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Macomb County appoints Rea to Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority board of commissioners

Macomb County is pleased to announce John Paul Rea, director of the Macomb County Department of Planning and Economic Development, has been appointed to the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority (HCMA) board of commissioners.

HCMA is governed by a seven-member board of commissioners. They are responsible for making policy decisions, approving expenditures, acquiring land, planning new parks and facilities, approving fees and charges, awarding contracts through competitive bidding and other matters necessary to provide regional recreation. The HCMA board of commissioners is comprised of one appointee each from all of the counties as well as two who are appointed by the governor of Michigan.

“As a lifelong resident who regularly visits the Metroparks, I am confident in Rea’s ability to represent Macomb County’s interests,” said Macomb County Executive Mark A. Hackel. “He has a great understanding of how quality-of-life assets help to boost economic development.”

HCMA maintains and operates 13 parks throughout the five-county region and offers 365-day access to open space, outdoor experiences and recreational assets for all of southeast Michigan. Covering 25,000 acres, HCMA has an annual budget of more than \$51 million and welcomes more than 8 million visitors annually.

Rea holds a bachelor’s degree in political science with a minor in public administration and a master’s degree in public administration with an emphasis in urban and regional policy and planning from Grand Valley State University. A member in good standing with the American Institute of Certified Planners, Rea also represents Macomb County on the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation board of directors and is involved in many committees with the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.



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