

CITY OF BATTLE CREEK PLANNING and ZONING DIVISION



City Commission, May 15, 2018



PLANNING & ZONING



PRIMARY PURPOSE

To plan for and guide future growth and development of the City as it relates to natural resources, transportation, commerce, industry, housing, infrastructure, recreation, and land use.

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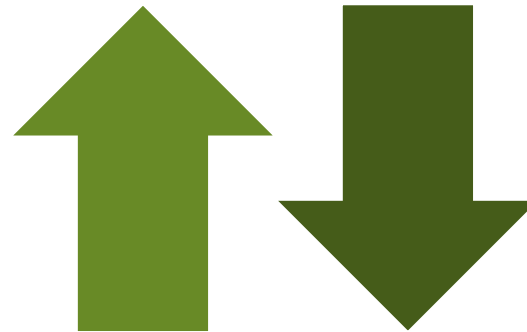
Michigan Municipal Planning Act, 1931

Michigan Planning Enabling Act, 2006

Planning and Zoning is a division of the Community Services Department with four employees – Manager, Senior Planner, Planner, and Customer Service Representative.

LONG RANGE PLANNING

Development and Implementation of the City Master Plan



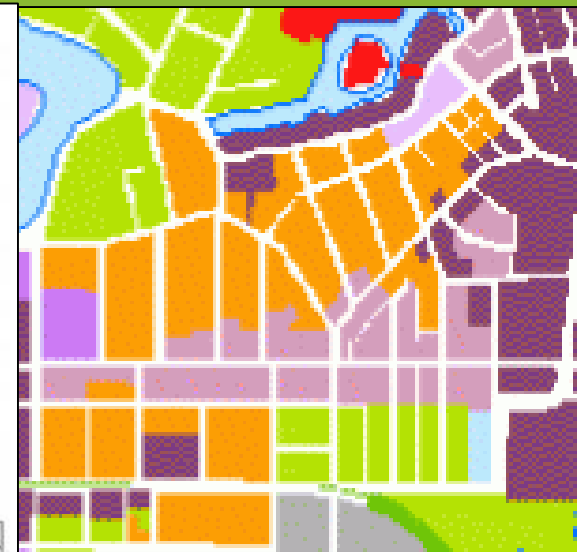
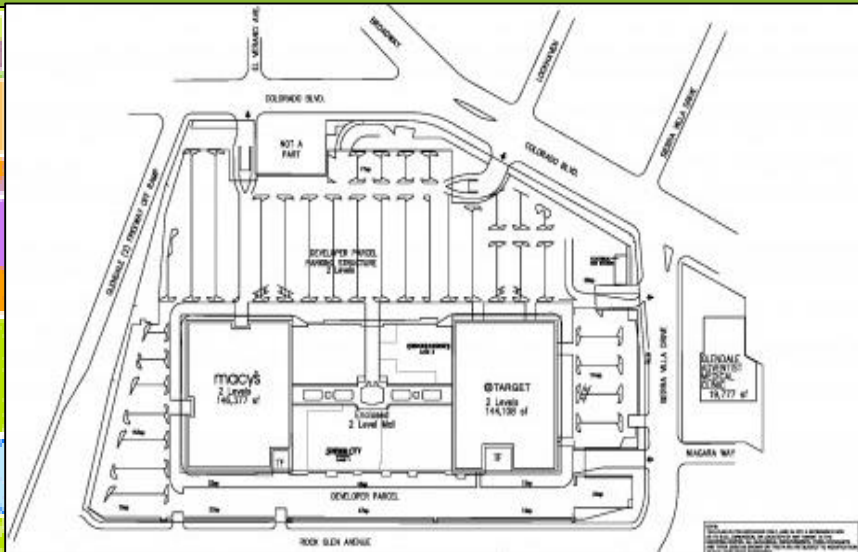
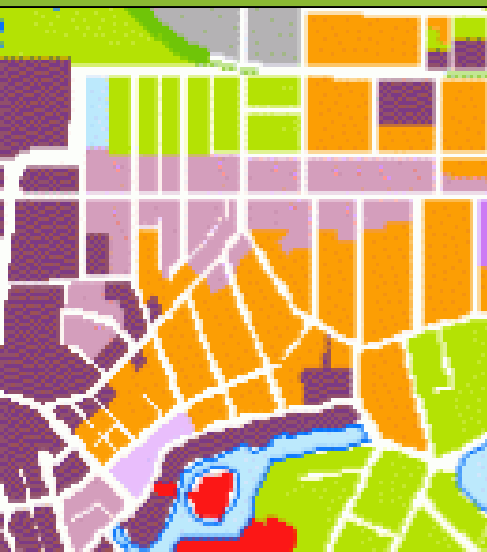
- Parks/Recreation Plan
- Non-motorized Transportation Plan
 - Capital Improvement Plan
 - Downtown Plan
 - Zoning Ordinance
- Priority Based Budgeting Results
 - Etc.



