

HEATH TOWNSHIP
ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-1

PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS ("PDR")
AND CREATION OF CONSERVATION EASEMENT

WHEREAS agriculture and farmland is important to Allegan County by generating economic revenue, providing locally grown food, providing environmental benefits, wildlife habitat, open space and is essential to the quality of life of its citizens; and

WHEREAS development pressure is increasing the possibility that farmland and resources critical to our agriculture industry and community could continue to be lost, impacting the quality of life of current and future generations; and

WHEREAS PA 262 of 2000 provides state matching funds to counties to protect farmland through a voluntary purchase of development rights program, with the eligibility for state matching funds contingent on counties having an updated master land use plan and having developed and adopted a local farmland preservation program; and

WHEREAS growth and development is both essential and inevitable, it also must be balanced with the protection of our farmland and natural resources to maintain a long-term business environment for our economically important agricultural industry and the quality of life for the citizens of Allegan County; and

WHEREAS Heath Township supports property owners rights to voluntarily sell their development rights in areas of our township that are named in our future land use plan and zoned for that purpose; and

WHEREAS Heath Township supports a county or regional approach to the administration of a purchase of development rights program.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Heath encourages and/or requests Allegan County to establish a county-wide Purchase of Development Rights Ordinance.

Motion was made by _____, seconded by _____,
to adopt the foregoing resolution.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted "Aye":

The following voted "Nay":

The chairman declared the motion carried and the resolution duly adopted.

HEATH TOWNSHIP

Sheila Meiste, Clerk

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, being the duly elected and acting Clerk of the Township of Heath hereby certifies that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Board at which a quorum was present on the ____ day of _____, 2004, and that the members voted thereon as hereinbefore set forth.

Sheila Meiste, Clerk