

2012 ANNUAL REPORT



*For the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission
from January 1 to December 31, 2012*

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FROM THE CHAIR . . .

In southwest Michigan we have found a “new normal” where the drive toward collaboration and efficiency in service delivery is the rule. We tend to see our challenges in a larger context and where possible, we address them together. Every day the SWMPC gathers individuals, organizations, and governments together to identify challenges early and align resources to address them in the future. Because of our unique position as the regional connection point for local government, private enterprise, state and federal government, and private citizen groups, we are well situated to find the shortest distance between a challenge and a solution. We are expert at taking a step back - analyzing where we are, where our constituents want to go, and the most effective route to get there. To the SWMPC, that is the act of planning. We see firsthand that it is needed as much today as it ever has been.

To our partners in southwest Michigan, it has been our privilege to serve you in 2012. We look forward to expanding our partnerships still farther in 2013.

*Sincerely,
Jeff Radtke, Chair 2013*

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The Southwest Michigan Planning Commission (SWMPC) is one of fourteen Planning and Development Regions in the State of Michigan and one of approximately five hundred in the United States. A 1968 order by then-governor George W. Romney enabled planning regions in Michigan.

Resolutions of the Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren County Boards of Commissioners officially formed the SWMPC in 1973. The Commission was first staffed in 1974.

In addition to serving public and private entities within Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren Counties by providing technical or management assistance, the SWMPC acts as an intergovernmental forum to discuss regional concerns. The SWMPC addresses issues and administers programs that its membership deems appropriate and which are in keeping with locally established area-wide planning and development goals.

For more information: www.swmpc.org

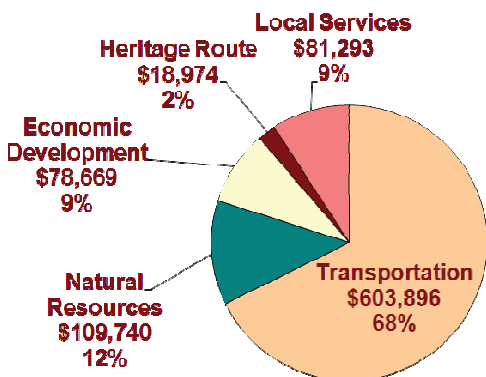
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Revenue by Theme

Jan. 31, 2012 Having their Map/Cake & eating it too —
Graham Woodhouse Award recipients & SWMPC Staff



CASS COUNTY

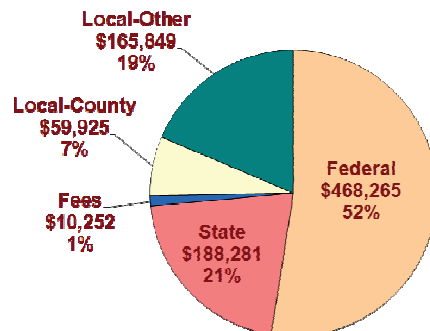
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