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Township, Planning Commission seek community feedback for 2015 master plan

As part of continuing efforts to represent the wants and desires of all facets of the Shelby Township community in local government, Shelby Township and the Planning Commission are seeking feedback for the 2015 master plan update.

The Planning Commission, with the assistance of LSL Planning, has formally begun the process of updating the township's master plan. At the core of the process are several citizen engagement opportunities for residents and the township's business community.

"As we are governed by the elected Board of Trustees with insight from a Planning Commission that is made up of volunteer residents, our Township government needs to reflect the wants and desires of our population," Township Supervisor Rick Stathakis said.

"I'm very pleased with the steps Planning Director Glenn Wynn and the Planning Commission have taken to ensure this is true as they work on the 2015 master plan update."

The master plan process is expected to take approximately 12 months to complete and will offer multiple opportunities for citizen engagement throughout the process.

That process started with an online survey for residents and will be followed shortly by a similar survey for business owners. Meetings, schedules, reports and other citizen engagement opportunities will also be available throughout the process. More information on the process can be found at http://www.shelbytwp.org/master_plan.

"This master plan process differs from preparation of previous master plans in providing multiple opportunities for citizen engagement throughout the entire process," Wynn said. "These include interviews, multiple online surveys and related engagement exercises, a public visioning open house, interviews with other public agencies and the development community. Our goal is to make this an interactive process that engages the public through multiple techniques."

The resident and business surveys serve to obtain information from township residents and businesses on a wide variety of topics. Information obtained through this survey will assist our consultants and the Planning Commission in evaluating future growth and development alternatives.

"The master plan update is a natural extension of our annual community visioning process to set the year's priorities for local government," Stathakis said. "Where the vision sessions give us a to-do list for the next calendar year, the master plan process will shape how we seek to develop different portions of our township's infrastructure and economy."

Residents can participate in the resident survey at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/shelbyres>.

"I took the resident survey, and it did not take any more than five minutes to complete," Stathakis said. "It was exciting to include my family's information and input in the process, but I'm even more excited to see the combined feedback from all my neighbors across the township."

Questions or comments on the master plan update process can be directed to Planning Director Glenn Wynn, AICP, at wynnng@shelbytwp.org or at 586-726-7243.

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