



Michigan Economic Development Corporation
BI-WEEKLY REPORT
January 20, 2017

Report #08-Revised

NEWBERRY

The following have occurred since the last report:

1. The new Village Manager will be Jennifer James-Mesloh, Ph.D. She will begin work on January 17 and we have discussed a phone conference to get her up to speed.
2. Working on Planning Commission training.
3. BRI discussed the master plan document and logistics for collaborating on drafting the final document with Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Planning and Development Commission staff.
4. P&M met with the economic development subcommittee to review potential projects for inclusion in the formal economic development strategy.
5. P&M met with PRT Committee to determine goals and objectives for Economic Development Strategy.

CENTRAL LAKE

The following have occurred since the last report:

1. Met with Julie Lowe and Heidi, MDEQ Gaylord with Mammoth Distillery to review brownfield options for the project. Because of the meeting, Julie and Heidi will be coordinating a meeting Northern Lakes Economic Alliance (NLEA) on the project with the owners of Mammoth in late January.

GRAYLING

The following have occurred since the last report:

1. B&R reviewed draft CIP prepared by the Village and provided comments.
2. Branding is substantially completed.
3. P&M meeting with PRT Committee on Jan 19 to review and finalize Economic Development Strategy.

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. The Parks and Recreation Committee has met twice to discuss goals, objectives, and the Action Plan.
2. The Recreation Plan survey closed January 15th; a total of 67 surveys were completed.
3. The plan goes out for public comment January 17, 2017 and the Public Hearing has been set for February 20.
4. ArnettMuldrow scheduled for branding planning meeting on Tuesday, January 17



SANDUSKY

The following have occurred since the last report:

1. A conference call conducted with the City Manager, and members of technical assistance team to review data needs and establish work plan for Master Plan
2. Sandusky is undertaking a Recreation Plan outside of the Rising Tide project but coordinated with the Master Plan update. A conference call is scheduled for January 17 to begin data collection.
3. Coordinating with MRC to reschedule on community assessment/engagement session for January

CHARLOTTE

The following have occurred since the last report:

1. Preparing cross section for downtown at request of City for discussions with MDOT. This is part of their sub-area plan effort through PRT.
2. P&M met with city staff regarding joint planning session held by city, Charlotte Rising, DDA, CAN-DO and Chamber.

PAW PAW

The following have occurred since the last report:

1. One day of housing assessment fieldwork has been completed. The results are under review to determine whether a second day is warranted or needed.
2. B&R submitted initial draft of CIP.
3. Conference call with Assistance Village Manager and DPS Superintendent scheduled for January 20 to review CIP and additional projects.
4. P&M worked with village to arrange for a Public SWOT Analysis scheduled for Wednesday, January 18 at 6pm.

HILLSDALE

The following have occurred since the last report:

1. B&R has submitted preliminary zoning concepts to the Zoning Administrator for review by the Planning Commission on January 17, 2017.

RIVER ROUGE

The following have occurred since the last report:

1. B&R has developed a draft community survey to collect public input for the Master Plan process. It is under internal review and will be presented to the Planning Commission on January 23. Survey review and distribution channels will be the focus of the meeting.
2. River Rouge is considering undertaking Recreation Plan in conjunction with the Master Planning process. Incorporation of recreation-focused questions into the community survey is under discussion.
3. ArnettMuldrow conducted branding exercises.
4. P&M met with mayor, city officials on economic development plans in preparation of economic development strategy.

INTERNAL TEAM ACTIVITIES

1. Research conducted for CIP-related software. This effort focused on Plan-It software. Paw Paw will be used as a beta test for the software.

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