses – zoning was turned down before (by Del Road), land site prices high, seasonal business survival, mixed use N of airport – light industrial zoning needed – no off-air car rentals because of land cost.	Suggest changing mixed use to industrial east of Pellston Regional Airport on US-31 and extending north, doubling the length of the zone.		
3	Page 101	Broadband – high speed internet – needed in outlying areas	Change to priority 1		
4		Should be able to use on-street parking in calculating parking requirements (Cross Village)	Review parking standards – minimize impact on environment while providing adequate accommodations for parking		
5	Chapter 2	Add Mackinaw Historic Village and McGulpin Point as Cultural Resources	<u>Mackinaw Historic Village</u> In 2004 the Mackinaw Area Historical Society (MAHS) created a partnership with the Village of Mackinaw City to create a Historic Village at 501 Wilderness Park Drive. The Village of Mackinaw City owns the 43 acres of land and buildings. The MAHS provides the energy for the restoration work and programming. The MAHS also collects, catalogues, and owns the artifacts used in the buildings. Eleven structures, a baseball field, a road, and a parking lot are all planned for the site over the next five years. The structures will include a pest house, ice house, storage building, school, church, privy, maple sugar shack, lumber mill, clothes pin factory, depot, and pavilion.		
6			<u>McGulpin's Point</u> In 2008, the Emmet County Board of Commissioners purchased the McGulpin's Point Lighthouse, a historically significant feature and property in northern Emmet County. The lighthouse is located on just over 9 acres 2 miles west of Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse near the Mackinaw City village limit. Constructed in 1869, the lighthouse served as a beacon for 37 years before being decommissioned and sold to a private land owner. Acquiring the property for public ownership will ensure the preservation of the lighthouse for everyone. Emmet County intends to replace the original light and lantern room, and return the current residence into a museum dedicated to the history of McGulpin's Point Light and the surrounding McGulpin family land claim. The McGulpin Point Light will shine across the Straits for the first time since 1906.		
7	Chapter 6	Recommend to the Friendship Center, Living Room and Straits Regional Ride that they combine their transportation resources so that they do not duplicate routes and efforts.			
8	Overlay map	Add arrows indicating the direction of the view.			
9	Comments	Make all comments received during open house sessions available on-line			Placed on-line 9/2/08.
10	Chapter 2 & 5	Septic systems around lakes are faulty – add language to protect the lakes.			
11	Chapter 6	Indian Trails Bus line – does not go to Charlevoix – verified by	Their route consists of following US-131 to and from Grand Rapids and		

		staff	traveling US-31 connecting Mackinaw City and Petoskey.		
12	Appendix A	Little Traverse Township – see Memorandum dated August 26, 2008 – 6 suggestions			
13	Ch 2, P 29	Suggest sentence to provide rationale for dune protection.	After 2 <sup>nd</sup> sentence: “Dunes are characteristically unstable, fragile, and prone to erosion by wind, water, and human activity.”		
14	Ch 2, P 30	Suggest adding Walloon Lake & Mackinaw City to list of destinations for trains	– Para 3, Sentence 3		
15	Ch 2, P 30	Sec 2.3.2 recommend adding “literary, historical” to 1 <sup>st</sup> sentence.			
16	Ch 2, P 31	Suggest removing Arts Council – name has changed	To Board of CTA Center		
17	Ch 2, P 32	Suggest adding scientific name of Petoskey Stone “ <i>Hexagonaria percarinata</i> ”	Place in parenthesis after 1 <sup>st</sup> occurrence of “Petoskey Stone”		
18	Ch 2, P 32	Suggest keeping spelling of Petosega uniform throughout document	Petosegay shown next to photo of Petoskey Stones (derived from)		
19	Ch 2, P33	Goal #3 – suggested addition at the end of the sentence	“...and potential for production”		
20	Ch 2, Strategy	Possible addition	Encourage establishment of facilities to process, package, and distribute local food products.		
21	Ch 2, Goal	Goal #3 – suggest addition at the end of the sentence	“...with emphasis on lands that allow public access to lakes and rivers.		
