

Osceola Township Fact Book

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Introduction

This Fact Book was prepared by the Osceola County, Michigan State University Extension office for use by the Osceola Township (Osceola County, Michigan) Planning Commission as it updates its master plan.

Much of the information needed by the Planning Commission is already included in the *Osceola County, Michigan Future Land Use Plan*, dated November, 2002. This information is not included in the Fact Book; however, references are made to this information and its location in the Plan. The Planning Commission was given two copies of the Plan in written format and two copies on computer disk.

Some of the data provided is specific to Osceola Township (i.e. population counts) while other data is presented on a countywide basis (i.e. climate). The reasons for doing so include;

- a. Some types of data are not available down to the township level. If the general location of the township can be determined and the information may be useful the data was included.
- b. It is more appropriate to show some types of data on a scale larger than the township level (i.e. location).

There are some pieces of information that would have been nice to include in the fact book, but were not done so. The reason for this is the information was not available at the township level and county level data did not provide any value.

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