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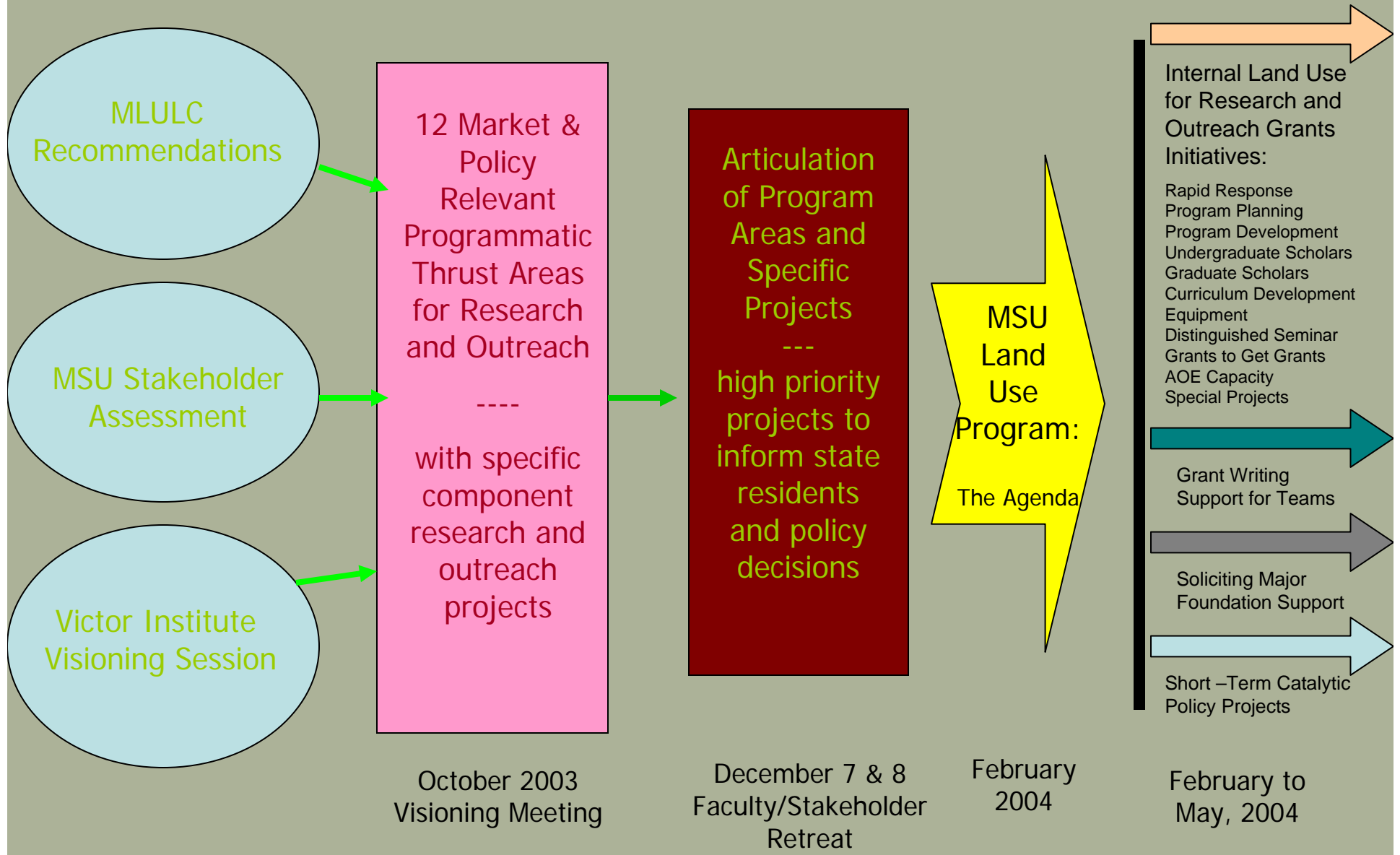
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Revitalizing Michigan Cities

Vision and Needs Driving Research and Outreach Agenda and Programs





Mission

With 75% of Michigan's population residing in or near its urban areas, the quality of life the majority of Michigan's residents is dependent upon the health and vitality of our cities. Given the historical investment in urban infrastructure, it makes economic, social and ethical sense to maintain and enhance the viability of our cities. The primary goal of this programmatic area is to provide information, technical analysis and research to citizens, policy makers, developers and state agencies that will support Michigan's urban revitalization efforts. It is important that research and outreach efforts in this particular area be based on the principles of equity and sustainability.



Stakeholders

- Urban Residents
- Neighborhood Associations
- Local Decision-Makers
- State Government Agencies
- Health Departments
- Michigan Foundations
- Real Estate Developers & Realtors
- Urban Based Industries
- Faith Based Organizations
- Non-Profit Organizations



Approach

- Participatory processes.
- Fostering market based solutions.
- Simultaneous consideration of environmental, social and economic impacts.
- Build local capacity.



*High Priority Areas**

- Cost & benefits of Smart Growth design tenets.
- Municipal finance reform.
- Quality of Life indicators.
- Equity and ethics in urban policy and public investment.

*as defined by participants in the December 2003 retreat.



Our Charge

1. Do you see any glaring omissions?
2. Does this agenda make sense?
3. If we accomplish what is outlined here, would it contribute to moving the state forward?
4. How involved would you (and your organization) like to be?
 - Very Involved (Collaborator)
 - Involved (Advisory Capacity)
 - Somewhat Involved (Informed)