SHORT RANGE PLANNING -

Implementation of Master Plan

- Implementation and Administration of the Zoning Ordinance:
 - Building/Zoning Permit Review (1010+)
 - Site Plan Review (15+)
 - Design and Development Standards
 - Land Use Standards
 - Zoning/Licensing Enforcement (380+)



SHORT RANGE PLANNING,

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- Coordination with departments and their planning efforts to ensure organizational consistency
- Business Development Support
- Vacant City-Owned Property Management/Disposition
- Technical Support for Property Owners
- Grant Application/Review
- Placemaking
- Ordinance Research, Development, and Implementation
- Site Planning
- Redevelopment Ready Communities
- Legal Nonconforming Investigations
- Representative of City/Planning



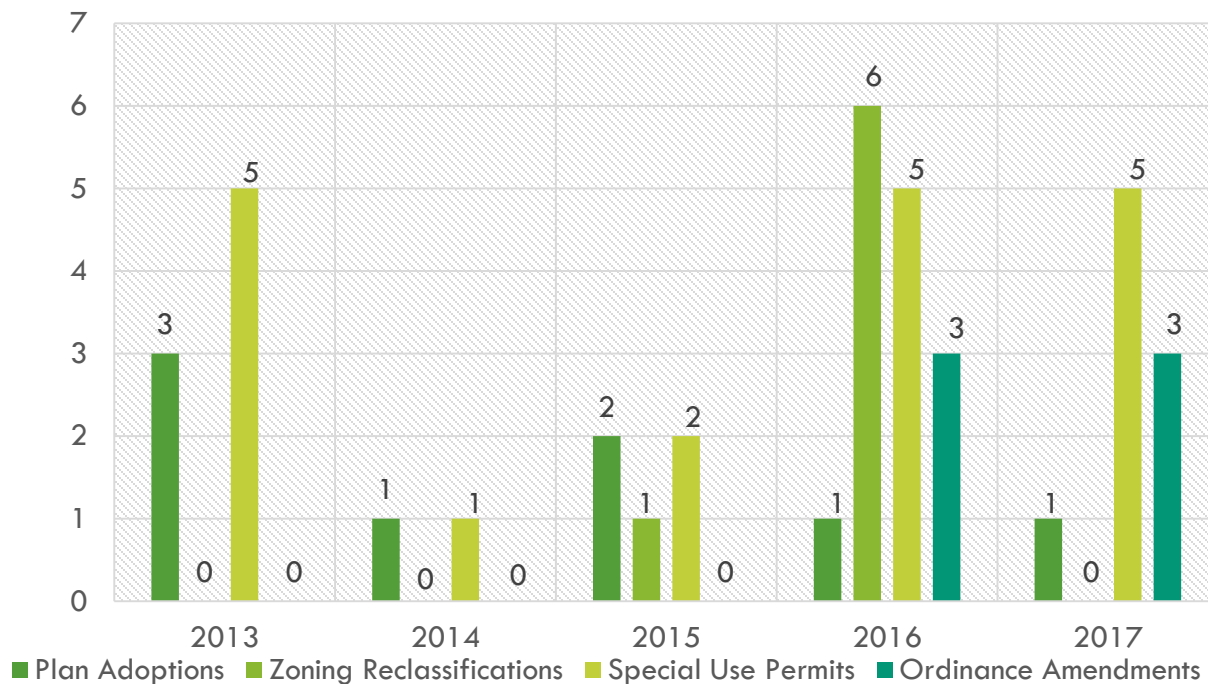
Staff Liaison to Planning Commission –

Advisory to City Commission for:

- Ordinance Review
- Special Use Permits
- Plan Review/Adoption
- Rezoning Requests (Zoning Map Changes)

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City Planning Commission
Activity by Year

