

Resolution No. 2013-01-T

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD
RESOLUTION
REGARDING COMPLETE STREETS**

WHEREAS, the term “Complete Streets” is defined as a design framework that enables safe and convenient access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and drivers of all ages and abilities, while also improving environmental quality; and

WHEREAS, sedentary lifestyles and limited opportunities to integrate exercise into daily activities are factors correlated to adverse health consequences; and

WHEREAS, “Complete Streets” infrastructure benefits the environment by addressing storm water runoff, air pollution and other environmental challenges; and

WHEREAS, coordinated development of “Complete Streets” infrastructure offers long-term cost savings for local governments and provides benefits to property owners, businesses and investors; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets allows people with disabilities, low-income residents, older adults, children and other segments of the population who do not have consistent access to vehicular transportation the ability to travel freely throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, “Complete Streets” are achieved when transportation agencies routinely plan for, design, construct, operate and maintain the transportation network to improve travel conditions for all users in a manner consistent with, and supportive of, the surrounding community and the natural environment; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Legislature has passed “Complete Streets” legislation that requires the Michigan Department of Transportation and local governments to consider all legal users in transportation related projects; and

WHEREAS, streets that support and invite multiple uses, including safe, active and ample space for pedestrians, bicycles and transit are more conducive to the public life and efficient movement of people than streets designed primarily to move automobile;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Charter Township of Garfield Board of Trustees hereby declares its support of “Complete Streets” policies and to the extent feasible the Charter Township of Garfield will attempt to incorporate “Complete Streets” design considerations and practices as a routine part of infrastructure planning and implementation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Charter Township of Garfield will attempt to consider “Complete Street” principles in future long-range planning documents, such as the master plan and on-going zoning activities, such as site-plan review; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Charter Township of Garfield is open and willing to explore ways of planning for, designing, constructing, operating and maintaining “Complete Streets” infrastructure, including non-motorized trails, with neighboring municipalities wherever feasible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Charter Township of Garfield will attempt to make serious efforts to communicate how “Complete Streets” policies and design considerations are being implemented with regional and state road agencies wherever feasible.

Moved: Kit Wilson

Supported: Jeane Blood

Upon roll call vote on the adoption of the resolution, the following voted "Aye":

Ayes: Korn, Schumacher, Blood, Featherstone, Wilson, Schmuckal, Agostinelli

Nays: None

The Supervisor declared the resolution duly adopted.

Township Clerk: 
Kay Schumacher

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned Clerk of the Township of Garfield hereby certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of an excerpt of the minutes of a regular meeting of the township board of the Township of Garfield, Grand Traverse County, Michigan, held on January 8, 2013, at which meeting seven (7) members of the township board were present and voted as indicated in said minutes; that said meeting was held in accordance with the Open Meetings Act of the State of Michigan; and the foregoing excerpt contains all material pertinent to the Resolution 2013-01-T.

Township Clerk signature: 
Kay Schumacher