22	Ch 2, Strategy	# 2 - Possible addition	“history and literary organizations”		
23	Ch 3	No explanation of Safe Routes to Schools	Explain Safe Routes to Schools		
24	Ch 3, P38	3.3.8 Golf – written for economic contribution	Re-write to address recreational impact		
25	Ch 4, P 47	4.8.6 – suggest eliminating “vast assortment”	Re-write: “...offers nearly a dozen programs and incentives to help Emmet County residents find the work they need.”		
26	Ch 4, Objectives	#7, 8 & 9 – objectives address utilities, housing & transportation – not addressed in the chapter	Move to appropriate chapter or add supporting sections as rationale.		
27	Ch 4, Strategy	#8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 17 – Strategies address issues not covered in the chapter	Move to appropriate chapter or add supporting sections as rationale.		
28	Ch 5, P56	Section 5.2.2 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> paragraph – confusing	Perhaps remove the phrase after the colon in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> sentence.		
29	Ch 5, P 64	Section 5.4.14 Questions: What did the transfer station consist of when it was first built? Was the transfer station built on a former township landfill? Which township? Did county purchase the land or did township donate it? Where is it located?	Possible answer the questions and expand the section.		
30	Ch 6, P69	6.4.4 Last sentence confusing	If the cities are main traffic generators; then US-31 provides access to them. If not, define “generators”.		
31	Ch 6, P69	6.4.5 suggestions made	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> paragraph add “..., Mancelona and Kalkaska.”		
32	Ch 6, P69	6.4.5 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> paragraph – suggest replacing the words after serves with:	“...as the gateway to local businesses, tourist destinations, and residential areas.”		
33	Ch 6, P73	6.10.1 – repeated information – not transportation related – see notes on page			
34	Ch 9, P 93	9-4 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> to last sentence - Noun-verb confusion – suggest removing sentence	Sentence was added to clarify table – may need to modify sentence		
35	Ch 9, P93-95	Purposes should all begin with action words	To create..., To recognize..., To provide..., To protect..., To preserve..., etc.		
36	Ch 5, P 65	Of the waste stream, what portion is recyclables being recycled?			
37	Ch 5, P 65	What percent of the recyclable waste stream is actually being recycled? (that we have the ability to recycle)			
38	Comment	Future transportation studies should consider the MSU Seasonal Tourism Survey data when planning for transportation needs – they			

		more accurately reflect the influx of traffic during peak times.			
39	Comment	Should HARBOR, Inc. "Build-out Analysis" be used in the Master Plan?			
40	Comment	Board of Commissioners should, at a minimum, explore the possibility of public transportation.			
41	Comment	Golf Courses should be a "Special Use" in the Zoning Ordinance, rather than a "Permitted Use"	Will evaluate this suggestion during review of the Zoning Ordinance.		
42	Ch 3, P 38	Section 3.3.10 – Discrepancy in interpretation	Suggested review of statute		
43	Ch 5, P 56	Section 5.2.2 – Village of Alanson does not have their own sewage system – (2 <sup>nd</sup> paragraph).	Suggest revision		
44	Ch 6	Transportation – is access management addressed – study being conducted by MDOT			
45	Appendix B	Separate types of Viewsheds: View corridor, View sites, View sheds	Different levels of protection or regulation needed for different types of views.		
46	Ch 2 or 9	Master Plan should express a "stronger" position for future planners regarding the protection and conservation of all water resources.	Strategy: A. "Identify, map and protect all water resources – surface, ground and wetlands." B. Identify, correct and strengthen deficiencies in our ordinances regarding all water resources. C. Study and educate ourselves in water protection ordinances in neighboring counties, states and federal regulations. Implement strategies in our code that are based on current, proven methods or policies that conserve and protect our water resources.		
47	Ch 5	Strategy #9 add "wetlands"	"Prevent and control pollution of surface, wetlands and subsurface waters by regulating the location, construction, installation and alteration of public and private sewage systems."		
