

Dear Green Lake Township Neighbor,

Green Lake Township has been selected to participate in the current set of community/Michigan State University projects entitled the **Small Town Design Initiative (STDI)**. The STDI assists in developing images and design ideas for such local projects as downtown streetscapes, parks, bikeways and trails, open space systems, industrial/commercial development, beautification, land use, signs, agricultural land preservation, ecosystem management, residential development, and community image/theme.

The focus in Green Lake Township will be our entrance corridors into the Township for the development of future images and design ideas for improvements including such things as streetscapes. We will be conducting a series of three “visioning” sessions over the course of four to six months to develop an image/vision/sense of place. These sessions will be facilitated by MSU personnel and will lead directly to later physical projects. **The general public is invited and urged to attend.** This includes, but is not limited to:

- All citizens of Green Township,
- All elected and appointed township, county and City of Traverse City officials,
- All township and county employees,
- Officers and members of all local organizations and clubs,
- School officials and PTA members,
- Representatives from youth and senior groups, and
- All local business owners.

As it is essential to have broad citizen participation in these sessions, we ask that not only do you make this date on your calendar, but assist in the notification of others in whatever circle of involvement you are in. Promotion of this event will be done in numerous ways including posted notices, displays, phone calls, flyers, and media coverage. However, personal invitations and contacts will likely be the most effective means of insuring public participation and ultimately the success of this endeavor.

The second session has been scheduled for February 6, 2008 from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM at the Interlochen Library at 9700 Riley Road in Interlochen. There will be refreshments served from 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM. The meeting will start at 7:00PM and end at 9:00 PM. This general input meeting will focus on Township strengths, assets, opportunities, challenges, and what people would like to see five to ten years out.

We hope you agree that this is a short-term commitment with long-term possibilities. We have the opportunity to come together as a community and plan the direction of our Township’s future. Please attend and voice your opinions. Should you be willing to help in this effort in any capacity through ideas, suggestions, or physical assistance, please Krysti Baker at 276-9329.

Sincerely,

Green Lake Township