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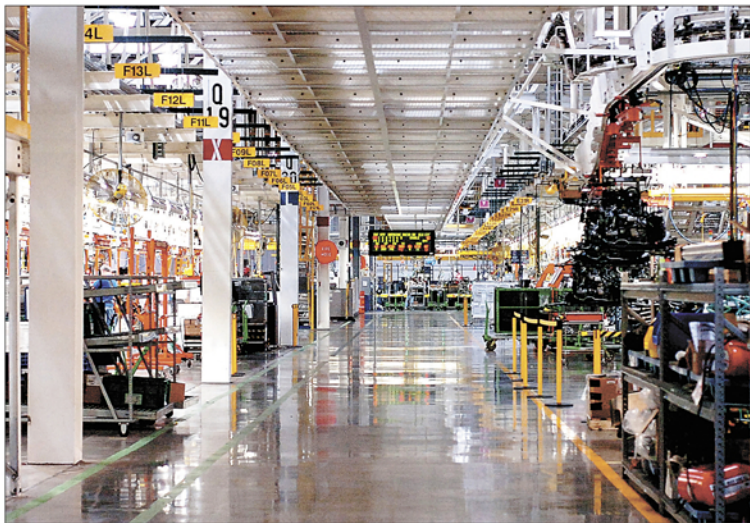


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Latest cuts by largest U.S. automaker expected to ripple through area

General Motors Corp. announced Monday it would cut the second shift at its Lansing Delta Township assembly plant, resulting in 1,200 jobs lost. The plant, shown here the week of Nov. 13, 2008, is one of three Lansing plants that shut down production for the month of January to address a more than 20 percent drop in U.S. sales for the largest U.S. automaker.

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GM cutbacks lead to loss of 1,200 Lansing jobs

"People in these situations will be much more likely to be careful with their money. The effects will slowly trickle out into the economy."

John Revitte, MSU labor and industrial relations professor

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Lansing — If Jim Caudy has any reason to be positive about the potential he could lose his job, it's that he's already started weighing his options. "I'll probably be laid off fairly soon," said Caudy, an MSU alumnus and electrician in General Motors Corp.'s Lansing Delta Township Assembly plant. "I've been looking at other options for about six months anyway. If it's only a few months, I think I'll be back. Everyone who has been laid off so far has been able to return." Caudy's outlook turned all the more grim Monday after GM announced it would cut one of two shifts from the Lansing Delta plant, which is expected to result in a loss of 1,200 area jobs. The layoffs are effective March 30, said Heidi Magyar, a GM Lansing region spokeswoman.

Magyar said the national recession justified the company's move, as did GM's sales dropping about 23 percent in 2008. "Vehicle sales remain dramatically depressed," she said. "We felt the need to move from two shifts to one shift to meet the demand that's there. It's a very hard market out there right now, and we're trying to respond to it as quickly and as well we can." Caudy said GM is adjusting to the economy. "It's all forecasting. We don't know what is going to happen two months from now," he said. "It might be all right by then."

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GM cuts deep

General Motors Corp. announced Monday it would cut one of two shifts from the Lansing Delta Township Assembly plant, which is expected to result in layoffs of 1,200 jobs, effective March 30.

Lansing Delta makes the Buick Enclave, GMC Acadia and Saturn Outlook.

Lansing also is home to the Lansing Grand River Assembly plant, which makes the Cadillac CTS and SP5.

SOURCE: GENERAL MOTORS

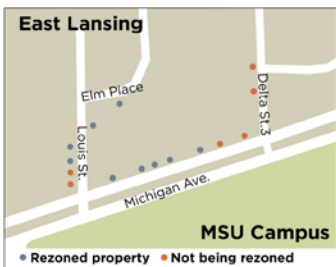
ZONING

Plans for Delta Triangle won't oust students

By Jeff Kanan
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Its ideal location on Michigan Avenue between Grand River and Harrison avenues makes it a popular spot for students, but the quiet, old-style neighborhood of Louis Street and Michigan Avenue will have a new look in coming years. The East Lansing City Council last week passed an ordinance to rezone most of the 3.8 acres of land along Louis Street, Michigan Avenue, Delta Street and Elm Place to accommodate future multiple-family and multiple-student houses.

The rezoning and potential future redevelopment eventually could force the removal of some of the nine buildings included in the area, referred to as the Delta Triangle. But it will not force current residents to relocate.



said Tim Schmitt, a community development analyst for East Lansing.

"A piece of the comprehensive plan is to try and get better housing

in place for students," Schmitt said. "There's a strong demand for housing near campus, but no one currently there is going to have to move out."

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SOURCE: CITY OF EAST LANSING

Students said because they don't have to move out, the rezoning suits them nicely. "The new zoning is beneficial to us because this area is always

going to be occupied by students," said Greg Ormsby, president of Alpha Kappa Psi, 123 Louis St.

"The importance of keeping student housing near campus remains a priority for the city, East Lansing Mayor Vic Loomis said.

"Traditionally, our city has had a lot of student-oriented housing very near campus," Loomis said. "In this case, we really have upgraded the property and raised the standard for students."

Another ordinance to rezone two more parcels of land along Louis Street is on the agenda for this week's work session, to be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Courtroom 2 of 54-B District Court, 101 Linden St.

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HOCKEY

SEASON OVER FOR PLAYERS INVOLVED IN U-M INCIDENT

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MSU head coach Rick Comley issued season-ending suspensions to two players following an incident Saturday when the MSU hockey team faced off against Michigan's Yost Ice Arena.

Comley suspended sophomore forward Corey Tropp and freshman forward Andrew Conboy after the two attacked U-M's Steve Kamper in the final minutes of U-M's 5-3 win. Conboy tackled Kamper to the ice from behind, and Tropp slashed Kamper near the head and neck with his stick after Kamper went down.

"What happened near the end of the game this weekend is not the way in which we want our hockey program represented," Comley said in a prepared statement released Monday evening. Comley is scheduled to host his weekly press conference Tuesday afternoon.

"We cannot condone their actions. We felt that we had to send a strong message that this behavior will not be tolerated."

In the statement, Comley said he wanted to make clear the incident was "an emotional, split-second action."

"I do not want this to be portrayed that this was anything premeditated, or that any single player was 'targeted,'" Comley said. "Their reaction, while inappropriate, was a split-second response that I know that they wish they could have back."

The Central Collegiate Hockey Association released a statement supporting the suspension implemented by Comley.

"We feel that the measures taken by Michigan State are appropriate and consistent with the parameters of the sanctions that were being contemplated by the league," CCHA commissioner Tom Amatoro said.

MSU Athletics Director Mark Hollis said the university feels strongly that student-athletes "should have respect for the

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