48	Ch 5	Add a strategy ...be ready to implement safe and efficient strategies as quickly as possible to reduce our dependence on traditional power sources:	"Continue to amend our utility code, as new developments occur in alternative energy development for solar, wind, fuel cells, bio fuels and other energy sources that will be economical and resource friendly for Emmet County residents and commercial operations."		
49	Ch 6	Add an object to allow for dependable maintenance of the Crooked River lock for this busy water way; and allow for erosion control on the lakes, streams and wetlands that are controlled by the lock.	"Continue to maintain and improve the water travel system in Emmet County." Followed by strategy: "Seek Emmet County control over the Crooked River Lock."		
50	Comment	Consider the implication of large scale agri-business uses on natural resources, land use and economic development in Emmet County.			
51	Comment	Scenic views seem to have little mention in goals, objectives and strategies throughout the draft document despite the fact that 97% of residents support its value. Certainly the natural topography of Emmet County is unique to the lower peninsula of Michigan and a "key" asset to recreation, natural resources, economic development and land use. Scenic views should be considered from all perspectives, including the views from water to the land as well as land to water and land to land.			
52	Comment	Recreation – as we rush to develop and built trail systems throughout Emmet County, all trail uses should be considered and trails designated by compatible uses. Obviously some trail uses (including water trails) such as walking, running, hiking, bicycles, motorized trail bikes, ATVs, snowmobiles, cross country skiers,			

		snowshoeing, horseback riding; and water uses for kayaks, canoes and boats do not always mix with one another and require unique and differing physical characteristics.			
53	Comment	Add Pickerel/Crooked Lake Association as a community partner.	Example: Priority 2, #5		
54	Ch 7, P88	Add strategy.	“Encourage local municipalities to engage in joint purchase of equipment, especially fire fighting equipment, to achieve greater purchasing power, standardization, and interchangeability.		
55	Ch 2, P 35	Add “literary” to the mix of strategies (2-6). The Michigan Hemingway Society is based in Petoskey and works with the history museum to preserve his legacy. Annually MHS brings 100 people to Petoskey for a weekend of tours and programs that focus on literature and local history as it regards Hemmingway. Also do Elderhostel and other programs with CMU.			
56	Ch 2	Section 2.3.2 – Add Inland Water Route Historical Society	“The IWRHS was established in the summer of 2004, with a mission to maintain and preserve the history of the Inland Water Route of Northern Michigan. In 2006, the society purchased the old Alanson City Hall, originally built in 1926 and newly renovated. The historic building houses a museum that features an extensive collection of historic photographs as well as books and artifacts pertaining to the fishing, boating, and tourism culture that sprang up along the inland route. The inland waterway connects Crooked Lake to Lake Huron via a series of lakes and rivers, and since the time of the first people, has been an important trade and transportation route.”		
57	Ch 4	Section 4.11.7 Economic Development/Boating Top O’ Michigan Marathon. This event is unique and has tourism as well as historical/cultural value. Emmet County gets good publicity from this event.	“For 60 years, Emmet County has been the turn-around point in the Top O’ Michigan Marathon Nationals, the longest-running stock outboard boat marathon in the nation. The 85-mile course covers waters from Mullet Lake to Crooked Lake via the Crooked River. Initially, the race took place on a single day, but today the event – billed as the “world’s toughest outboard race” – covers two days. Racers flock to the marathon in part because it has become one of the last remaining long-mileage races in the country. It is the only race still held on a natural waterway; this adds a degree of difficulty that requires drivers to maneuver their craft around winding curves, through rough lake chop, over sand bars and submerged trees. Nearly 120 competitors, their families, and countless spectators visit Emmet County each year to attend the marathon.		
