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Mr. Keith J. Schuiteman
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RE: Draft Fremont Community Joint Planning Commission Agreement

Dear Mr. Schuiteman:

The City of Fremont, Dayton Township, Sherman Township and Sheridan Charter Township are working together to create a Fremont Community Joint Planning Commission Agreement under the new Joint Municipal Planning Act. The intent of the four participating entities is to create an Agreement that will allow us to jointly plan for land use and then, if desired, proceed to prepare a joint zoning ordinance. We would appreciate if you would review the Agreement to make sure it is consistent with the new Joint Municipal Planning Act.

We are providing the following information to assist you with the review:

1. Draft Fremont Joint Planning Commission Agreement: This document is in legislative style; it reflects the changes made to the Agreement by the Fremont Area Joint Planning Committee (its current name) at its last meeting.
2. Sample Annual Budget Allocation Worksheet/Sample Budget: These documents are provided for your information. They may help you understand how the budget is to be created.
3. Sample Agreement establishing the Bellevue Joint Planning Commission: This is a sample of an Agreement that another municipality adopted with regard to joint planning.
4. An Article entitled, “Cooperative Land Use Planning with the Joint Municipal Planning Act – Are Michigan’s Local Governments Ready?”: This article outlines valuable information regarding joint municipal planning in Michigan. It was written by Joe VanderMeulen, Executive Director of the Land Information Access Association. He will be meeting with us on February 7.

We would appreciate if you would review the Agreement before we meet with you on February 7, 2006. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers at the Fremont City Hall at 10:30 a.m. Joe VanderMeulen and Harry Burkholder from the Land Information Access Association will attend this meeting. They are the consultants who are facilitating the joint planning process. Chris Yonker, Richard Rought and I will also be in attendance. We hope to incorporate any changes recommended by you so that a final copy of the Agreement can be provided to the Fremont Area Joint Planning Committee at its February 13, 2006 meeting.

Thanks for accommodating our request for review of the draft Fremont Community Joint Planning Agreement.

Sincerely,

Michele M. Ribant
Director, Neighborhood & Economic Development

