



REGIONAL SETTING

A community's future is determined by many factors. Some are the result of local decisions, while others result from action taken outside the community. Very few communities are self-sufficient. Rather, the interaction between communities within the region gives each one the opportunity to grow and develop. Two regional factors can help an individual community chart its possible paths: regional location and regional influences.

REGIONAL LOCATION

Clyde Township is in northeast St. Clair County. The Township is bordered by Port Huron and Fort Gratiot Townships on the east, Burtchville and Grant Townships on the north, Kenockee Township on the west, and Kimball and Wales Townships to the south. The historic settlements of Ruby, Abbotsford, Atkins, and North Street exist within the Township. State road M-136 traverses the northern half of the Township, connecting Port Huron with M-19 in Brockway Township. M-19 provides linkages to the cities of Yale, Memphis and Richmond.



Map RS 1
Regional Location

Clyde Township is located approximately 12 miles from Port Huron, 14 miles from Sarnia, Ontario, Canada, 70 miles from downtown Detroit, and 65 miles from Flint. Good regional access is found at the Wadhams and Taylor/Lapeer Road interchanges with I-69 just south of the Township border.

OTHER PLANNING ACTIVITIES

At the county level, the St. Clair County Metropolitan Planning Commission carries out County planning functions. The Commission is responsible for transportation planning, applications for federal funding for housing rehabilitation and the County's Solid Waste Management Plan. The Solid Waste Management Plan does not recommend the opening of any new landfills, but rather encourages recycling, reuse, waste reduction, and composting. The County also provides digital mapping services in its Geographic Information Systems section. In addition, Lands and Graphics provides property line maps and aerial photography of County lands.

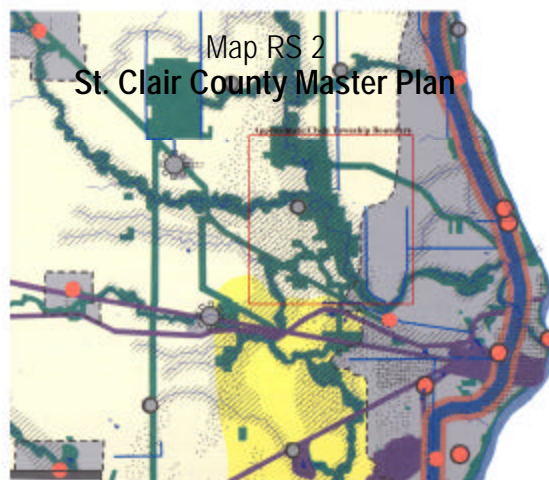
The St. Clair County Master Plan was the recipient of a 2000 Michigan Society of Planning Award. The Master Plan map notes that Clyde Township has sand & gravel resources, sensitive environments, open space corridors, rural residential land, rural and agricultural land, a secondary cultural center (Ruby), and is partially within a Urban and General Services District (see Map RS 2).

The St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) is responsible for implementing the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

The Plan notes the influence and importance of the Port Huron State Game Area, which encompasses over 6,000 acres in Clyde and Grant Townships, and the Wadhams to Avoca Trail – a 9.8 mile section of abandoned CSX railroad right-of-way that is being converted to a pedestrian trail. Goodells Park, a 327 acre centerpiece of County Park property, is located in adjacent Wales Township to the southwest.

St. Clair County Master Plan

- Urban and General Services District
- Primary Cultural Centers
- Secondary Cultural Centers
- Large Commercial Centers
- Commercial Centers
- Redevelopment & Renewal Areas
- Rural Residential District
- Rural and Agricultural Conservation District
- Sand & Gravel Resources
- Sensitive Environments
- Open Space Corridors
Environmental Areas, Trails
- Noise Zones
- Transit Corridor
- Surface Water
- Road Improvements



The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments is the planning agency that conducts regional planning services, such as planning for land use, transportation, recreation, and public utility extension. SEMCOG is also active in transportation modeling, organizing data resources, and review of local applications for federal funding.

LOCAL INFLUENCES

In addition to regional plans that may affect the future development of Clyde, local plans by neighboring communities may also influence land use along the Township's boundaries. As noted above, Clyde has common borders with seven townships.

Map RS 3 shows the future land use recommendations of the communities that border Clyde. This information was obtained from the St. Clair County Metropolitan Planning Commission. The most predominant adjacent planning category is agriculture and low density single-family residential. Exceptions include an industrial area in Grant Township, west of Gibbons Road; two small commercial areas in Kimball Township, at English Road and Taylor Road; high density residential in Fort Gratiot Township (southern 2/3 of township border); and high density residential in Burtchville Township.

