



## Memorandum

DATE: December 2, 2016

TO: Surveyors and Engineers

FROM: Ottawa County Plat Board

RE: **Open Space Ownership in Plats**

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A renewed emphasis on clarifying and therefore approving plats in Ottawa County has brought to light the opportunity that plats may have open spaces designed into the plan which have undesignated ownership. Without ownership of open spaces there is a risk of creating problems as it relates to dealing with future easements, assessments, etc.

In an effort to ensure that plats of the future in Ottawa County identify ownership of open spaces within a development we have adopted a new policy. This policy requires that for final approval all plats will show, through the Restrictive Covenants or through a recorded deed, that all open spaces within the plat are deeded to the Developer. This required information must be part of the final plat documentation submitted to the Plat Board, and be clearly identifiable.