



# *Delta Now!*

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## Delta Township Saginaw Highway Corridor Improvement Authority Update



In December 2021, Delta Township adopted its Development Plan and Tax Increment Finance (TIF) Plan for the Corridor Improvement Authority(CIA). This nearly two-year effort culminated in a TIF that will assist in pfunding public infrastructure in the Delta Cross-

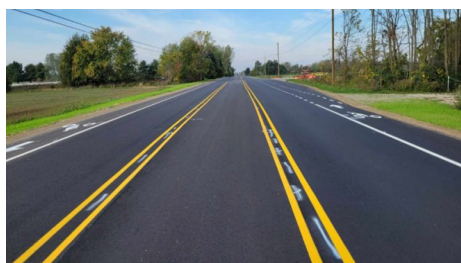
ings development, projected to create \$200 million in investments. In addition, some of the TIF funds generated will be used for visioning and future improvements along the remainder of the Saginaw Highway Corridor.

Delta Township wishes to thank its partners, Eaton County, Lansing Community College, and the Delta Township District Library for supporting this plan.

To this point, there have been several businesses already opened including BJ's Warehouse, Hobby Lobby, TJ Max, Sierra, and Bob's Discount Furniture. In the next year, it is expected that At Home, Texas Roadhouse, Consumers Credit Union, Olive Garden, Blaines Farm and Fleet, and several other new businesses will begin construction or open their doors. In addition, a variety of new housing will be available.

For more information on the CIA please visit [www.deltami.gov/cia](http://www.deltami.gov/cia)

## Delta Grows Multimodal System at Both the East and West Ends of the Township, Receiving Statewide Recognition



### Mt. Hope Bike Lanes:

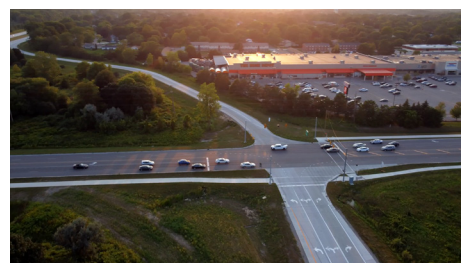
In the fall of 2018, Delta Township partnered with the Eaton County Road Commission (ECRC) to secure federal funding to improve Mt. Hope Highway, between Nixon Highway and Canal Road (approximately 1.8 miles). This section of road was deteriorating and had very narrow shoulders, which contributed to ongoing damage to the pavement edge. Additionally, this section of road experienced an increase in traffic volume due to the development of Mt. Hope Park by the Township. Desired improvements included resurfacing of the roadway, widening of the roadway to provide bike lanes to Mt. Hope Park and the addition of a left turn lane at the Mt. Hope Park entrance. Construction began in July 2021 and was completed in late October 2021. The project cost was approximately \$1.6

million, of which approximately \$1.3 million was federal road funding with \$300,000 in matching funds provided by Delta Township. This project is an example of on-going collaboration between ECRC and Delta Township to deliver projects that result not only in improved road conditions but improvements to road function and the Township's non-motorized facility network.

### Waverly Pathway Project:

The Waverly Pathway Project was one of four finalists for the Michigan Municipal League's (MML) statewide 2021 Community Excellence Award. Members of the Delta Township Board along with several staff, represented the Township during the 2021 Annual MML Conference in Grand Rapids.

The Waverly Pathway collaborative project with Lansing Township was recognized by communities across the state as a remarkable example of regional cooperation and was financed with three different grants totaling \$874,000. Funding sources included MDOT TAP Grant in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration for \$214,250, MDOT HISP Grant also in coordination with the Federal



Highway Administration for \$315,000 and an Ingham County Trails & Parks Millage Funds Grant in coordination with the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission in the amount of \$344,750.

The multimodal pathway spans from St. Joe Highway along Waverly Road to Old Lansing Road and ties into the existing non-motorized system.

Delta was honored to be among the finalists and we thank all our partners in this project including Lansing Township, MDOT, Ingham County, Eaton County, Federal Highway Adminsta-tion, and the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission.

A video of this project can be found at [www.deltami.gov/projects](http://www.deltami.gov/projects).

# New Battery Cell Plant and GM Investment Transformational for Delta Township and the State of Michigan



*Governor Gretchen Whitmer, along with GM CEO Mary Barra, Representative Angela Witwer, and Supervisor Kenneth R. Fletcher announce new battery plant in Delta.*

Delta Township has a history of creating a strong economic environment for large employers. Delta Township's partnership with Lansing was critical in attracting General Motors to build the Lansing Delta Township (LDT) Plant in the early 2000s.

