

Spartyville City State of Community Report 2005

Overview

Spartyville City(Hypo City) is located within Sparty Township(Hypo Township) in the middle of the state of Michigan, 30 miles to the west of Metropolis and 50 miles south of MidSize City. The Spartyville City planning area covers 12.25 square miles of the township’s 80 square miles. The incorporated city comprises of approximately 2.5 square miles located near the center of the planning area. Spartyville boasts rich cultural diversity due to being declared a “welcoming city” to immigrants and refugees by Mayor Reddy in 1995. The schools are exceptionally good, a big attraction for young families to the district. The area has some of the best water quality in Michigan. Spartyville is home to beautiful forests, lakes, and wetlands which are highly prized by the community.

Vision Statement

We plan to create a collaborative meeting space via Zoom to encourage citizen participation on Spartyville’s future planning efforts. Participation from members of the community seek to promote sustainable housing through the use of renewable resources and advocate for redevelopment of existing commercial areas.

Wisdom generates mass email chain to the residents of Spartyville in an effort to garner community opinions and feedback of the future direction of the city through the use of a Zoom meeting that is convenient for majority of the residents.

Meeting Structure

- Introductions of Participants 5 minutes
- Overview of State of Community Report 10 minutes
- Breakout rooms for smaller group discussions 30 minutes
- Break 5 minutes
- Individual Land Use concerns 15 minutes
- Large Group discussion of future land use issues 20 minutes
- Team will compose document highlighting concerns, goals, and priorities from the Zoom meeting. This information will then be circulated to the participants of the meeting no later than a week from the meeting date.

Spartyville Community Profile for 2005	
Population	10,000
Square Miles	12.25 square miles
Date of Incorporation	1855
Form of Government	Mayor-council government
Employment	Manufacturing, retail trade, services, and local government
Number of Households	3,500
Median Household Income	\$44,000
Poverty Rate	12.50%

Data is pulled from various source including Spartyville Planning and Zoning Division and (Esnard et al., 2006)

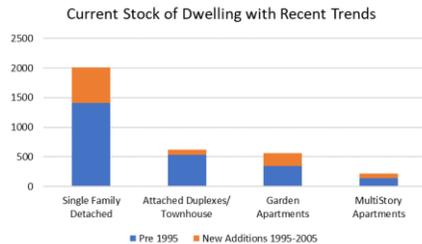
Population

The table below summarizes the current and projected population trends for Spartyville City (Esnard et al., 2006). The township’s population is projected to double to 22,000 by the year 2025 and of that Spartyville will grow substantially, 25%, between 2005 to 2010, flatten out a bit between 2010 to 2015, and then jump again to 15,500 by 2025. The number of young families is projected to increase steadily creating demand for more schools and recreation sites.

Spartyville Population Data	
Current township population 2005	11,000
Current planning area population 2005	10,000
Projected township population 2025	22,000
Projected planning area population 2005-2010	12,500
Projected planning area population 2010-2015	13,000
Projected planning area population 2015-2025	15,500

Housing, Home Ownership, and Income

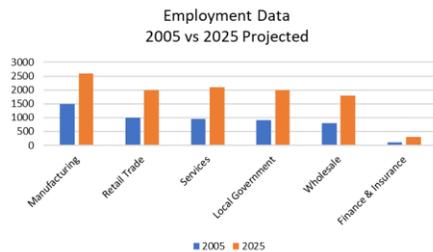
The total occupied housing units in the Spartyville planning area are 3,500 from a total of 3,700 existing dwelling units are Single Family Detached. Of the 3,700 units, 72.4% were built prior to 1995. Most of the housing is single family detached. 55% of these units are owned and the remaining 45% are rented. Vacancy rate is 5.4% The current average household size is 2.9 and the median household income is \$44,000 per year. The proportion of households below poverty level is 12.5%. Data on the additions to house stock for the past 10 years show the largest growth in the single family detached medium and high density, and the garden apartments categories.



Data from Tables 7: Current Stock of Dwellings 2005, and Table 8: Recent Trends in New Additions to Housing Stock, 1995 to 2005 (Esnard et al., 2006)

Economy (Business and Industry)

Spartyville’s total working population is 5,260 workers. The major employment sectors are, manufacturing, retail, trade, services, local government, wholesale trade, and finance and insurance. By 2025 the total workforce is projected to grow to 10,800. Much of Spartyville’s employment is in high-tech manufacturing including chip production, printed circuit board fabrication, and medical equipment manufacturing.



Data from Table 3: Employment Data (Esnard et al., 2006)

Spartystown City Direction-Setting Framework 2005

1. Housing Goal: Provide a housing that encourages the use of renewable energy sources, energy efficiency, and sustainable built environment practices.

Objective 1.1: By 2025, increase the use of renewable energy in buildings.

Policy 1.1.1: Install renewable energy sources at Spartystown City facilities.

Policy 1.1.2: Install infrastructure for buildings utilizing renewable energy sources to be able to sell back excess energy on the grid.

Objective 1.2: By 2025, encourage all new constructions to use sustainable construction methods.

Policy 1.2.1: Secure federal incentive funds to provide to builders who practice sustainable construction methods

Policy 1.2.2: Impose penalty tax on those who do not practice sustainable construction methods.

Policy 1.2.3: Provide developers with other building incentives, such as increased density, for projects in which LEED certification is achieved.

Objective 1.3: Increase supply of diverse housing to accommodate the needs of all current and future residents.

Policy 1.3.1: Develop guidelines for housing within mixed-use developments, which provide more variety of housing styles to appeal to a broader demographic.

Policy 1.3.2: Establish land use policies which promote the improvement or redevelopment of aging housing structures to accommodate the needs of residents.

2. Business and Industry Goal: Promote land uses that aid and diversify the city's economic base and create jobs while balancing these uses with other community needs.

Objective 2.1: Support the development of mixed-use districts to provide basic employment and retail services for the convenience of residents and employees.

Policy 2.1.1: Revise zoning and land use policies to better integrate the housing and business and industry needs.

Policy 2.1.2: Encourage the redevelopment of existing commercial areas to include mixed-use, multiple-story buildings.

Policy 2.1.3: Discourage commercial strip developments

Objective 2.2: Promote the development and growth of high-tech manufacturing (put into SCR)

Policy 2.2.1: Open a specialized training center for workforce talent development.

Policy 2.2.2: Strengthen relationship with our sister city, Tangdong, in China, to exchange manufacturing knowledge.

Policy 2.2.3: Partner with Metropolis University to recruit STEM students for internships and permanent employment.

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