



Michigan Economic Development Corporation
BI-WEEKLY REPORT
March 2, 2017

Report #10

NEWBERRY

The following have occurred since the last report:

1. The following Technical Assistance provided since last report:
 - a. Assisted with process to secure a new Village Attorney. We provided the VM with an example request for proposal for legal services.
 - b. Reviewing several Village ordinances that affect delivery of basic services. One is the garbage ordinance. Currently the Village and several private haulers compete within the Village for service on a fee-for-bag arrangement. As result, some residents defer collection by stockpiling non-food related garbage in backyards which has increased neighborhood blight. The Village ordinance is not being interpreted correctly. We have recommended that this become a priority of the new Village Attorney to redraft the ordinance and establish a uniform collection fee.
 - c. Continuing work on the utility bond issue. Coordinating with PFM, public finance advisors, on possible bond restructuring.
 - d. Working with Village Manager and DPW Superintendent on water utility rate structure.
2. P&M finalizing Economic Development Strategy narrative and work plan.

CENTRAL LAKE

The following have occurred since the last report:

1. P&M scheduling downtown plan meeting with DDA to finalize.
2. P&M meeting to finalize DDA and Economic Development Strategy rescheduled due to weather.

GRAYLING

The following have occurred since the last report:

1. Coordinating with Plan-IT and City on CIP software.
2. P&M Finalized Economic Development Strategy

EVART

The following have occurred since the last report:

1. Meeting held February 22, 2017 to review preliminary CIP.
2. Second draft submitted on March 2, 2017 with a follow-up meeting scheduled for March 6..
3. Beckett & Raeder has received the community assessment from MRC and it now drafting action strategies using the community's input.
4. P&M met with city manager. Will be conducting joint strategic planning session with council, DDA and LDFA board and will also review roles and responsibilities.

HARRISON

The following have occurred since the last report:

1. Harrison received word from Ben Muldrow at Arnett Muldrow that the branding and marketing assessment would occur in early March.



2. Harrison adopted their Parks and Recreation Master Plan February 20 and it is now on file with the MDNR.
3. The Planning Commission has a work session focused on the master plan goals, objectives, and existing conditions scheduled for March 14

SANDUSKY

The following have occurred since the last report:

1. MRC completed the community assessment on February 28th; the results are being drafted and will be sent to Beckett & Raeder to incorporate in the Master Plan.
2. P&M met with City Manager and reviewed recent downtown projects and brainstormed ideas for future placemaking activities.

CHARLOTTE

The following have occurred since the last report:

1. P&M reviewed Communications Plan with CharlotteRising Communications chair and is currently finalizing.
2. P&M scheduled to meet with the various redevelopment organizations to discuss roles and responsibilities in the Economic Development Strategy.

PAW PAW

The following have occurred since the last report:

1. A review meeting was held with Village on February 20 to review final draft of CIP.
2. Final draft submitted February 24. This will be presented to Planning Commission on March 2. The Village Manager plans to have adopted by mid-March.
3. The housing assessment is almost complete and will be sent to Paw Paw soon.
4. P&M met with assistant city manager and DDA director to review projects for Economic Development Strategy
5. P&M reviewed draft Communications Plan with assistant city manager.

HILLSDALE

The following have occurred since the last report:

1. Zoning concept review postponed by community until its February planning commission meeting. Drafting continues of thoroughfare and public space standards.
2. Phone meeting with BRI to discuss the draft form-based code has been scheduled for March 10
3. Provided Zoning Administrator ordinance language regarding adoption of the Zoning Map.
4. BRI has coordinated with CATeam on PRT activities, including looping in information on the separate Placemaking project with BRI
5. P&M conducted SWOT for community at-large. Roughly fifty people attended and provide input for the Economic Development Strategy.

RIVER ROUGE

The following have occurred since the last report:

1. Community survey for Master Plan has been delivered and is anticipated to be open until March 24



2. P&M met with mayor and community development director to discuss draft Economic Development Strategy projects and possible roles of various staff and/or volunteers in implementation.

INTERNAL TEAM ACTIVITIES

1. Research conducted on rental inspection programs. Initially conducted for Evert but appears that Newberry will want the educational program, as well.
2. Rental inspection program research continues. A survey about such programs, intended for community managers, has been developed and distribution methods are under review
3. Newsletter #3 is being drafted and will be delivered in early March
4. Research on the mismatch between labor and jobs in Michigan is underway and is expected to inform all five master plans.
5. Have instituted an internal calendar process. As a result, CATteam and RRC members will receive on Friday a consolidated calendar for upcoming meetings in each of the PRT communities.

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