

Resilient Beaver Island

8/30/2016 Joint Planning Commission Discussion Notes

- What topics need attention?
 - Sustainable growth
 - Parking in St. James Township
 - Broadband/communications
 - Workforce Housing and rental affordability
 - Emergency care and funding for EMS
 - Aging population, in home care is disproportionate to the region
 - Blight - Solid Waste Management
 - Year-Round economy
 - Strained capacity at the Township level- what about an Island manager?
- What is Beaver Island to you?
 - Home (x5)
 - “A whole new world”
 - “A problem of balance” between development and natural resources
 - Change
 - In-flux
 - Community
 - Lots of possibilities
- Stakeholder groups to meet with?
 - Transportation Authority
 - 20-30 year olds
 - Students
 - Wildlife club
 - The Library
 - Forest View, seniors
- Public engagement strategies to communicate about the project?
 - Project website
 - Forum
 - Advertisements and Press releases, newspapers
 - Emails to boards, personal emails and calls to commissions and other groups on the Island including the school, the BIA (Through Krys Lyle)
 - Facebook- Resilient Michigan
 - News on the ‘Net
 - Radio
 - Flyers and posting in shops around town
 - Gas station, post office, community center, library, grocery stores

Other comments

- The Master Plan should give us a “funding road map” to help secure grants for various initiatives
- The Master Plan should have case studies about other island communities