

Reminder on property tax exemption application, report deadlines

The deadline for submitting applications for industrial facilities, neighborhood enterprise zone, obsolete property rehabilitation, commercial rehabilitation, new personal property, charitable nonprofit housing, and commercial facilities exemptions is **Oct. 31**. The State Tax Commissions (STC) asks that completed exemption applications be sent as soon as possible to pte@michigan.gov or PO Box 30760, Lansing, MI, 48909. Email questions to pte@michigan.gov. *2023 Annual Assessing Officer Reports* for local units with industrial facility, commercial rehabilitation, commercial facilities and obsolete property rehabilitation exemptions are due **Oct. 16, 2023**, and should be submitted to the STC as soon as possible. *Industrial Facility Exemption Assessor Officer Reports* spreadsheets should be emailed to Treas-StateSharePropTaxes@michigan.gov. *Assessing Officer Reports for Commercial Rehabilitation Exemptions, Commercial Facilities Exemptions, and Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemptions* should be emailed to pte@michigan.gov.

Apply for disaster preparedness grants by Sept. 5

Up to \$5,000 in funding is available for Michigan communities to develop comprehensive volunteer and donations management plans to be used in times of disaster. The [Disaster Preparedness Grant Program](#) aims to equip communities with disaster recovery plans and train local partners to effectively implement these plans. Successful applicants will be expected to provide training to local partners to understand the plan design and recovery procedures. The deadline to apply is **Sept. 5**.

Submit hazard mitigation program 'notice of intent' by Sept. 24

Townships can submit notices of intent to the Michigan State Police (MSP) Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division by **Sept. 24** for project funding for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) FY 2023 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities and Flood Mitigation Assistance programs. Program requirements can be found in the [Hazard Mitigation Assistance \(HMA\) Program and Policy Guide](#). Funds can be used to implement hazard mitigation projects, and develop or update local hazard mitigation plans, including stormwater management projects that reduce flood risk and protective measures for utility infrastructure, to name a few. Find examples of completed hazard mitigation projects at [FEMA's HMA Mitigation Action Portfolio](#). Complete applications are due **Nov. 10**. Questions? Email MSP-EMHSD-Hazard-Mitigation-Grants@Michigan.gov, or contact MSP Hazard Mitigation Team members at (517) 512-9589, (517) 614-1914, (517) 243-7873, or (517) 582-8114.

Member input sought for 2024 MTA legislative policy platform

MTA is seeking review and input from members on its legislative policy platform. Reviewed and updated annually, the legislative policy objectives guide MTA's government relations efforts and reflect emerging issues and goals. MTA members are encouraged to review the current [MTA 2023-24 Policy Platform](#) and share any proposed revisions and suggested additions by **Monday, Nov. 27**. Member-proposed policy changes will be reviewed by MTA committees for word selection and legality, and to ensure they conform with the Association's overall goals and objectives. The proposed policies will be presented at the 2024 MTA Annual Meeting at our Annual Educational Conference in April. Contact legislation@michigantownships.org with questions, comments or suggestions.

MTA's popular retreats return this fall

No one understands townships like MTA. That's why we created our *Professional Development Retreats*, two-day events filled with information, insights and invaluable connections. There's a retreat tailored for each office—[clerk](#), [treasurer](#), [supervisor](#) and [trustee](#)—plus one for your [planning and zoning team](#), and new this year is our [Strategy & Innovation Retreat](#). Each event offers two full days of intensive learning on topics targeting the challenges (and opportunities!) you face each day, plus opportunities to forge lasting relationships with others who share your commitment to public service. Don't wait—early-bird registration rates end three weeks prior to each event, and on-site lodging is filling up fast! [Learn more here](#) or [register online now](#).

Share input MI Healthy Climate Plan implementation

Local officials can share input to help implementation and public engagement of the state [MI Healthy Climate Plan](#), which identifies actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 50-52% from 2005 baselines by 2030 in an equitable manner. Recent federal funding investments are an opportunity for Michigan to implement the plan goals and deliver outcomes that curb the worst impacts of climate change, improve public health, create economic opportunity, lower costs, protect natural resources, and make investments to address environmental injustices. Share input by **Sept. 15** at 5 p.m. via an [online form](#), email EGLE-OCE@Michigan.gov or mail to Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, Executive Office, Office of Climate and Energy, PO Box 30473, Lansing, MI 48909-7973.

Register for Complete Streets webinar

Join the state Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy for an upcoming webinar, [How to Incorporate Non-Motorized Transportation/Complete Streets into Planning](#), from 11 a.m. to noon **Wednesday, Aug. 23**. [Complete Streets](#), including the integration of non-motorized transportation infrastructure, offers an approach to planning that accommodates safe and functional mobility for all types of users, including drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists and public transportation riders. The webinar will highlight how communities can incorporate non-motorized transportation elements and a Complete Streets framework into their planning processes to promote sustainable mobility systems. For program questions, contact crawfordj15@michigan.gov or stavelandj@michigan.com; for registration questions, contact bertholda@michigan.gov or roseberryj@michigan.com.