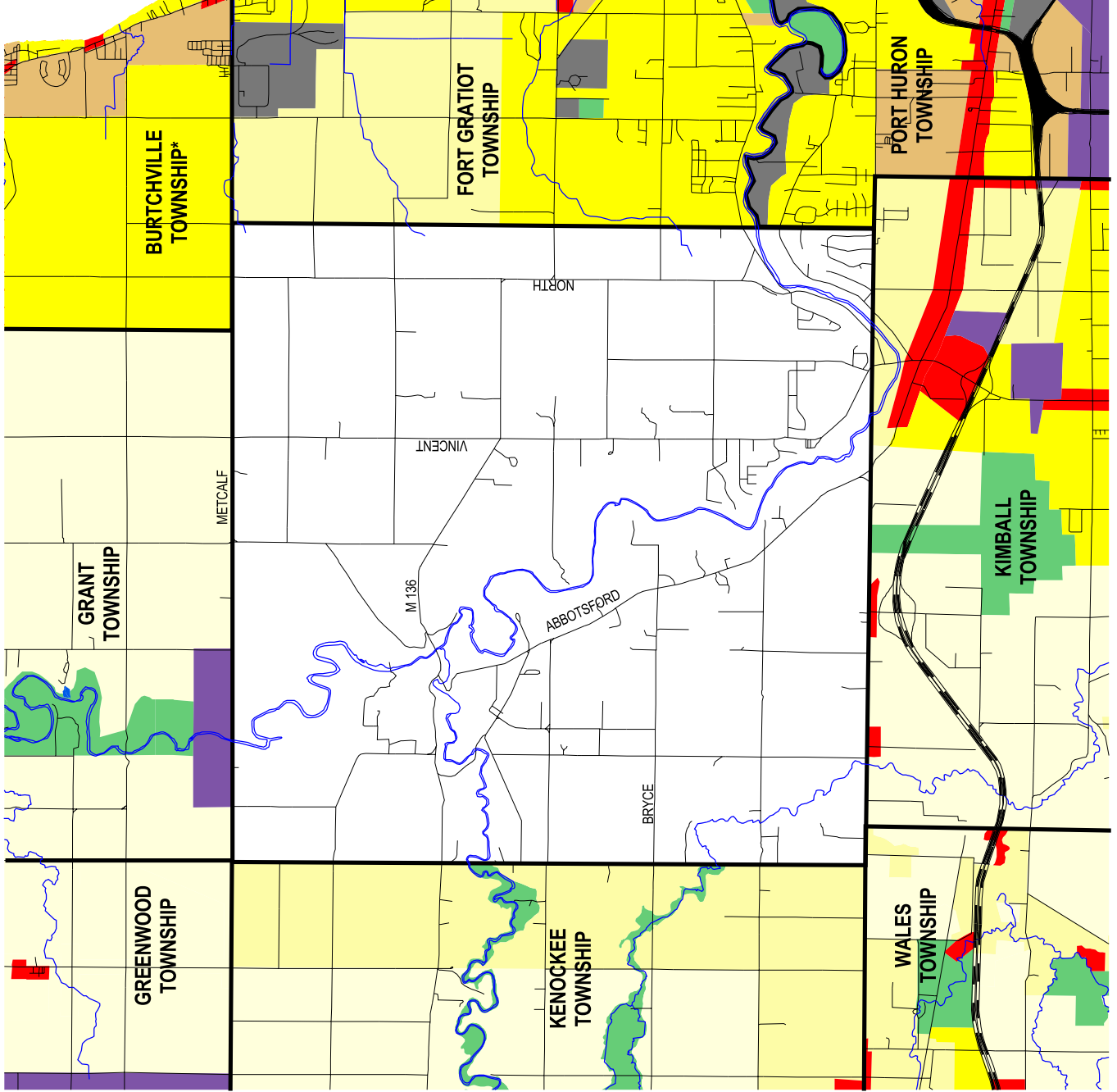
FUTURE INFLUENCES

Clyde Township will most likely be influenced by growth pressure influenced by its proximity to Port Huron and the I-69 freeway. With the convenient access of I-69 and easy connection to I-94, the Clyde Township area is within a commuting drive to many employment and shopping centers that the Detroit metropolitan area has to offer. The resources of the Black River, Mill Creek, Pine River, and Port Huron State Game Area will be attractive to many people. The potential expansion of water and sewer service could foster additional pressure for growth. The Township will look to consider these existing resources and influences when developing its plan.

**GENERALIZED
MASTER PLAN CATEGORIES***

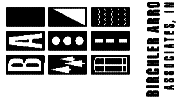
- OFFICE, MIXED OFFICE, TRANSITIONAL
- OPEN SPACE
- WATER
- BUSINESS, COMMERCIAL
- PUBLIC FACILITIES, QUASI PUBLIC
- INDUSTRIAL, WAREHOUSE, LIGHT MANUFACTURING
- UTILITY, TRANSPORTATION
- AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RESIDENTIAL
- SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, LOW DENSITY
- SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, HIGH DENSITY
- MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, ALL LOT SIZES

* NOTE: GENERALIZED MASTER PLAN INFORMATION IS UNAVAILABLE FOR BURTCHVILLE TOWNSHIP. THEREFORE, THIS MAP ILLUSTRATES GENERALIZED ZONING CATEGORIES FOR BURTCHVILLE TOWNSHIP ONLY.



**ADJACENT
COMMUNITIES GENERALIZED
MASTER PLAN**

CLYDE TOWNSHIP, ST. CLAIR COUNTY



SOURCE:
ST. CLAIR COUNTY
METROPOLITAN
PLANNING COMMISSION

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