

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

PREFACE

In order to promote the interest and participation of citizens of the Charter Township of Clinton in the development and implementation of all activities proposed and funded under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and in the consolidated submission for the Community Planning and Development Program, 24 CFR, Parts 91, 92, 570, 574 and 968, as amended, a Citizen Participation Plan is hereby developed.

The Citizen Participation Plan will be used by the Township in the preparation and administration of its annual Community Development Block Grant Program.

PARTICIPATION

It is recognized that the Charter Township of Clinton has three (3) areas which have a higher concentration of low-income, very low-income and extremely low-income households:

- . Colchester Area
- . Gratiot/Beaconsfield Area
- . Quinn Road Area

Participation in the development and implementation process, especially by low-income, very low-income and extremely low-income citizens, will be encouraged by the Township at all stages of the plan.

Notice of public hearings and status of progress of the plan will be published in the Macomb Daily Newspaper, being the local newspaper, and will be listed on the cable television information channel and advertised on the Clinton On-line computer network.

Notice of public hearings concerning the Community Development Block Grant Program also will be issued to numerous sources in the community. The current community sources for such issue are contained in the listing attached to this document and include local churches, local community clubs and service organizations, including those for senior citizens, and relevant Federal, State, Regional, County and Township officials, boards, commissions and committees.

Any individuals or groups who have special needs, such as a disability or language barrier, are encouraged to contact the Clinton Township Department of Planning and Community Development for assistance.

ACCESS TO MEETINGS

Notice of meetings dates, time and place will be published in the Macomb Daily Newspaper, listed on the cable television information station and advertised on the Clinton On-Line computer network.

Notice of meetings dates, time and place will be posted in a number of locations throughout the Township, including the Clinton Township Civic Center, for a minimum of five (5) work days prior to the actual meeting date to afford citizens opportunity to attend.

ACCESS TO INFORMATION

Information regarding the Community Development Block Grant Program may be obtained from the Clinton Township Department of Planning and Community Development. Information will be made available upon request within three (3) working days.

Citizens will be encouraged to make known their views on all matters relating to the Clinton Township Community Development Block Grant Program.

Citizens desiring to submit written comments, should address their correspondence to:

Clinton Township Department of
Planning and Community Development
40700 Romeo Plank Road
Clinton Township, MI 48038-2900

or telephone: 810-286-9325

The Clinton Township Department of Planning and Community Development will issue a written response within fifteen (15) working days to each contact received. Such response will indicate the status of or action taken on the matter.

Information will be available for a period of not less than five (5) years.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Groups or individuals, especially low-income, very low-income and extremely low-income citizens, requesting technical assistance with the preparation of any proposals for the Community Development Block Grant Program should contact the Clinton Township Department of Planning and Community Development at the above address or telephone number.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Township will hold two public hearings each program year to obtain input from citizens, public agencies and other interested parties who may or may not receive funds under the program. Notice of the public hearings will be published in the Macomb Daily Newspaper, listed on the local cable television information station and advertised on the Clinton On-line computer network.

The first public hearing held will be to identify housing and community development needs within the community and to review the proposed use of funds. Views are to be obtained from citizens, public agencies and other interested parties. This public hearing will be held to receive public comment prior to publication of the Consolidated Plan.

The second public hearing held will be to receive comments regarding the Charter Township of Clinton Grantee Performance Report (GPR) for each program year of the Community Development Block Grant Program. This public hearing will be held to review program performance for the previous program year.

Both public hearings will be held at the Clinton Township Civic Center.

PUBLISHING THE PLAN

Publication of the Consolidated Plan is to encourage comments and input from citizens and other interested parties.

A summary of the Consolidated Plan will be made available by publication in the Macomb Daily Newspaper. The summary will describe the contents and purpose of the Consolidated Plan.

The entire Consolidated Plan will be available for review at the Clinton Township Department of Planning and Community Development.

Copies of the Consolidated Plan can be obtained at the Clinton Township Department of Planning and Community Development in paper format or as contained on a 3.5" floppy disk for computer use.

COMMENTS

In order to receive public comments, the Consolidated Plan will be published at least thirty (30) days prior to final submittal of the Consolidated Plan to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The Clinton Township Department of Planning and Community Development will accept comments from citizens, public agencies and other interested parties and will summarize all comments received and include a written explanation of comments not accepted and the reasons why such comments were not accepted. These will be included in the Consolidated Plan final submittal.

TIMELY RESPONSE

Upon written request, the Township will provide written response to written complaints and grievances within fifteen (15) working days of the date of receipt of the request.

AMENDMENTS

Prior to any change in the proposed use of funds, the Township will notify citizens by publication of notice of a proposed change in the Macomb Daily Newspaper.

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Projects eligible for citizen comments are those which were not previously planned (new projects) and/or previously approved projects which have a funding increase of ten (10%) percent or more of the original total cost.

Citizens are encouraged to submit comments on any proposed amendment to the plan. Comments should be directed in writing to the Clinton Township Department of Planning and Community Development at the previously listed address.

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