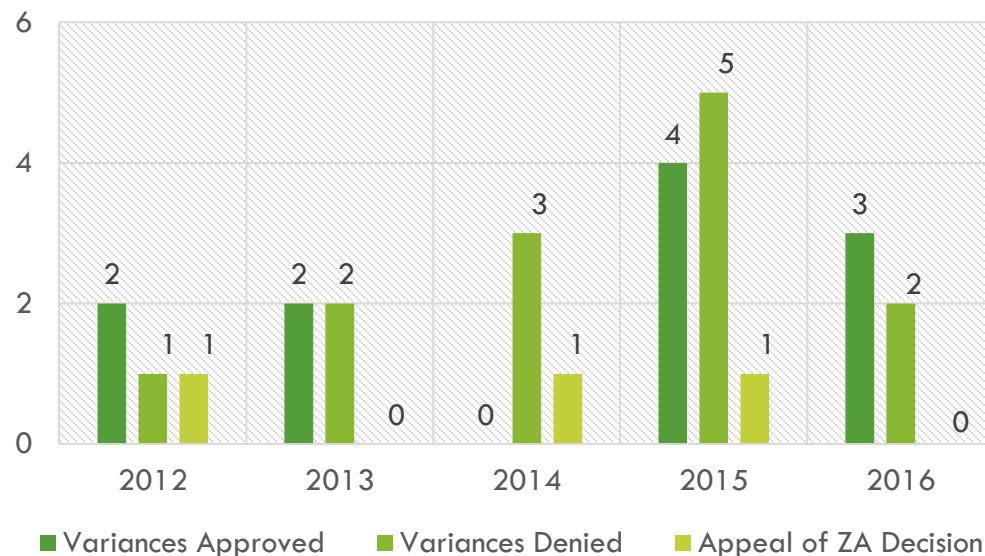


Staff Liaison to Zoning Board of Appeals – Quasi-judicial, appeal to Circuit Court

- Variances
 - Use
 - Dimensional
- Appeals from anyone aggrieved by decision of the Zoning Administrator

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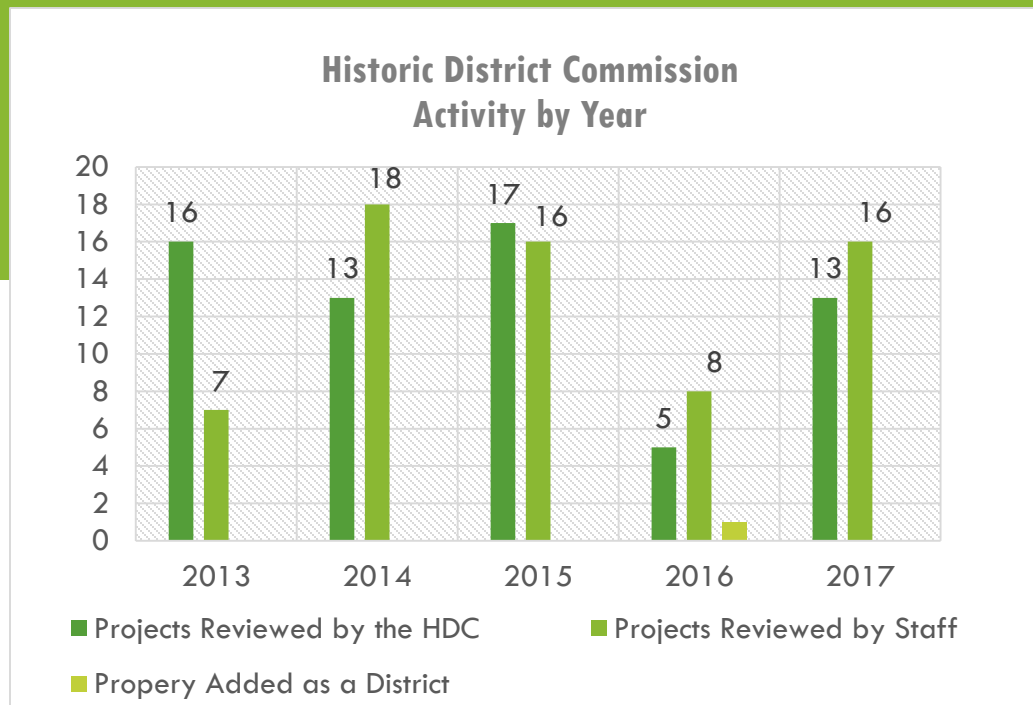
Zoning Board of Appeals
Activity by Year



Staff Liaison to Historic District Commission

- Review of work proposed to the exterior of any property located in any of the five local historic districts in the city.
- Admin review/approval for “minor classes of work”.

