Background
On September 19, 2018, City Council a Public Participation Plan for the City of Hancock. This plan was a requirement of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation’s (MEDC) Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) program.

Public Participation Objectives
The purpose for establishing this Public Participation Plan is to have a clear set of policies, procedures, and methods to apply across a wide range of city initiatives to ensure the public has appropriate venues and timing for feedback. This is meant to be a “living document” that is updated periodically to respond to changes in staffing, noticing, and community needs.

Public participation goals for the city include, but are not limited to, the following:

❖ Foster a culture within Hancock’s local government which prioritizes public participation in city planning and development activities.
❖ Provide diverse opportunities for stakeholders to participate and provide public input.
❖ Conduct all aspects of public participation transparently, while making sure stakeholders can freely access the process if they are interested.
❖ Evaluate each project individually and determine scope, stakeholders, limitations, body of approval, community impact during each decision-making process, resources, and the level of appropriate public participation.
❖ Track and analyze results of public participation to feasible extent and share the results of such activities with the broader public.
❖ Develop and maintain staff expertise in all aspects of public participation.
❖ Continuously encourage and support improvement in the city’s approach to public participation.

July 1st, 2020 – June 30th, 2021 Annual Status Report
As a component of the Public Participation Plan evaluation, the city will report annually on the plans implementation and will provide the following information:

➢ Community placemaking project - Memorial/ Upper Montezuma Park
➢ Community placemaking project - revitalization of Hancock Tori and Farmers Market
➢ Community outreach - Newspaper and radio advertising
➢ DDA Bi-annual Report
➢ Farmers Market -Educational Events
➢ Planning Commission Annual report
➢ Branding Survey (logo)
➢ 5-Year Recreation Plan -Survey and Public hearing
➢ Budget Public Hearing for city of Hancock