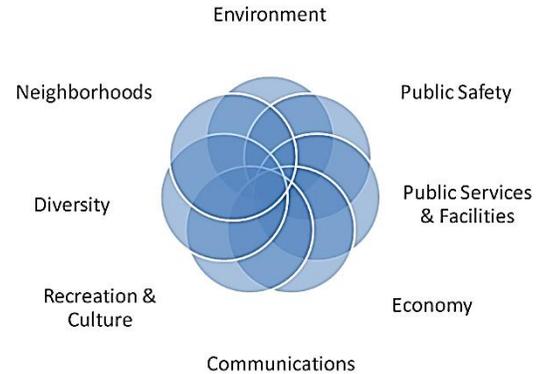


Meridian Trustees Set Goals for 2015

Meridian Township is setting goals and objectives to help "create a sustainable community through the most effective use of available resources that achieve the highest quality of life." Available on www.meridian.mi.us, the list is both comprehensive and visionary. Kudos to Township Manager, Frank Walsh, for facilitating this challenging task.



Springboard to Sustainability

The Mid-Michigan Program for Greater Sustainability (MMPGS) is the largest and most recent effort to address sustainability in our region. It involves dozens of organizations and thousands of citizens addressing challenges to our long term quality of life and helping guide future community decisions. MMPGS is wrapping up a 3-year grant, but many of the projects will be "sustainable" for years to come...

- [Affordable Housing Study & Plan](#) How do we insure that this very basic need is met?
- [Community Reinvestment & Engagement](#) (or [MMEAC Site](#)) -- . Also visit the [On-line Portal](#)
- [Corridor Design Portfolio](#) -- What are some examples of what development should look like?
- [Complete Streets](#) How do we design transportation systems for all?
- [Green Businesses, Organizations & Places](#) Who's addressing sustainability in our community?
- [Green Infrastructure](#) What is our vision for an interconnected network of greenspaces?
- [Green Your Business Checklist](#) (draft) and [Resources](#) How do I improve sustainability in my organization?
- [Health Impact Assessment Tool](#) and [Mapping Tool](#) What if we designed for maximum health and safety?
- [Interactive Map](#) How might we view sustainability features in our region?
- [Michigan/Grand River Ave Design Charrettes](#) -- How should our region grow?
- [Michigan/Grand River Transportation Study](#) – How do we move people?
- [MSU Landscape Architecture Student Design Studio](#) How do students envision communities of the future?
- [Regional Energy Study](#) -- Where is energy used along our main corridor?
- [Regional Urban Services Management Area](#) [2011 Report](#) -- How far should we sprawl?
- [Sustainability Audit Tool and Training](#) & [Draft Tool](#) Where do we start as a community?
- [Sustainability Tools](#) What can I use now to explore and measure my levels of sustainability?
- [Sustaining the Future Video Series](#) What are various perspectives on sustainability in our region?



Visit www.midmichigansustainability.org for more information. Also see a list of Meridian "Green" groups and interest groups in December [Green Gazette](#) at <http://recycle.meridian.mi.us/news>).

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Recycle Your Christmas Tree

Meridian Township offers free Christmas Tree Recycling. Natural pine trees are accepted* free of charge (through Jan 31) at **Nancy Moore Park**, 2100 Gaylord Smith Dr. in Haslett from dawn to dusk. You may also take brush, limbs, and Christmas Trees to the [Meridian Recycling Center](#) for \$5. Please remove the bag and any metal or plastic.



Community Garden Leader Training

The Garden Project is facilitating a training for potential community garden leaders starting on February 21, 2015! Garden leadership is key to success, and with experience in helping create and sustain more than a hundred gardens in our region, the staff are sure to offer valuable insights! More at <http://recycle.meridian.mi.us/news/glt2015.pdf> or call 853-7809.

Support Your Local Winter Farmers Markets!

The Meridian Farmers Market will continue on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays from December - April from 10 am to 2 pm. Also don't miss farmers markets in in Lansing, Holt, Bath, and more. See www.localharvest.org.



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See the latest episodes for "Sustaining The Future" on HOMTV: http://youtu.be/j9RI-up4_XE. Latest episodes include discussions about transportation, energy, and food systems.

Land Use Lunch

Mid-Michigan Environmental Action Council's next Land Use Luncheon will be held on the **SECOND** Friday this month, January 9th. The speaker is political consultant, Mark Grebner, known to many for his years as an outspoken county commissioner will discuss the absence of institutional framework for planning and land use control in Michigan, and 'the fact that nobody even notices we don't have any' and 'ways we might avoid the worst of the looming disasters.' The upcoming Jan 9th Land Use lunch will be held in the Michigan Environmental Council conference room (620 W Ionia), from noon to 1pm. The usual lunch buffet will be available (\$5 contribution suggested).



Regional Recycling Grant

The [Regional Recycling Coordinating Committee](#) was awarded a grant from the Competitive Assistance Grant Program through the State of Michigan to explore the potential for shared recycling services in the Tri-County Region. The grant will explore opportunities for regional collaboration, cost savings, and environmental improvements. For more about recycling in surrounding communities, please visit: <http://recycle.meridian.mi.us/organizations.htm>