Fast forward to 2022, and Delta Township's partnerships and economic development strategy are again at the forefront, attracting a new battery cell plant to accompany the Lansing/Delta Township GM plant.

## Facts About this Project

- GM/LG Energy/Ultium Cells is a collaboration to expand the availability of electric vehicles brandwide
- \$2.5 billion in investment in a new battery plant
- 2.5 million square foot facility
- Over \$500 million in additional investment into the Delta GM plant as well as the Lansing Grand River Plant
- More than 1,700 jobs will be created

## Components of the Plan:

In December 2021, Delta Township agreed on an extension to the

existing 425 agreement with the City of Lansing. The 425 agreement is a conditional land transfer agreement. The Property owned by GM is under the 425 agreement meaning that the property has technically been transferred to the City of Lansing, however, Lansing and Delta Township share all revenue created in this area. This step was critical as it allows more eligibility for federal and state resources while ensuring that Delta Township will continue to see increased revenue from this facility.

In addition, Delta Township received \$33 million in State infrastructure funds in order to service this facility. These funds will be used for improvements in Delta's water distribution system as well as its sanitary collection system and Water Resource Recovery Facility. These improvements will be necessary to serve the new facility, which will create a high demand. This will allow Delta to make significant improvements without the costs affecting existing water and sewer ratepayers.

Most importantly, this investment next to GM's LDT ensures that GM will continue to invest in the area for years to come which is good for Delta Township, the region, and the State.

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## Economic Development Investments Help Drive Economy Bounce Back in Delta

### Delta Township Home to eight of the Regions Top Projects:

As part of the Township's strategic initiatives, Delta has focused considerable effort on numerous and diverse economic development opportunities over the past few years. A combination of large projects have helped to drive a growing economy and continued investment in the Township despite the ongoing pandemic. The growth can be seen across all sectors highlighting the vast diversity of industry and commercial investments that includes the auto industry, the insurance industry and both regional and worldwide retailers, emphasizing the invaluable role the Township plays as regional and statewide contributor to Michigan's economic recovery.

The Township has welcomed numerous new businesses over the last year including several new retailers, restaurants, and entertainment options, as well as a handful of large commercial and industrial investments. Some of the highlighted projects making a considerable difference in our local community include:

- Since 1975 **Auto Owners Insurance** has called Delta home and continues to grow and expand their world headquarters here including the most recent expansion of their South Campus off of Creyts Road. This project included the construction of a \$95 million, 236,000 sqft facility.
- **Amazon** recently broke ground on a 1-million square foot facility on the Southwest Corner of Creyts Road and I-496. This new facility, an over \$120 million investment, will be mid-Michigan's first fulfillment center bringing more than 500 full time jobs to the area. The new facility is expected to be completed later this year.
- Significant progress has been made on the newly developed **Delta Crossings** shopping center. Phases I and II are currently underway for the massive development. Businesses set to open in 2022 include BJ's



Wholesale Warehouse, Texas Roadhouse, At Home, Olive Garden, and Case Credit Union. The \$200 million development is estimated will bring more than 400 new jobs to Delta and provide the opportunity for further investments throughout the Township.

- **Redwood Apartments** is expanding to a second location with another 84 units. The project will be located near the Water Operations Building on Willow Highway and will be approximately a \$6,513,000 investment.
- LBWL made significant investments in the new **Delta Energy Park** switching from the old coal-burning, Erickson Plant to a new clean energy plant powered by natural gas. The \$500 million project included major infrastructure upgrades to service the facility including upgraded natural

gas lines and water service lines. The Erickson plant is expected to be decommissioned by 2023.

- **Meijer Distribution** recently invested over \$60 million into expansions at both distribution centers in Delta Township.
- **Farm Bureau Insurance** completed a more than \$30 million remodel of their headquarters building located on Saginaw Highway, near Canal Road.
- In addition to **GM's** investment of \$2.5 billion into a new battery plant the company also plans to invest an additional \$500 million into both the Lansing/Delta Township Plant and Grand River Plants for the building of electric vehicles. This comes just two years after they invested \$60 million in the Delta Plant for the expansion of the facility production.

## Small Business Resources & Events Provide Opportunity for Community Growth

Delta Township is home to several large employers and industry, however the Township also values and invests in small business development, retention, and promotion.