58	Ch 4	Add to Section 4.11.7 – Economic Development/Boating – Little Traverse Yacht Club Regatta. This event is unique and has tourism as well as historic/cultural value.	Little Traverse Yacht Club Regatta: “For 97 years, the Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac has been one of three major regattas to turn the sailing world’s eye toward northern Michigan. The second event is the 84-year old Bay View Yacht Club Port Huron to Mackinac race. The third is the 48-year old Little Traverse Yacht Club Regatta, which gathers sailors from the two previous races for a weekend of competition sailing on Little Traverse Bay. The LTYC regatta is also a thrilling spectator sport; find a viewing spot from the bluff in Harbor Springs or Petoskey State Park and watch the colorful spinnakers unfurl on a downwind run across the bay. Or, just stroll the docks in Harbor Springs for an up-close and personal look at some of the finest sailboats in the world.”  Little Traverse Sailors: “Little Traverse Bay is a sailing magnet, drawing world-class skippers to enjoy the clear blue water, relatively consistent winds, and sailing		

			camaraderie that has become part of the culture of Emmet County. Little Traverse Yacht Club is the anchor of the sailing tradition here. Their Little Traverse Sailors program has been a leader in teaching youth and adults how to sail for 53 years, providing the opportunity to develop the skills and confidence necessary to enjoy the sport of sailing. All Little Traverse Sailors programs operate from the shoreside facilities of the Little Traverse Yacht Club in Harbor Springs. Students work through a ranked sequence of skills and knowledge which take them from Seaman Third Class through Skipper and Junior Leader. This program emphasizes safety, fun, and learning. Graduates of Little Traverse Sailors may grow up to compete on the world stage that every summer, puts a spotlight on Harbor Springs.”		
59	Appendix A	Public Lands Legend – Commercial Forest is not “public land” – should Conservancy owned/controlled lands be included – perhaps overlay map is where these should be identified			
60	Appendix A	North side of Crooked & Pickerel Lakes – prefer med density to high density shown – follow-up comment – perhaps stronger protection from run-off or overbuilt environments should be incorporated rather than lower the density.			
61	Appendix B	Add the word “Overlay” on the map title			
62	Ch 4	Pellston Regional airport provides a great economic benefit to Emmet County.	4.12 Airports Two airports exist within Emmet County, one is the Pellston Regional Airport and the second is Harbor Springs Municipal Airport; both are outlined in further detail in the Transportation chapter of this Master Plan. Contributing to the region’s quality of life, these airports give the residents, seasonal residents, and vacationers of Emmet County the ability to travel anywhere in the world quickly and safely. The economic impacts of these two airports are felt throughout the region as plainly identified in the information supplied by the Michigan Department of Transportation – Bureau of Aeronautics. A report dated August 19, 2008 by the Bureau of Aeronautics looked at the economic impact of the Pellston Regional Airport for 2007, recognizing that the total local impact from airport activities is the creation of 251 local jobs and \$27.5 million to the region’s economy.		
63	Ch 6	6.10.1 – Northwest AirlinK does not offer service to Minneapolis.	Confirmed with airport manager – recommend removal of sentence.		
64	Ch 2	Natural Resources Strategy #4 is essential! Our open spaces and our fresh water are why people love this area. As these assets become rarer nationally, they become economically as well as culturally valuable. I’m concerned about proposals for development near Crooked Lake, but I like that the Master Plan seems to focus on preserving aspects of Emmet County that make it unique (strategies #7 & 8 are great).	No changes proposed.		
65	Ch 2	Agricultural – in line with Objective #1, I’d like to see some Farm-to-School connections (as modeled in the Traverse City area through Taste the Local Difference.			
66	Ch 5	5.4.12 Fire Departments – suggest adding the fact that rescue services (EMS) interact with fire departments. Those services are offered by several fire departments within Emmet County.			
67	Ch 9	Strategies 11 & 16 are very important.			

68	Ch 1 P 11	Alarming statistics showing a 30% drop in the population living in cities of Petoskey and Harbor Springs. I'd like to see limits on LDR & MDR development – our open spaces are some of our richest resources, and developing in those areas encourages sprawl and lack of economic stimulation downtown!			
69	Comment	Regarding big box development – I'd like to see more investment in revitalizing boarded up shops downtown than in building additional big box stores. The big boxes won't feed our community economy...and the more they sprawl, the more the residences sprawl too.			