



Michigan Economic Development Corporation  
BI-WEEKLY REPORT  
January 3, 2017

Report #07

#### NEWBERRY

The following have occurred since the last report:

1. Provided the prospective Village Manager, Jennifer James-Mesloh, Ph.D. with an example contract that includes heavy emphasis on council/manager communications and performance based review benchmarked against community goals and objectives. Provided an overview of PRT and how the outcomes of this assistance can be used in her job performance. Also provided an example of another community goals and objectives and how those are woven into administrative initiatives.

#### CENTRAL LAKE

The following have occurred since the last report:

1. Met with Julie Lowe at Gaylord MDEQ to review Central Lake projects. Julie notes that Antrim County has an inactive BRA and these projects could be a trigger to get them up and running. It was agreed that Julie was going to convene a meeting with Antrim County BRA and Central Lake after the Holidays. Dan Leonard will be looped in by Julie.
2. Mammoth Distillery is still interested in the project and has requested a meeting with MDEQ.
3. P&M Discussed Open Meetings Act vs Public Input session with DDA Chair.

#### GRAYLING

The following have occurred since the last report:

1. P&M issued a draft of the economic development strategy for review.
2. P&M discussed the branding strategy and local implementation with DDA/Main Street Manager.
3. City has provided GIS and base information for the selected redevelopment sites.

#### EVART

The following have occurred since the last report:

1. Drafting of master plan continues
2. Coordinating with MRC for community engagement, currently scheduled to begin January 24

#### HARRISON

The following have occurred since the last report:

1. B&R working on Master Plan update and 5 year Parks and Recreation Plan update.
2. Recreation Plan survey issued through community.

#### SANDUSKY

The following have occurred since the last report:

1. A conference call is scheduled for December 19 with B&R, City Manager, and members of technical assistance team to review data needs and establish work plan for Master Plan
2. Coordinating with MRC to reschedule on community assessment/engagement session for January



CHARLOTTE

The following have occurred since the last report:

1. No change since prior report.

PAW PAW

The following have occurred since the last report:

1. B&R and P&M met with City to review redevelopment sites. They identified several sites for potential redevelopment.
2. DDA TIF Plan, drafted through PRT, approved at December Village Council meeting.
3. Village Manager acknowledged PRT assistance with land bank authority property. Reduced price accepted and the site is part of the 35-acre redevelopment acreage.

HILLSDALE

The following have occurred since the last report:

1. B&R is working with Zoning Administrator on zoning ordinance revisions.

RIVER ROUGE

The following have occurred since the last report:

1. B&R is developing community engagement activities for the Master Plan
2. Arnett Muldrow scheduled branding service visit Jan 21-23.

*General Note: This report includes the week before Christmas and New Year holidays. Many municipalities were closed or on reduced staffing for holiday-related vacations.*

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