



Michigan Economic Development Corporation
BI-WEEKLY REPORT
May 11, 2017

Report #13

NEWBERRY

The following have occurred since the last report:

1. Plante and Moran have been retained and are scheduled to begin an accounting audit.
2. The first phase of the water rate study is nearing completion.
3. P&M and BRI met with local PRT team to discuss CVB options.
4. The Community Assessment has been scheduled for May 16, a Planning Commission training has been scheduled for May 18, and the kick-off master plan meeting with the planning commission will be held on June 1.

CENTRAL LAKE

The following have occurred since the last report:

1. Meeting with Larry and Julie Lowe (MDEQ) regarding environmental assessment; based on this meeting, it was determined that Phase I and II evaluations will be performed on sites identified by Larry beginning in August of this year (estimated 5-8 sites). This will incentivize property sales.

GRAYLING

The following have occurred since the last report:

1. Scheduling a meeting in first week of June to discuss preliminary redevelopment concepts: Current golf course and former Fred Bear manufacturing plant

EVART

The following have occurred since the last report:

1. B&R and the City have a scheduled call for May 17th to discuss outstanding data to be incorporated into the draft Master Plan.
2. P&M has tentatively scheduled a joint meeting with LDFA, DDA and council for June 6.
3. Meeting scheduled for June 12th with MEDC, MiWorks, BRI, P&M, and local stakeholders to compile a list of resources that the City could use in the Action Plan.

HARRISON

The following have occurred since the last report:

1. A public open house for the master plan was held May 10th.
2. The Planning Commission will meet May 16 to recommend that the Council distribute the plan for public comment.



SANDUSKY

The following have occurred since the last report:

1. The May monthly conference call with Sandusky, MEDC, and MiWorks! was productive and informative. The community has strongly identified lack of workforce housing as a primary issue.
2. A Planning Commission meeting has been scheduled for May 25. B&R will present the draft master plan to date and take comments about future strategies.
3. The week of June 19 was identified for an intensive and coordinated technical assistance effort. Branding, economic development, and master planning activities are in the process of being scheduled for that week.

CHARLOTTE

The following have occurred since the last report:

1. Physical and subarea design planning activities are scheduled for June. This process has been paused while the Main Street board was installed and oriented, but is now ready to progress.
2. P&M scheduling meeting with local orgs to review and get buy-in on roles & responsibilities and economic development strategy work plan.

PAW PAW

The following have occurred since the last report:

1. Sites have now been identified for redevelopment.
2. P&M has delivered final Economic Development Strategy to the village.

HILLSDALE

The following have occurred since the last report:

1. B&R phone meeting was held on May 3 to identify remaining zoning issues. A plan was formulated to wrap up the few stray outstanding details with the Form Based Code by approximately May 15.
2. P&M delivered draft Economic Development Strategy for review.

RIVER ROUGE

The following have occurred since the last report:

1. B&R will meet with the Planning Commission on May 22 to present the draft plan to date. This meeting will launch the Future Land Use Map and Action Plan tasks.
2. B&R, P&M will meet with River Rouge on May 18th to conduct a SWOT analysis.
3. B&R will attend the TMA presentation during the morning of May 16th.
4. A PRT meeting organized by Nicol Brown is scheduled for the afternoon of May 16; B&R to attend.
5. P&M met with local leaders and property owners about the possibility of recruiting a grocery store to downtown.



INTERNAL TEAM ACTIVITIES

1. Rental inspection and jobs/labor research continue. Primary research has concluded and report drafting is beginning.

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