

**MICHIGAN PLANNING ENABLING ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 33 of 2008**

**125.3831 Master plan; preparation by planning commission; meetings with other governmental planning commissions or agency staff; powers.**

Sec. 31.

(1) A planning commission shall make and approve a master plan as a guide for development within the planning jurisdiction subject to section 81 and the following:

(a) For a county, the master plan may include planning in cooperation with the constituted authorities for incorporated areas in whole or to the extent to which, in the planning commission's judgment, they are related to the planning of the unincorporated area or of the county as a whole.

(b) For a township that on September 1, 2008 had a planning commission created under former 1931 PA 285, or for a city or village, the planning jurisdiction may include any areas outside of the municipal boundaries that, in the planning commission's judgment, are related to the planning of the municipality.

(2) In the preparation of a master plan, a planning commission shall do all of the following, as applicable:

(a) Make careful and comprehensive surveys and studies of present conditions and future growth within the planning jurisdiction with due regard to its relation to neighboring jurisdictions.

(b) Consult with representatives of adjacent local units of government in respect to their planning so that conflicts in master plans and zoning may be avoided.

(c) Cooperate with all departments of the state and federal governments, public transportation agencies, and other public agencies concerned with programs for economic, social, and physical development within the planning jurisdiction and seek the maximum coordination of the local unit of government's programs with these agencies.

(3) In the preparation of the master plan, the planning commission may meet with other governmental planning commissions or agency staff to deliberate.

(4) In general, a planning commission has such lawful powers as may be necessary to enable it to promote local planning and otherwise carry out the purposes of this act.

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