In September 2021, Delta Township hosted its inaugural Shop Saturday Pop-Up Shop at the Lansing Mall. This event was organized to generate interest, create a sense of urgency, and get people to pay local small businesses a visit for a fun, limited time event. Over 40 vendors participated in the event generating significant foot traffic in the Lansing Mall and prompting the opening of four new local businesses in the Township. Keep an eye out on our Facebook page for more information about our 2022 pop-up shop events

In an effort to better serve and assist our local businesses, Delta Township held its first in person Business Resource Open House in late 2021. The event connected businesses with a variety of federal, state, and local agencies to address their needs and provide assistance. More than 50 businesses took advantage of this free event assisting local employers with the opportunity to secure grant dollars, hire employees, and expand their businesses.

Additionally, Delta Township launched a social media campaign to support the Small Business Saturday event in November. The Township partnered with Case Credit Union for its Shop Local, Win Big event, which offered the chance for Delta residents to win



one of five gift cards for simply shopping their favorite local business. Delta Township continues our commitment to small businesses, as an information resource, creating event opportunities, and providing exceptional service.

For more information about our small business efforts, please visit our website at [www.Deltami.gov/business](http://www.Deltami.gov/business)

## 2021 Community Awards Recipients Announced



*Pictured (L to R): Clerk Mary R. Clark, Supervisor Kenneth R. Fletcher, Business of the Year recipients Celia Ferguson and Desmond Ferguson Jr. with Moneyball Sportswear; Community Enhancement Award recipient Sam Frangie with Granger Mall; Young Person of the Year Lindsey Zarka; and Citizen of the Year Father John Klein.*

Delta Township hosted the 15th Annual Delta Township Community Awards Event on October 28 at the Crowne Plaza Lansing West. Nearly 200 people gathered to celebrate the outstanding individuals, businesses, and organizations that were honored during the event. The Township presented five awards including Citizen of the Year, Young Person of the Year, Business of the Year, and two Com-

munity Enhancement Awards. The Young Person of the Year recipient was also presented with a \$2,000 Scholarship sponsored by the Delta Side Business Association.

Recipients are listed below:

### Citizen of the Year Award

Father John Klein  
St. Gerard Parish

### Young Person of the Year Award

Lindsey Zarka  
Grand Ledge  
High School

### Business of the Year Award

Moneyball Sportswear

### Community Enhancement Awards

Granger Mall  
408 Elmwood Rd.

Righter's Auto Repair  
4200 W. Saginaw Hwy.

We wish to thank this year's sponsors for their support. For more information about this year's award recipients, visit [www.deltami.gov/communityawards](http://www.deltami.gov/communityawards).

## LOCAL BUSINESS PROJECTS

### Now Open/ Under New Ownership

- Better Than Urs Design
- BJ's Wholesale Club
- Coldspell Coffee
- Crepe Nation
- Ohanna Sushi
- Orthopedic Rehab
- Simplified Tax

### New in the Lansing Mall

- Glitter
- Lillian's
- Platinum Keys
- Socialight Society

### Under Construction Renovation

- 4233 W. Saginaw Hwy. (Demolition and Remodel)
- Amazon Fulfillment Center
- Auto-Owners (new office building)
- Delta Energy Park - BWL natural gas-fired power plant
- Meijer Distribution (Expansion)

### Delta Crossings

- At Home
- Consumers Credit Union
- Olive Garden
- Texas Roadhouse



## Delta Rebrands WWTP to Water Resource Recovery Facility

In an effort to reflect our role and function of protecting and improving our natural resources, the Township recently began the process of re-branding the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) to the Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF)

Besides facilitating Delta Township's continuing strategic goal of maintaining our critical infrastructure, the WRRF Capital Improvement Project will have significant environmental benefits, namely, the new facility will be more resilient, reliable, and efficient in achieving a high level of wastewater treatment quality. The additional tertiary treatment process (constructed in Phase 2) will also achieve a much higher level of treatment than the current process. This major investment will also continue our stewardship of protecting our most valuable natural resources, being the Grand River and the Great lakes freshwater basin.

## Update: WRRF Capital Improvement Project

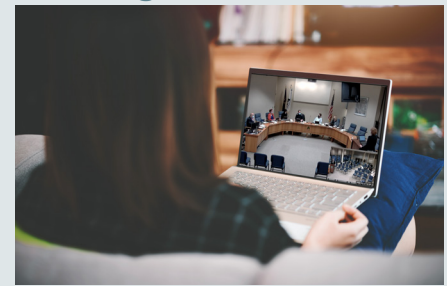
In 2018, Delta Township began evaluating the existing Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) and planning for needed upgrades. That effort revealed that major capital improvements to the plant would be necessary in the coming years to address:

- Significant infrastructure condition issues (35+ years old)
- Meet new, tighter discharge permit limits from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE)
- Provide a modest expansion of plant capacity for continued growth in the Township

The project is planned to be completed in two phases and is anticipated to cost approximately \$90 million. The Township's sewer rates will be increased annually to fund the debt cost of the low interest CWSRF loans that will be used to finance the project. Construction is anticipated to begin in May 2022 and last approximately two years for phase one.