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2017 PROJECTS

Master Plan - Engagement / Development / Finalize

RRC - Downtown Plan Engagement/Development
Customer Service Survey

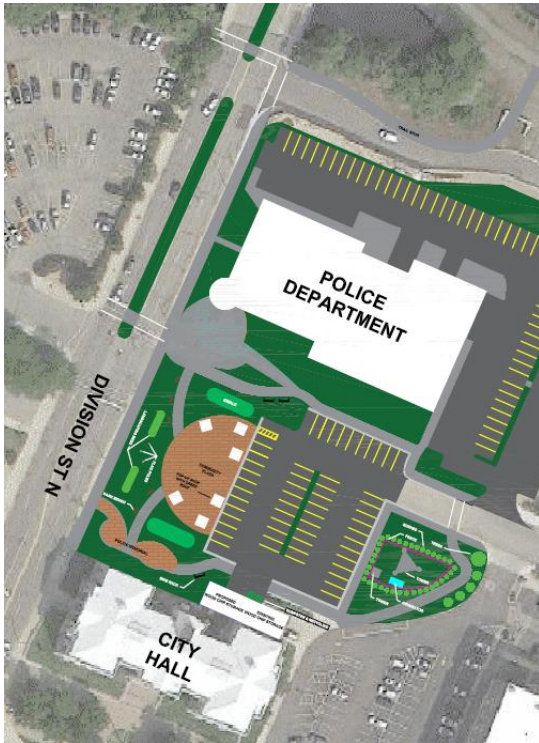
Urban Agriculture – Gardening/Farming Adoption

Nat'l Certification of DT Local Historic District
Inventory/Narrative/Submittal

Misc. Ordinances - Fencing
Signage
Landscaping

Medical Marihuana – Engagement/Ordinance
Development

City Hall/PD/River/Trail campus plan



2018 PROJECTS

Review Commercial Zoning District

Review of existing districts and purpose

New mixed use neighborhood commercial district

Review of definitions

Review of Special Land Uses

Review and Revision to Zoning Map

Zoning changes to address above listed changes

Assist with facilitation / completion Sustainability Plan

3d model Downtown & Corridors – Development of Strategy/Implementation

Neighborhood Action Plans, NPC's 1, 2, 3, 4 (Byrne Grant)

Update Non-motorized Transportation Plan

Implementation Strategies of Master Plan

MORE.....

City of Battle Creek Planning Department PROJECTS 2018

STATUS as of	CHANGE as of	PROJECT
5/2/2018	1/1/18	
•		Mixed Use District/Definition/Districts /SUP's
•		New Zoning Map – correction of layers/rezoning corridors
•	+	Sustainability Plan
•	+	WKKF Core Reinvestment 3d Model
		Neighborhood Action Plans/Byrne Grant (NPC's 1, 2, 3, 4)
		Update non-motorized transportation plan
	+	MP Implementation Schedule
	+	PD / CH Landscaping Bids
		Disposition of City-owned Vacant Parcels
-----		Zoning Ordinance Revisions
•		RV/Boat/Trailer Ordinance
	+	CLG Grant App – City Hall
	+	WKKF Placemaking Plan (after Core Plan)
		AFC/Group Home Report/Analysis
		HP programming/awareness
		Columbia BID Stormwater Project & Tech Manual
		Columbia Ave sidewalk inventory and plan
		Update/Organization of flood maps
		City property records – ownership/leases/etc.
		Walkscore.org review, revise, update
		New Departmental Applications (Rezzone, ZBA-3)
		PILOT program – parameters, process, application
		Redevelopment site planning: place types/arch pattern book, Target,
		Update Historic Preservation Plan (boundary review/inventory/value
		Sidewalk design guidelines and ordinance
		Placemaking assessment of City-owned parks
		NEZ research, analysis, and activation
		Wireless Communications Tower Survey
-----		Zoning Ordinance Amendments:
		Amendments to eliminate inconsistencies/errors/gaps
		Short term vacation rentals and hotel/motel occupancy
		Keyhole/site clearance Goguac Lake
		Lighting Standards
PROJECT STATUS	• In Progress	• Upcoming
	⇒ Forwarded	⇐ Postponed
	✓ Complete	
CHANGES	↑ Increase in Priority	↓ Decrease in Priority
	+ New Project	

QUESTIONS?

