

Urban Policy Research Series

Michigan's economic recovery will be closely related to our central cities' ability to overcome continuing social and economic challenges. To support local and state policy development for cities, the Michigan State University Center for Community and Economic Development, in partnership with the MSU Land Policy Institute's MI-HELP consortium, are connecting Michigan's elected leaders with its finest urban scholars to address the critical urban policy issues facing our State. In 2007, policy research was commissioned on priority topics identified by the Urban Core Mayors.

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Underinvestment in Capital Facilities of Michigan's Urban Schools: Dimensions of the Problem and State Policy Options David Arsen and Thomas Davis, Michigan State University

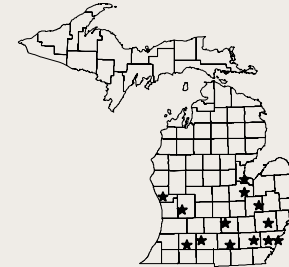
Michigan's Local Finance Structural Deficit and Analysis of Proposed Solutions Jeff Horner, Wayne State University

Why Cooperate and for What Results? An Analysis of Local Cooperative Efforts to Manage Regional Growth in Michigan Elsie Harper-Anderson, Elisabeth Gerber, and Nina P. David, University of Michigan

Creating a Policy Environment to Lift Working Families out of Poverty Kiran Cunningham and Hannah McKinney, Kalamazoo College

Brownfields: Making Programs Work For Michigan Communities Roger E. Hamlin, Ric Hula, Bianca Cobarzan, Cynthia Jackson-Elmoore and Cristina Leuca, Michigan State University

Global Positioning: The International Competitiveness of Michigan's Cities and Regions Mark I. Wilson and Kenneth E. Corey, Michigan State University



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The **Urban Core Mayors** was established in 1992 as a forum for central city leaders from across Michigan to cooperate on issues of mutual concern. Together, the 13 member cities are home to nearly two million people, and 80% of Michigan's population lives in the regions anchored by the core cities. The group is co-chaired by Mayor George Heartwell of Grand Rapids and Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick of Detroit.

The **Bipartisan Urban Caucus** was formed in 1995 by legislators seeking to develop a state policy agenda to support the revitalization of Michigan's core cities. The caucus continues to be active under current co-chairs Representatives Kevin Green (R-Wyoming) and Robert Jones (D-Kalamazoo), and Senators Jason Allen (R-Traverse City) and Hansen Clarke (D-Detroit).

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