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Macomb Township Awarded Grant for Children’s Water Fountain, Town Square Amenities

Macomb Township, Mich. – Kids of all ages will enjoy running through a water play fountain at the new Town Square development in Macomb Township thanks to a \$982,000 State of Michigan placemaking grant awarded on Wednesday, May 7, 2025. The grant will also help finance new outdoor restrooms adjacent to the fountain, walking paths, and landscaping within the square lawn bounded by Macomb Township Hall, Recreation Center and the Clinton Macomb Public Library North Branch on Broughton Road.

Placemaking grants are awarded through a competitive application process by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) and are designed specifically for projects that help communities create unique places that stimulate community gatherings and economic development. The Township has been allocating funds toward the addition of amenities at Town Square, and the MEDC grant means the project timeline will be accelerated to approximately two years for completion.

“The Township Board has been aggressively pursuing grant opportunities to bring residents’ state tax dollars, often sent to Lansing and redistributed elsewhere, back to Macomb Township,” said Treasurer Leon Drolet. “We fought to bring these placemaking funds back to our community, which will benefit all our residents, especially our children and families.”

Township Supervisor Frank Viviano credited a team approach to the successful application. “There are a lot of hurdles to overcome when applying for highly competitive grants for which applications can take months. The Township Board, engineering, planning and recreation departments all pulled together to develop the application. Everyone shares the same goal of making Macomb Township an even better place to live,” he said.

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