

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD & PUBLIC HEARING

Public Comment Period & Public Hearing for Substantial Amendment to the Washtenaw Urban County Citizen Participation Plan

Pursuant to U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development regulations, notice is hereby given by the Washtenaw County Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED) that one (1) public hearing will be held to solicit citizen input on a proposed amendment to the Washtenaw Urban County Citizen Participation Plan (CPP). The CPP provides a framework for ensuring residents of the Urban County have an opportunity to provide meaningful input on planning issues related to Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) programs. The CPP describes the policies and procedures for involving the general public during the preparation of Five-Year Consolidated Plans, Annual Action Plans, Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Reports (CAPER) and Substantial Amendments. The amendment adds language into the CPP to allow for abbreviated public comment periods and alternate public hearing formats in response to national/state/local emergencies or urgent needs, including but not limited to the current COVID-19 pandemic. These changes are being made under the direction of the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD), the federal agency that is providing CARES Act funds to the Washtenaw Urban County.

A public hearing and 5-day public comment period are being held to obtain citizen input on a proposed substantial amendment to the CPP. Following a public hearing, Urban County Executive Committee members will then be asked to approve the proposed substantial amendment to the CPP. This approval process is being condensed to expedite receipt and disbursement of additional emergency funding for the County's local COVID-19 response efforts, as well as for any other future emergencies or urgent needs affecting the Washtenaw Urban County.

A public comment period for the proposed substantial amendment will begin on June 24, 2020 and end on July 1, 2020. Changes described in the amendment would apply to the following Urban County jurisdictions: City of Ann Arbor, City of Dexter, City of Saline, City of Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor Township, Augusta Township, Bridgewater Township, Dexter Township, Lima Township, Manchester Township, Northfield Township, Pittsfield Township, Salem Township, Saline Township, Scio Township, Superior Township, Sylvan Township, Webster Township, York Township, and Ypsilanti Township.

Beginning on June 24, 2020, residents and interested parties can obtain the draft amendment by contacting Tara Cohen at (734) 544-3056 or cohent@washtenaw.org or by downloading the document from www.washtenaw.org/oced.

If you would like to submit comments or request additional information, contact Tara Cohen at cohent@washtenaw.org or (734) 544-3056. If any person has a disability preventing access to the meeting as scheduled and an accommodation is required, they should also contact Tara Cohen for arrangements.

The public hearing will be held virtually, with the potential for an in-person option, as follows:

Wednesday, July 1, 2020 at 2:00 PM Urban County Executive Committee Meeting

Final meeting details will be provided at www.washtenaw.org/oced by June 26, 2020.

Teresa Gillotti, Director
Office of Community and Economic Development

The County of Washtenaw will provide the necessary auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days' notice to the County of Washtenaw. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the County of Washtenaw by writing or calling the following: Human Resources; 220 North Main Street; P.O. Box 8645; Ann Arbor, Michigan 48107-8645. Phone (734) 994.2410, TDD (734) 994.1733.

