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Township Growth Drives Decision to Hire GIS Specialist

Macomb Township, Mich., — For decades, Macomb Township has been one of the fastest growing communities in Michigan. As more people choose to call Macomb home, the more the Township must tackle. During the November 30 Board of Trustees Meeting, trustees approved the hiring of the township's first-ever GIS Specialist.

Geographic Information System (GIS) is software with a database of geographic information. It allows the user to manage, analyze, and visualize the data. The mapping system gives an in-depth look at Township infrastructure including the water and sewer systems as well as other parts of our township such as zoning, easements, and site plans. As the GIS data is compiled for the township, it will eventually give inspectors from the Department of Public Works, Building, and Fire departments access to this critical data while they're in the field. This will help guide decisions and allow inspectors to work more effectively.

The addition of this position will improve decision-making within the township and give leadership more data with which to plan for responsible growth in the future. This will also allow the township to create a version of GIS for residents to use and look up information about their property.

"Bringing this position in house will give Macomb Township more opportunities to use GIS to its full potential," said Planning Director Josh Bocks said. "We're excited to have this position approved and filled and know the role will be a great asset to the Macomb Township team."

A consultant is currently doing the GIS work for the township, but primarily just maintain the data we currently have. Hiring an employee dedicated to GIS will allow the township to do even more and for about the same cost. The GIS system will continue to grow and evolve and become exponentially more valuable to the Township

"The Board of Trustees is dedicated to make decisions that move Macomb Township forward while keeping costs low," said Supervisor Frank Viviano. "I'm looking forward to everything this new position will do for our residents."

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