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Michigan Radio's Christina Shockley interviews Tom Ivacko of UM's Center for Local, State and Urban Policy, who discusses a survey of how local governments in Michigan are responding to current budget problems. He reports that 47% of counties and 41% of cities expect to make service cuts, and many plan to increase fees. Ivacko also discusses the strategy of "place making," an economic development approach that focuses on developing places that people want to live and work, rather than focusing on support of individual businesses or industries. [Source]