



Election 2024 Benzie County

How to get ready and get engaged!



How many seats are up
for election in Benzie
County in 2024?

70+ !!

Every township seat.

Every County Commission seat.

(Yep, all in November 2024!)

Think global, act local

Democracy requires engaged citizens,
especially at the local level.

Townships and counties are where citizens
can make positive, meaningful change!

So...how and where can we get engaged?



Our call to
action!



Here are the basics for 2024:

1. Register to vote....and know when the next elections are.

[Michigan Voter Information Center](#)

2. Learn who your local, state, and national representatives are.

[Find and contact elected officials | USAGov](#)

3. Contact them often with your concerns, requests, & questions.

[Township, Village, & City Government – Benzie Democrats](#)

4. *Run for office!*

REMEMBER:

Benzie needs people to run in every township and county district in November.

(That's why we're talking about it now!)

This is an opportunity ...

... for Benzie folks to make sure their governments use state and national funds.

Will our local leaders do what it takes to bring that money home... and spend it wisely?

Some decisions we face right now:

The **INFRASTRUCTURE
INVESTMENT
and JOBS ACT**



Broadband:

Which grants should the county pursue to expand Broadband access *and* guarantee affordability and digital literacy?

Why? There is now ample federal and state grant funding available.

We can be a rural Michigan leader in providing digital wrap-around support and services.

Affordable Housing:

We can attract new businesses and families if workers can find and afford places to live.

Employers, realtors, developers, financiers, and residents must work closely and creatively with local zoning officials on this big challenge.





Child Care:

Parents, educators, everyday folks, AND elected officials must come together to solve our child care crisis.

State help is available, but local teamwork is the essential ingredient for finding sensible, economical solutions.

Outdoor Recreation & Tourism:

We must pursue and manage state and federal grants supporting:

- Honor Area Restoration Project
- The Betsie Valley Trail
- Crystal Lake Outlet upgrades
- Point Betsie protection

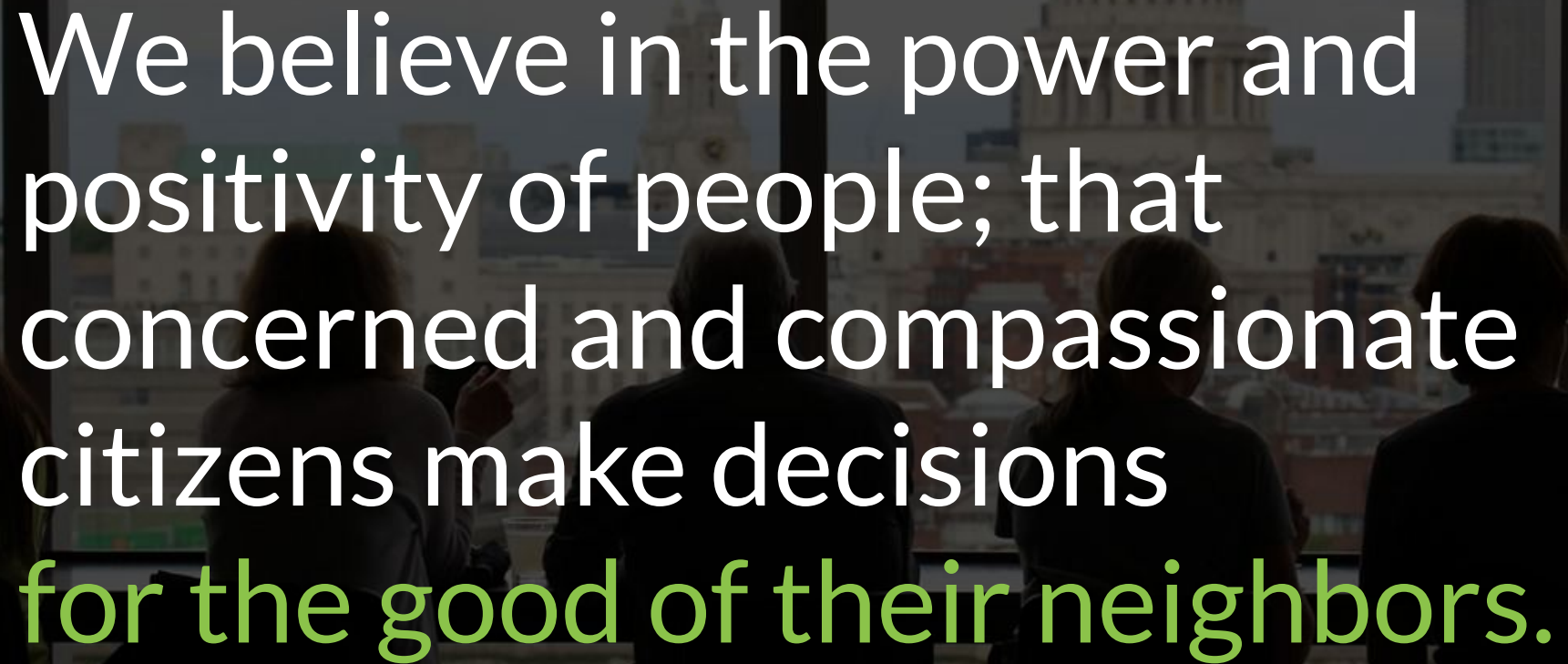




Protecting our Natural Resources:

How can we strategically balance protecting natural assets with necessary economic development?

Can we make decisions today that will create a more sustainable world seven generations in the future?

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We believe in the power and
positivity of people; that
concerned and compassionate
citizens make decisions
for the good of their neighbors.

So...

2024 is a big year for Benzie County.

You have the opportunity **to
make our community better.**

Step up and get engaged!

Here is how you can get involved:

Vote.

Attend
township
and county
meetings.

**Run
for
office.**