

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

December 19, 2018

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PARTICIPATION OF
EATON COUNTY IN THE GREATER LANSING BROWNFIELDS COALITION
GRANT APPLICATION**

Introduced by the Public Works and Planning Committee

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved for the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Augustine.

WHEREAS, brownfields are properties such as former industrial sites, closed gas stations, dumps, or other sites that are vacant or underutilized due to contamination, perceived contamination, or blight; and

WHEREAS, the cleanup and revitalization of brownfields can provide many community benefits, including protection of public health and the environment, opportunities for economic development, neighborhood improvement, opportunities for creation of parks and community spaces, opportunities to grow advanced manufacturing, and other benefits; and

WHEREAS, Eaton County faces the challenge of brownfields at many sites throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, the Lansing region that includes the City of Lansing, the City of East Lansing, Clinton County, Eaton County, and Ingham County, seeks to work together in collaboration to revitalize brownfields and secure more resources for redevelopment of these sites for both the individual communities and the broader region; and

WHEREAS, these five local governments have formed the “Greater Lansing Brownfields Coalition”; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing is prepared to seek, administer and implement funding to support the Greater Lansing Brownfields Coalition and its local government participants with the assistance of the Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP) a non-profit economic development entity with members including Eaton County; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is now soliciting applications, due January 31, 2019, for brownfields grants including grants of \$600,000 for coalitions of local

governments and non-profits, which can be used for assessment and reuse planning at brownfield sites (“EPA Brownfields Assessment grants”); and

WHEREAS, the Greater Lansing Brownfields Coalition desires to obtain one of these \$600,000 EPA Brownfields Assessment grants for the benefit of the entire region and its local governments;

LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED that Eaton County is a collaborative partner in the Greater Lansing Brownfields Coalition; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that Eaton County supports the development and submission of an application for an EPA Brownfields Assessment grant by the City of Lansing on behalf of the entire Coalition; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that Eaton County designates the Director of Community Development and Housing Department to work in collaboration with the other Coalition members on the development, submission, and implementation of an EPA Brownfields Assessment grant; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Community Development and Housing will be committed to promoting the benefits of the EPA Brownfield Assessment grant and will ensure outreach efforts will be organized; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that Eaton County will engage the community, especially private and local leaders and outlier communities in educational forums so they may better understand and maximize brownfields and assist in potential locations; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that Eaton County will support a designated representative and other interested persons from the community to participate in the “Greater Lansing Brownfields Coalition Task Force”, a group of stakeholders meant to advance the region’s brownfields revitalization objectives. Carried.