

***Please report
property
violations
on Gratiot***

The Charter Township of Clinton and the Downtown Development Authority have specific rules regarding sign usage and property maintenance.

Unauthorized signs, unsightly properties, trash and other violations should be reported, even anonymously.

If you are concerned about the condition of any property along the Gratiot corridor, please contact Planning and Community Director Carlo Santia at 723-8083 or on the web at c.santia@clintontownship-mi.gov.

\$225,000 grant would offset cost for energy efficient LEDs

Federal funds sought to help pay for Gratiot lights

The Clinton Township Board of Trustees has approved a DDA plan to apply for a \$225,000 Federal grant to help pay for the LED lighting project along Gratiot from 14 Mile Rd. to north of Metropolitan parkway.

The funds are part of an

“The grant would reduce the long-term cost of the lights to Gratiot businesses.”

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant now available to speed infrastructure projects across the nation.

To date, property owners controlling more than 53 percent of the lineal feet along Gratiot have approved of the special assessment district. For some property owners, the special assessment tax increase will be partially offset by a decrease in property assessments due to the economic downturn. Check your property tax bill and direct any

questions you may have to the township’s Assessing Department.

The lighting project, along with improved median landscaping and maintenance, electronic signage and now the repaving of Gratiot itself, demonstrate a commitment to infrastructure improvement along a business corridor that is vitally important to Clinton Township and surrounding residents and businesses.

The lights are the next step designed to help place Clinton Township’s Gratiot business district on an equal footing with communities to the south and

business districts along M-59. The lights will increase the safety of our residents, shoppers and business proprietors. They will also help our emergency responders who often must perform their duties in, at best, a dimly-lighted portion of the township that is heavily populated.

The project also looks to the future by dramatically reducing energy consumption and maintenance costs through the use of LEDs. We expect energy usage to be reduced by two-thirds and maintenance costs by 75 percent. It all spells a lot of bang for the buck.



New bus stops are now being installed at Target, Art Van, the North Point Plaza, Wellington and Gratiot, and the CVS Pharmacy at Metropolitan Parkway. An additional, larger bus stop soon will be installed at Farmers Market.

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Michigan Works youth pitch-in to maintain corridor

Clinton Township's DDA and Public Works Department have hired a total of 10 Michigan Works youngsters to help maintain the Gratiot corridor. The high school youngsters have applied a fresh coat of paint to fireplugs and helped weed the newly landscaped areas along the median.

The DDA has also hired an intern from Wayne State University to prepare a property vacancy inventory along Gratiot. The list of vacant and for-lease properties will be placed on the DDA's website,

www.gratiotinclinton.com



Hampton Inn, McDonald's constructing new locations

Construction on the new Hampton Inn just north of 14 Mile Rd. along Gratiot continues with a scheduled opening for late 2009 or early 2010. In addition, McDonald's plans to relocate its Gratiot facility north of Metropolitan Parkway to a new location with more property between north and south bound Gratiot. The new restaurant will be located on the former Parkway Chrysler Jeep property. The old facility will be demolished and the property placed for sale.