

Resolution 2010-27
Support for Economic & Agricultural Development Activities

WHEREAS, the future viability of the City of Ithaca depends on Economic and Agricultural Development; and,

WHEREAS, Greater Gratiot Development has been a key collaborative vehicle where local units of government have worked together on activities such as the countywide Master Plan, the Gratiot Community Airport Authority, the countywide GIS system, the creation of the Gratiot Area Chamber of Commerce, the creation of Gratiot County Community Foundation, the Gratiot County Brownfield Authority, and the development of several area industrial parks; and,

WHEREAS, Greater Gratiot Development has played a major role in attracting business and industry, as well as facilitating growth to Gratiot County with businesses such as Cartridges Are Us, Barry Controls, Pioneer Hi-Bred, Aircraft Precision Products, AGRO Culture Liquid Fertilizers, Merrill Fabricators, Plasti Paint, Michigan Sugar, MAC, Alpha Plastics, JerDen Plastics and dozens more; and,

WHEREAS, Greater Gratiot Development has assisted many businesses and institutions in securing financing such as Precision Machine & Mfg, Powder Coat of Central Michigan, Gratiot Medical Center, Masonic Pathways and many others; and,

WHEREAS, the surrounding agricultural sector is a major base of relative stability for the local economy; and,

WHEREAS, the success of many of the commercial establishments in Ithaca depend upon the success of the agricultural sector; and,


WHEREAS, the City of Ithaca believes that the citizens of Gratiot County must control our own future, including the short and long term job development opportunities for ourselves, our children and our grandchildren, friends and neighbors, and;

WHEREAS, the economic health and the rural way of life in Gratiot County have been identified as top priorities by the public through the countywide Master Plan survey process; and,

WHEREAS, Michigan Public Act 88 of 1913 allows a county Board of Commissioners to levy up to .5 mills for the purpose of economic development and agricultural promotion;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Ithaca City Council does hereby support the levying of up to .5 mills for the purpose of economic development and agricultural promotion through the public funding of Greater Gratiot Development and Michigan State University Extension's 4-H program or through other means possible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution of support be entered into the official minutes of the Ithaca City Council this 3rd day of August, 2010.


Barbara Fandell, Clerk-Treasurer


George H. Bailey, Mayor