

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **What is in for me?**

While you may not realize it, the Comprehensive Plan impacts your everyday life. The roads you drive on, where your home is built, the parks you play in, the appearances of the businesses you frequent are all directed by this process. Your 2010 Chocolay Township Comprehensive Plan will address issues such as:

What should or should not be built to your home or business?

Where can land be developed for residents use? Industrial? Commercial?

What public transit opportunities may be available?

Will that wetland down the road be preserved?

### **How can I make my voice be heard?**

Chocolay Township welcomes all resident and business-owners input regarding the 2010 Comprehensive Plan Update. Concerned member of the public may contact the Township via phone, email, the Township's website, or the Township's Facebook page.

Contact us: 906-249-1448 OR: [planner@chocolay.org](mailto:planner@chocolay.org)

Typically residents and business owners do not get involved in land use decisions until after a plan has been created and a landowner is trying to develop or make a change to their property. This is why your input is important now – while the decisions are being made.

### **How often is a Master Plan Updated?**

A Comprehensive Plan must be reviewed for continued applicability at least every five years per the Michigan Planning Enabling Act.

### **What is the difference between the Comprehensive Plan and the Zoning Ordinance?**

A Comprehensive Plan is a policy document, containing goals and objectives for future development and growth. It is intended to be a guide for growth, not a hard-and-fast prescription. The Zoning Ordinance is a legal document that establishes how land may or may not be developed. Zoning laws may eventually be changed to meet the vision of the Comprehensive Plan, but there is no immediate change in legal land use upon the adoption of the Comprehensive plan.

### **Who is responsible for preparing the Comprehensive Plan?**

Under State law, the Township Planning Commission is responsible for preparation of the plan. The Township received a Michigan Coastal Grant and is partnering with the Lake Superior Watershed Partnership. Additionally, the Township has established a sub-committee to review the current plan and offer suggestions to the Planning Commission on where changes may need to be made.