

Municipal Electric Ownership - A Strategic Advantage for Our Community

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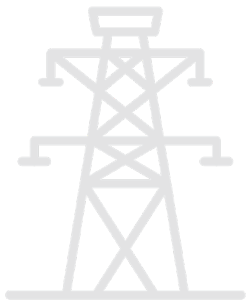
Founded in 1896, the Grand Haven Board of Light & Power (BLP) proudly serves the Cities of Grand Haven and Ferrysburg along with the Townships of Grand Haven, Spring Lake and Robinson.

Over 129 years ago, our community saw the value in public power by creating their own electric utility. Additional foresight by the community structured the BLP by giving voters direct control to elect the Board responsible for governing the electric system. For over a century, local ownership has delivered reliable service, responsive governance, and competitive rates — a tradition of community-driven excellence that continues today.

Planning for the Future

The BLP follows a comprehensive strategic planning process to guide investments and priorities across our core focus areas: reliability, affordability, and sustainability.

Our current 5-year strategic plan (2022–2026) has driven significant progress. Through disciplined execution, we've modernized metering technology, upgraded all four substations, enhanced our 69-kilovolt transmission system, and improved distribution network performance—all while maintaining stable, cost-effective rates.



As we approach 2026, the Board of Directors will begin developing the next strategic plan for 2027–2031. Before we do, we're reaching out to gather community input and feedback (see back panel for a message from the Chairman of the Board).

We invite all BLP customers to participate in this public planning process. Your involvement will help shape the future of your community-owned electric utility.



The following summary highlights recent accomplishments and our continued commitment to reliability, affordability, and sustainability.

Investing Today for a Reliable Tomorrow

While aging infrastructure makes headlines across the state and nation, the Grand Haven Board of Light and Power has taken a different approach: we invest proactively to ensure safe, reliable power for our community.

Since 2017, we've invested more than \$31.8 million in major upgrades. We've improved every substation and replaced over 2,024 utility poles, along with transformers, insulators, and surge protectors, to strengthen our electrical network.

We've also upgraded all customer meters to Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) technology. This gives our team powerful tools to detect problems before they cause outages. Since the AMI rollout, our System Operators have identified multiple high-temperature warnings from aging customer equipment, helping prevent potential electrical fires and keeping homes and businesses safe.

From poles to transformers, we've digitally cataloged every piece of field equipment and linked it to our AMI system. Advanced analytics now spot signs of overloading or wear before equipment fails.

These investments have made the BLP's electrical system more reliable, efficient, and resilient than ever. The energy our community depends on is ready for the future.

Affordability You Can Count On

Keeping electricity affordable is one of the BLP's top priorities, and it's something we've delivered consistently.

BLP residential customers pay about the same rate today as they did a decade ago: roughly 15 cents per kilowatt-hour. During that same period, the average residential rate across Michigan jumped from 14.42 cents to 19.30 cents (source: U.S. Energy Information Administration). That's ten years of stability and savings for our community. The BLP now ranks among the top 10 most cost-competitive electric utilities in Michigan for residential households.

Even while keeping rates steady, we've continued to manage the utility responsibly and plan for the future. The financial obligations of the BLP utility workers pension program are now funded at over 90%. Additionally, over \$17 million has been set aside for the cleanup of the former Sims Power Plant. Being fiscally responsible by addressing these liabilities proactively reduces the financial burden on our community today and into the future.

Committed to a Sustainable Future

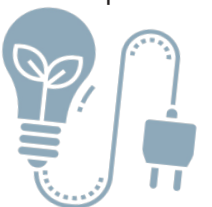
Our community can take pride that the BLP is leading the way responsibly toward a cleaner, more sustainable energy future.

Since the closure of the Sims Power Plant and our move to a diversified power supply portfolio, the BLP has reduced local carbon emissions from power generation by more than 70% compared to 2005 levels. That's real progress our community can be proud of.

Our commitment to renewable energy continues to grow. The annual amount of energy we contract from renewable resources has increased from 8% of energy purchases in 2016 to over 26% in 2024. Two new solar projects came online in 2025, with another project to be completed by the end of 2026. These early investments allow us to bank the excess renewable energy credits generated above the current State of Michigan mandates, helping keep our community ahead of the upcoming clean energy requirements.

Since 2012, our community has also invested more than \$4 million in energy waste reduction programs, helping residents and businesses use energy more efficiently while lowering costs and emissions.

Looking ahead, our goal is to keep moving forward on a sustainable path that's flexible, diversified, and responsive to changing energy markets and regulations — ensuring a brighter, cleaner future for everyone we serve.



A Note from the Chairman of the Board

Every five years, the Board reviews and updates the Strategic Plan for the Board of Light & Power. We will begin this process in January 2026, starting with a request for input from the communities we serve. Your feedback is very important to us.

Our goal at the BLP is to maintain a strong balance between reliability, affordability, and sustainability. Over the past decade, we've made significant investments to strengthen our transmission and distribution systems. Our dedicated utility workforce, some of the best in the industry, are well-trained and extremely committed to serving our community.

We are proud that our residential electric rates remain among the top 10 most competitive in the state. Our power supply portfolio is well diversified, and our renewable energy portfolio continues to grow. While our locally owned and operated utility is strong and well-managed, we are always focusing on the future and seeking opportunities for continuous improvements.

As we begin this strategic planning process, we invite you to share your thoughts. Please take a few moments to **scan the QR code below** and provide feedback to your voter elected Board of Directors. We will also host a series of **Community Forums** in 2026, and we encourage everyone to attend and participate.

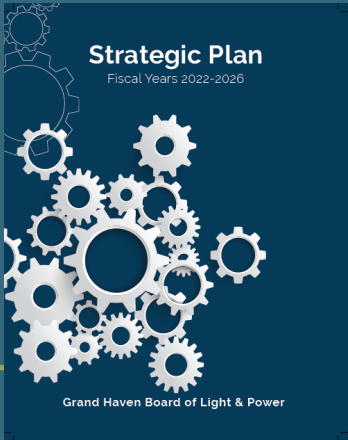
Thank you for your time and engagement as we continue to work in the best interests of the communities we proudly serve and continue the strong history established over the past 129 years.

Michael J. Westbrook
Chairman of the Board



To Share your feedback, scan the QR code, or visit ghblp.org/plan.

Review the current Strategic Plan, available on our homepage at www.ghblp.org.



At BLP, we love engaging with our community and helping everyone stay safe through electrical-safety education.



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