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VISIONING SESSION FOR FLINT PARK LAKE
NOVEMBER 14, 2013
PEOPLE IN NEIGHBORHOODS & INSTITUTIONS ARE BUILDING A BETTER FLINT RIGHT NOW!

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FLINT MASTER PLAN

FLINT MASTER PLAN COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS
(PLEASE ATTEND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING)

NOVEMBER 15, 2012
7PM TO 8:30PM
MT. OLIVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
1801 FAY ST.

NOVEMBER 25, 2012
7PM TO 8:30PM
GREATER CAL-GLEE BAPTIST CHURCH
461 E. INDUSTRIAL AVENUE

DECEMBER 13, 2012
7PM TO 8:30PM
COMMUNITY ACTION RESOURCE CENTER (CARECEN)
101 W. SAGINAW ST., SUITE 19

When we all work together, great things can happen. Imagine Flint is your opportunity to help shape the future of your city. Join us and be part of the Comprehensive Master Plan process. Imagine Flint. Here’s What’s Possible.

Can’t make the workshop? Participate online.
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THREE LAKES: FLINT PARK LAKE, THREAD LAKE, & KEARSLEY RESERVOIR

EFFORTS TO REDISCOVER THE LAKES & IMPROVE WATER QUALITY

IMAGINING A DIFFERENT FUTURE FOR THE LAKES

ENGAGING NEIGHBORHOODS SURROUNDING THE LAKES
3 LAKES IN FLINT

ALL UNTAPPED RESOURCES!

FULL of OPPORTUNITIES!
WHAT ABOUT YOUR NEIGHBORHOODS...

TONIGHT we will all discuss together our visions for this area.

This will help us create a vision document for future plans around Flint Park Lake.

What is your VISION for Flint Park Lake?
AN IMPROVED FLINT PARK LAKE COULD HELP RESTORE SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOODS

It could lead to:

• Improved recreation opportunities
• Reduced crime
• Safer places for kids
• An asset any neighborhood would be proud of
FLINT PARK LAKE

• Location of amusement park from 1921-1961.
• The lake covers approximately 19 acres.
• Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) were found in fish and the use was deemed “Impaired.”
• In 2002, the City of Flint adopted a Flint Park Lake Redevelopment Plan. The plan provided a general roadmap for revitalization.
| Priority #1: Flooding, storm sewers & drainage | - Better maintenance by City  
- Local systems improvements  
- Regional system/watershed improvements |
| Priority #2: Vacant buildings (existing) | - Demolish vacant and hazardous structures as necessary |
| Priority #3: Dumping and trash (existing) | - Cleanup and better collection service  
- Neighborhood watch program for dumping  
- Clear vegetation, open visibility of potential dump sites |
| Priority #4: Housing (proposed) | - Home ownership, new & upgrades  
- Mix of ranch and 2 story single family  
- 1,100-1,500 sq ft on 0.1 to 0.25 acre lots  
- 20-25’ setback off street  
- No multi-family housing |
| Priority #5: Road Conditions (proposed) | - Improve existing roads first  
- New pavement, 2 lanes of traffic and 1 lane of parallel on-street parking  
- Sidewalks part of development  
- Paved driveways, no alleys |
| Priority #6: Shoreline (existing) | - Clear vegetation  
- Limit public access along shore and to lake  
- Create a park and trails along flooded portions of Winthrop Blvd where existing houses are |
| Priority #7: Street amenities (proposed) | - Replace existing wood pole “cobra-head” lights with ornamental poles and fixtures |
WHAT HAPPENED?

(Opportunity for constructive conversation about what happened since the plan was put into place. Please make points briefly.)
CURRENT CONDITIONS
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PROJECT TIMELINE

• Thread Lake Visioning - June-October 2013
• Engage with local neighborhood leaders in the Flint Park Lake neighborhoods – August-October 2013
• Collaborate with other efforts
• **Visioning Session for Flint Park Lake (TODAY)**
• Next Steps
BACKGROUND ON THE AUDIENCE
• How many have lived in Flint for 50 or more years?

• Thirty or more years?
• How many have lived within 1 mile of Flint Park Lake for 30 or more years?
• How many have gone swimming in the Lake?

• How many have fished in the lake?

• How many have picnicked at the Lake?
• How many have used the courts on the south side of the lake?

• How many are currently engaged in active clean-up efforts around the lake?
WHAT IS YOUR DREAM FOR FLINT PARK LAKE?

Here are some ideas…
CURRENT CONDITIONS
OPPORTUNITIES

ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE!
CURRENT CONDITIONS
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It is OK to DREAM BIG for Flint Park Lake
VISIONING EXERCISE #1

Picture the lake and surrounding land as YOU would like it to look 10 YEARS FROM NOW:

• Is the water condition better, worse, the same?
  o If better, how did that occur?
• What is the condition of the dam?
  o If better, how did that occur?
• What kind of land-uses surround the lake?
• Who is responsible for maintenance of lake and land around it?
• Who is responsible for making these ideas happen?
VISIONING EXERCISE #2

Picture the recreational facilities YOU would like around the lake in 10 years:

• What kind of recreational facilities do you see?
  o Tennis court, playground, soccer field, etc?
  o Pedestrian trails, bike paths?
  o Picnic areas, decks, piers
• Where are they located?
• What new improvements are there?
• Who is responsible for maintenance of the rec facilities around Flint Park Lake?
• Who is responsible for making these ideas happen?
PLANNING & ZONING CENTER AT MSU

NEXT STEPS

• Tabulate results and prepare draft vision document
• Schedule a follow-up meeting to return and share the draft with you
• Make revisions based on your input, then share final document with you and the City of Flint for guidance in upcoming plans
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THANKS FOR COMING!

With YOUR help the future can be very different from the present and the past—it can be as YOU envision it.