

# Study Makes Assumptions-- Allen

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The purpose of the Farmington Area Governmental Organization Study was to evaluate the organizational alternatives for meeting the future needs of the Farmington area. This was to be done on the basis of an examination of objective data, forces and processes at work in the area.

THE MSU STUDY was to include an examination of the growth of population, the use of the land, the development of the economic base, and the response and adjustment of government to those changes in the form of tax collections, rendered services, and organization. First, it examines the growth pattern of the several governmental units. Second, it reviews the financial aspects of the governmental operation, and third, it considers and compares government service arrangements. Or, in simple language:

1. Available statistics were collected and reviewed.  
2. Field trips and meetings were held in which observations were made.  
3. Making certain broad assumptions and overlooking entirely several important factors, conclusions were reached on the basis of the above collected statistics.

HOWEVER, in dealing with people problems as we certainly are, a few statistics are not sufficient. Although they admittedly have their importance, they cannot stand alone or be properly evaluated without other important considerations, which in the case of the MSU Study were omitted.

1. A sociological study determine something about the people themselves. A separate

(The following is the third in a series of articles by City Councilman John Allen on the topic of consolidation. Allen is one of the leaders of a city group entitled "WE" which is opposed to consolidation. The views expressed are those of the writer and not necessarily of this newspaper.)

census of city and township people to determine the influences affecting their decisions to:

- Live where they do.
- Shop where they shop.
- Determine their pattern of living and establish their preferences.

2. A geographical study to determine:

- Relative densities of population.
- Direction and character of internal expansion.
- Accessibility from area to areas.

4. Location and effect of adjoining or nearby markets.  
5. A political analysis to determine the makeup and preference of the people; the influence and effect of alternatives; what part political motivation has in the push for consolidation.

4. A comparative study of present and proposed Farmington areas with their neighbors, Livonia and Grosse Pointe, to determine the similarities or differences to be found in the neighbor communities.

5. An inventory of capital assets and a factual analysis of the current progress and stage of development of Farmington City and Township to determine in detail the advantages and disadvantages consolidation will bring about.

THE MSU STUDY was not

requested or paid to make such a thorough study and cannot be criticized in this respect. However, the MSU study could have, in honestly, qualified its conclusions or, knowing how much

FARMINGTON motorists will have to be extra cautious in months to come because new signal lights will be located at various intersections in the city.

The newest light, now in operation, is at Freedom Dr. and Farmington Rd. But three more lights are on the agenda for installation and a fourth is being requested.

APPROVAL HAS been granted by the State Highway Department for a traffic signal light at Power and Grand River. The initial request was made five years ago, according to City Manager John Dinan, and persistence has paid off.

Cost to the city for installation will be \$1,125 and the city will bear 50 per cent of maintenance costs. Robert Deadman, director of public safety, expects the signal will be in operation in about 90 days.

Work orders have also been issued for a signal light at Alameda and Grand River. Installation of that light is also expected to be accomplished in 90 days.

A THIRD light is expected to be installed within the next few months at the Orchard Lake entrance to the Orchard Ridge campus in the township.

Important material was missing, not made any conclusions of any kind. Furthermore, it would be disastrous to take such a final and irrevocable step without the necessary study and time to develop correct conclusions.

Finally, it should be very evident the MSU study makes an extremely weak case for the City participation in a consolidation movement. It is very clear the city has nothing to gain and everything to lose.

## 3 New Signals

A contract for the light between Oakland Community College and the Oakland County Road Commission was approved at Thursday night's board of trustees meeting.

The City of Farmington is preparing a request for a signal light at the intersection of Shawwassee and Orchard Lake Rds.

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## Who Wants Seven Posts?

How will the Farmington Area elect a charter commission Nov. 4 if there are not enough candidates on the ballot to fill the seats?

It could develop if the trend continues. Only two candidates have filed for the charter commission - both from the township.

In the City of Farmington and Village of Wood Creek Farms, no one has even picked up a petition. In Quakertown, only one resident has picked up petitions (and that may be for the village offices on the Nov. 4 ballot rather than the charter commission).

The deadline for filing is Sept. 16, only 23 days away. Farmington Township, which is allocated five seats on the commission, has but two candidates. The city with two seats has no candidates. And both villages, with one seat each, are without candidates. That adds up to seven seats which no one wants.

To file, a resident must have lived in his municipality for three years and obtain the signatures of 20 qualified electors on his petition. The law specifies that municipal officers, elective or appointive, may not serve on the commission. Petitions are available from each of the clerks of the four governments.

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