

2011 ANNUAL REPORT



*For the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission
from January 1 to December 31, 2011*

July 2012

FROM THE CHAIR . . .

From the perspective of the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission, the work of building for the future always begins with a thorough analysis of where we are and where we have been. Whenever new US Census data becomes available the SWMPC gets to work to understand what the new data says about southwest Michigan. In 2011 we have taken a deep dive into the 2010 Census data and are building a new profile of the region. The product of this work will be graphically rich and will seek to translate the stories that the data is telling us. We look forward to the release of our regional report in 2012.

In 2011, the SWMPC continued to diversify our work as we responded to the needs of our region. This annual report is a brief compilation of our work in 2011. If you are not familiar with the SWMPC, we hope that this report will encourage you to get acquainted with us. For those who are already familiar with us, we appreciate your collaboration and we thank you for the part you played in another rewarding year for the Commission.

*Sincerely,
Jeff Radtke, Chair 2012*

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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.

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CASS COUNTY

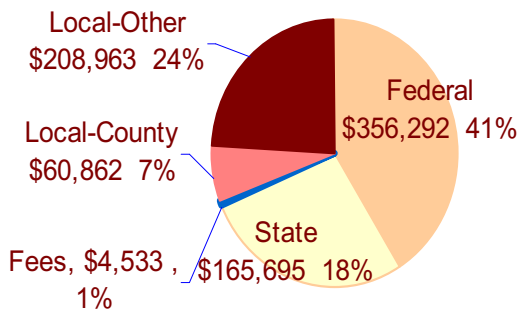
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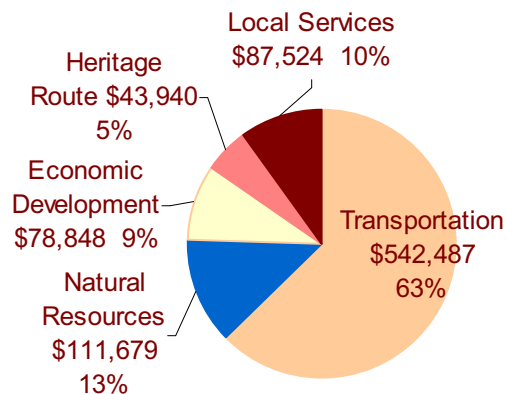
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