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Ten Mile and Orchard Lake PlacePlans Team Invites the Greater Farmington Community to an Open House on June 17 from 6 - 7:30 PM

Join City Staff and representatives from the Michigan Municipal League (MML) and Lawrence Technological University's (LTU) Detroit Studio/Master of Urban Design program on Wednesday, June 17 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. at Farmington Hills City Hall, 31555 W. Eleven Mile Road, for a PlacePlans Open House featuring the conceptual vision and recommendations for the Ten Mile and Orchard Lake Road Area. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided to help celebrate an engaged community that provided the input that shaped the plan.

Farmington Hills and Farmington were among a select group of Michigan cities chosen to receive technical assistance designed to attract and retain residents and employers. Specifically, the Farmington Community focused on the Ten Mile and Orchard Lake Road area through the MML's PlacePlans Program.

PlacePlans is a joint effort between the Michigan Municipal League and Michigan State University that helps communities design and plan for transformative placemaking projects. PlacePlans is supported by the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) and Governor Snyder's MPlace Partnership.

Following the Community Workshop held in March, the team from LTU spent the last few months developing a conceptual vision for the area based on a study of existing conditions, community survey data, and the input and ideas gathered at the workshop.

"We're happy with the result and think it does a good job representing the feedback we received," said Nate Geinzer, Assistant to the Farmington Hills City Manager. "It gives us an exciting goal to work toward."

Kevin Christiansen, Economic and Community Development Director for the City of Farmington explains, "Now that this study is complete, it's important that it's not just 'placed on a shelf'. We hope to work with commercial property owners, businesses, residents and other stakeholders to find a path that moves this vision forward."

Open House participants will be given \$1,000 (in play money) to "spend" on various aspects of the plan. This activity will help prioritize the plan's recommendations.

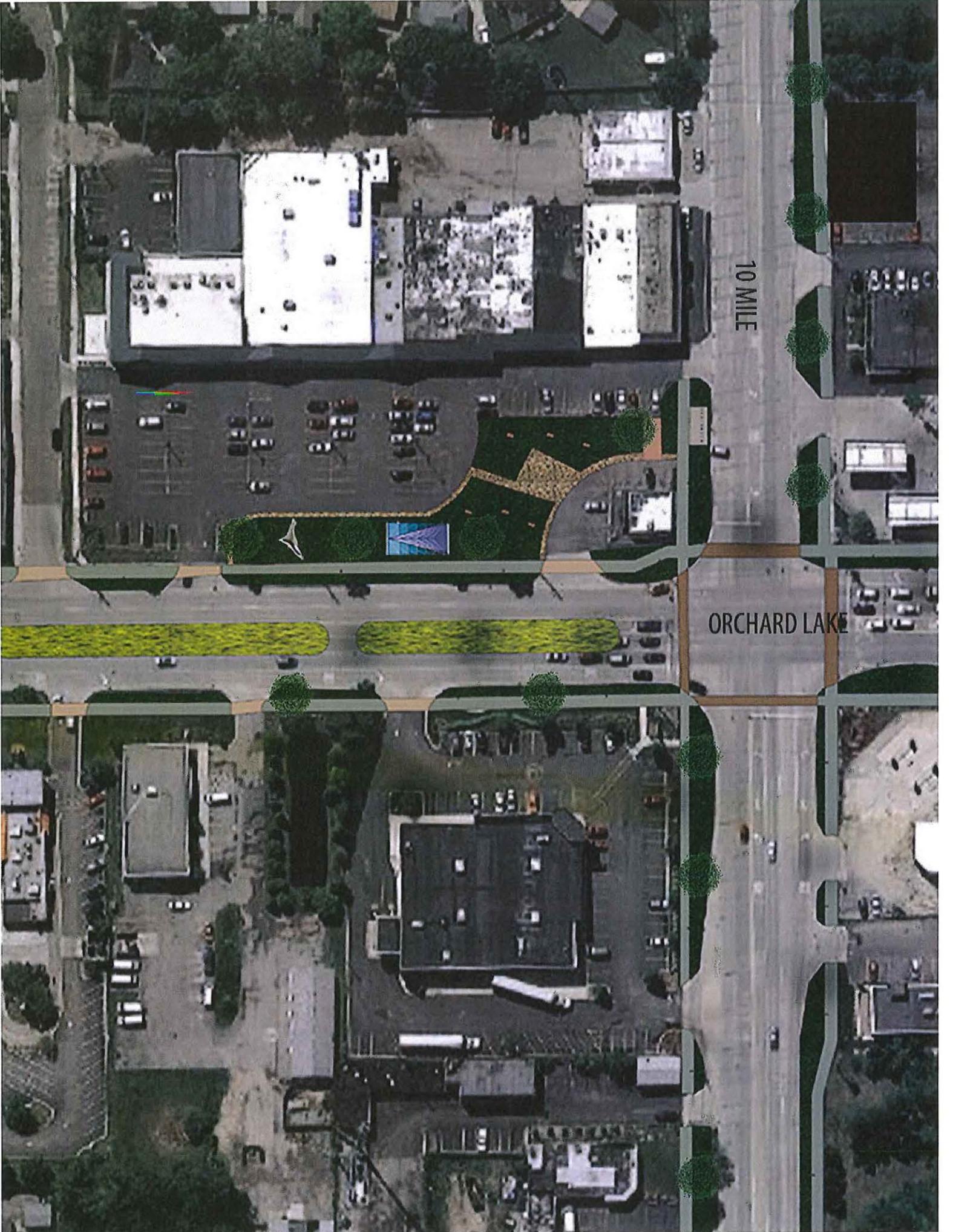
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