

Email to Council Members on the state of Michigan Economic Development!

I wanted to share the attached article as a worthwhile read as we continue working through our current budget challenges.

While the article focuses on broader statewide economic trends, there are several points that are directly relevant to the decisions we are facing at the local level. Issues such as population decline, workforce challenges, and long-term economic competitiveness all have downstream impacts on communities like ours.

As we work through our budget, it is important that we not only address the immediate numbers in front of us but also consider the long-term trajectory of our Village. The decisions we make today—regarding spending, services, and potential revenue—will shape our ability to remain sustainable and competitive in the years ahead.

We are at a point where short-term fixes alone will not be enough. Thoughtful, forward-looking decisions will be necessary to ensure we are positioning the Village for stability and growth, even in a challenging environment.

I encourage you to take a few minutes to review the article before our next discussion.

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