

The teams responsible for Housing, Waterfront, Community History, and Demographic sections of the plan have provided first drafts for review by the committee.

In housing, we have created recommendations considering 3 demographic segments; aging in place, attainable housing for working families, and knowledge/seasonal workers. The waterfront group has generated a lengthy list of waterfront opportunities to enhance the appeal of the village and township waterfront features. We also have a brief but compelling of the history of Pentwater and the surrounding area. We have just reviewed a demographic survey of the village and township, also for inclusion in the plan.

We have added a member to the steering committee who will champion transportation options, and we have received information regarding a transportation initiative called “complete streets” for consideration and inclusion in the master plan.

The Master Plan will reference other initiatives for example, from the DDA and the Parks & Recreation Master Plan leading to a robust and detailed master plan.

We are close to the time to merge these work products into one document, with illustrations and photos that make the words come to life. The zoning administrator has provided an excellent model of a Master Plan from Newago, MI for our review and consideration. It contains comprehensive information about their community, a logical layout complete with photos and illustrations and a detailed implementation plan that provides us an excellent benchmark as we proceed to put together our information for the Pentwater Village and Township Master Plan.

One thing is certain, the Covid 19 Pandemic has brought societal changes into sharp focus. It is up to us to pivot successfully as a community to ensure that we can not only survive, but thrive in a new reality where knowledge workers and small families have more options to be able to live and work in remote and beautiful areas like our community. Part of our ability to pivot successfully will be to provide aging-in-place options to keep our older population living here as long as possible.