For more information on this project, please visit our website at: [www.deltami.gov/projects](http://www.deltami.gov/projects)

## We're Streaming Our Meetings!



Delta Township is now streaming our meetings live on zoom. To access our live meetings online, or to view past recorded meetings, visit our website at [www.deltami.gov](http://www.deltami.gov).

For live streaming click the link at the top of the selected meeting agenda packet or enter the meeting ID and passcode in the Zoom app. A link to view past meetings will be posted with the agenda packet the following business day.

**Streamed meetings are for viewing only.** If you wish to make a public comment, you must do so in person or in writing prior to the meeting to Clerk's office via mail or email at [clerk@deltami.gov](mailto:clerk@deltami.gov).



## Streetlight Out?

LBWL has launched a new online streetlight outage reporting form on its webpage

Is there a broken streetlight or light out in your neighborhood? Customers can report streetlights out by calling 877-295-5001 or going online through the new online streetlight reporting form found at the link below:

[www.lbwl.com/community/streetlights](http://www.lbwl.com/community/streetlights)

## Delta Passport Services

The Delta Township Clerk's Office accepts passport applications year around during regular office hours Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. If you are planning to travel in 2022 it is recommended applicants apply 4 to 6 months prior to travel dates due to extended processing times with the Department of State.

### Passport services are by appointment only.

To schedule an appointment, please call 517-323-8500.

For more information about passport services or documentation, please visit

[www.deltami.gov](http://www.deltami.gov)  
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## Township Invests in New Equipment for Emergency and Fire Services



Delta Township has been known historically for providing the best equipment for our Firefighter/Paramedics to protect the public. In September 2021, the Fire Department welcomed the newest edition to their fleet of fire apparatus. This fire engine is licensed as an Advanced Life Support unit with the State of Michigan allowing our firefighter/paramedics the ability to provide acute patient care prior to the arrival of one of our ambulances.

In December 2021, Township purchased one aerial platform apparatus in the amount of \$1.58 million and another fire engine for \$600,000. To aid in the purchase, the Township, with the help of Representative Angela Whitwer (D), was awarded a \$1.4 million Michigan Enhancement Grant and plans to utilize ARPA funds for the remaining \$200,000 for the aerial platform apparatus. These vehicles will replace the two aging engines currently being utilized by the department.

More recently, Delta Township approved a contract between the Township and Stryker to manage critical medical equipment that is currently in use by the Fire Department. The Stryker ALS 360 Asset Management Program is a 10-year program designed to keep lifesaving equipment at current technology standards, with upgrades to improved technology

during the life of the program. One of the most important facets of this new venture will be the uniformity of equipment used across all of the Township's emergency medical vehicles. This is not only important when it comes to immediate lifesaving interventions but cuts down on training for differing equipment nuances for our emergency medical personnel. This program will cover:

- LIFEPAK Cardiac Monitors
- Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs)
- LUCAS External Chest Compression CPR Devices
- Power Cots
- Power Loads (the units in ambulances that lift and pull the stretcher into the ambulance)
- Stair Chairs



This program is similar to those used by hospitals to keep important medical equipment current and consistent throughout a facility or department. Delta Township Fire Department will be one of the first agencies in the State of Michigan to utilize this bold initiative.

# JUNE TEENTH

FREEDOM DAY

JUNE 19

Is now a  
Township Holiday

In observance of the Juneteenth holiday which celebrates the end of slavery in the U.S. the Delta Township Administrative Offices will be closed to the public.

The holiday marks the day (June 19, 1865) when news of emancipation reached people in the deepest parts of the former Confederacy in Galveston, Texas – more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was issued. “Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States.”

## NEW Fulltime Hires

### John Kahler

Assistant Fire Chief  
Fire Department

### Nathan House

Paramedic Firefighter  
Fire Department

### Kyle Jeffers

Paramedic Firefighter  
Fire Department

### Yadira Carter

Department Assistant  
Clerk's Office

### Taylor Lilly

Department Assistant  
Building Department

### Jacob Johnson

Parks Maintenance Worker  
Park and Recreation Department

### Sara Ranes

Account Clerk 2  
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