

## **LAKE TOWNSHIP LAND USE PLAN**

The Lake Township Land Use Plan is based upon the following sources of information:

A. Area Wide Master Land Use Plan of 1994, prepared by:  
Planning and Zoning Center, Inc.,  
302 S. Waverly Road, Lansing, Mi. 48917.

B. Roscommon County Master Plan for 2001 & Roscommon County Planning Commission.

Dates from sources listed above are all on file in the Lake Township Clerk's office and available as part of this plan.

### **LAKE TOWNSHIP LOCATION and FEATURES T23N-R4W in Roscommon County**

Houghton Lake, the largest inland lake in Michigan, is the dominant feature of the township. It is the attraction which brings many people to the area seeking year round relaxation. Because it is so important to the economy of the township, the land should be used in a way that the lake is protected at all times.

Another dominant feature of Lake Township is the wildlife and wetlands. Houghton Lake Flats is a wetland area located between U.S. 127 and Old 27. This managed wetland has a viewing platform for amateur naturalists and photographers as well as a fishing site. Both features are handicapped accessible. In addition to the Flats, Lake Township is proud to have one of the most attended State Campgrounds in Michigan.

Yet another physical feature of Lake Township is the Muskegon River and the Muskegon backwaters, both of which provide abundant wildlife habitat.

Lake Township continues to attract many retirees to its shores which may account for the fact that Lake Township has one of the highest per capita incomes in Roscommon County.

### **USE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES**

The location and boundaries of the zones established in the township shall be shown on a map entitled Zoning Map of Lake Township and said map, section, or portion thereof, together with all notations, dimensions and other data shown thereon, are hereby made a part of this ordinance to the same extent as if the information set forth on a said map were fully described and incorporated herein. The official copy of the zoning map, properly attested, shall be in the custody of the Township Clerk.

Such zoning map may be amended from time to time to reflect changes in zones and the rezoning of property shown thereon in the same manner as amendments may be made to the text of this zoning ordinance. Such changes shall be recorded to scale on duplicate copies of the original official zoning map and shall be accomplished by written legal descriptions in

appropriate amending ordinances.

## **TITLE**

An ordinance enacted pursuant to the authority contained in Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended, known as the "Michigan Zoning Enabling Act" (ZEA) for the establishment of zoning districts in the unincorporated portions of Lake Township, within which districts the use of land for agriculture, forestry, recreation, residence, industry, trade, soil conservation, water supply conservation, and additional uses of land may be encouraged, regulated or prohibited; for the adoption for such districts of provisions designating or limiting the location, height, number of stories, and size of dwellings, buildings and structures, including tents and recreational vehicles which may hereafter be erected or altered; for the regulation of the area of yards, courts and other open spaces; and the sanitary, safety and protective measures that shall be required for such dwellings, buildings and structures, including tents and recreational vehicles; for the designation of the maximum number of families which may be housed in buildings, dwellings and structures, including tents and recreational vehicles; to establish a zoning board of appeals, to grant authority to said board in addition to that expressly provided in Public Act 110; to provide standards to guide actions and decisions of said board; to provide for the enforcement of the provisions of said ordinance and penalties and other relief for the violation of a said ordinance; and to provide for the amendment thereof and the repeal of all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith.

### **001 PREAMBLE**

In accordance with the authority and intent of Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended, the township desires to provide for its orderly development which is essential to the well-being of the community and which will place no undue burden upon developers, industry, commerce, residents, food producers, the natural resources, or energy conservation. The township further desires to assure adequate sites for industry, commerce, food production, recreation, and residences; to provide for the free movement of vehicles upon the streets and highways of the township; to protect industry, commerce, food producers, natural resources, energy consumption and residences against incongruous and incompatible uses of land; to promote the proper use of land and natural resources for the economic well-being of the township as a whole; to assure adequate space for the parking of vehicles of customers and employees using commercial, retail and industrial areas; to assure that all uses of land and buildings within the township are so related as to provide for economy in government and mutual support; and to promote and protect the public health, safety, comfort, convenience and general welfare of all persons and property owners within the township.

### **002 ENACTING CLAUSE**

The Township of Lake, County of Roscommon, State of Michigan, ordains:

### **100 ARTICLE I SHORT TITLE**

**101** This ordinance shall hereafter be referred to as “this Ordinance”.

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