

How can the Michigan government finance structure be more effective and efficient at matching revenues with increasing service needs? Drawing on two recent Citizens Research Council reports – *Counties in Michigan: An Exercise in Regional Government* and *Diversifying Local Source Revenue Options in Michigan* – Jill Roof will present the current practices of government finance in Michigan. With a large number of local governments providing overlapping services, Jill argues that a regionalized structure would be more efficient and effective.

Regional Government in Michigan: The Need to Approach Local Government Service Delivery and Revenue Raising More Regionally

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A resident of Zeeland, MI, Jill remains active in the community volunteering for the Holland Rescue Mission, Immanuel Church, New Groningen Elementary School, and Girl Scouts. She likes traveling, camping, reading, and running.

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Refreshments at 5 p.m. Talk from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Where: 1710 Sangren Hall

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