



Grand Vision Growth & Investment Areas

Regional Network Meeting

Monday, October 14th, 2013: 10a.m. – 12p.m.
1209 S. Garfield Ave.– Michigan Works!

Mission Statement: Facilitate the growth and entrepreneurial culture of unique cities and villages that strengthen our region by encouraging business development, removing barriers, utilizing incentives, and fostering public and private improvements.

Agenda

A. Welcome and Introductions

Mike Coy – City of Cadillac	Mary Jo Barck – TC Chamber
Jan Kellogg – NLEA/NWMCOG	Teresa Howes – Village of Empire
Hugh Campbell – Village of Ellsworth	Misty Youngson – Elk Rapids Chamber
Mary Faculak – East Jordan Area Chamber	Kim Pontius - TAAR
Kathy Egan – Suttons Bay Township	Matt McCauley – NWMCOG
Kurt Schindler – MSUE	Janie McNabb – NWMCOG
Jim Lively - MLUI	Scott Gest – NWMCOG
	Mike Woods - NWMCOG

B. Traverse Bay Poverty Reduction Initiative- Janie McNabb – NWMCOG

- Creating opportunities summit 2013 will be on November 6, 2013
 - o The summit is a chance to bring discussions together on poverty
 - o All topics covered (transportation, employment, housing, etc.)
- The summit ties in with the G & I network philosophy by way of planning municipalities to increase opportunity for all.
- The goal of the day is to Create Opportunities throughout our communities that will assist everyone regardless of income level or barrier.

C. Regional Prosperity Initiative- Matt McCauley – NWMCOG

- Gov. Snyder's new statewide initiative
- It's a voluntary competitive grant process to encourage partnerships to create vibrant regional economies.
- Empowers local governments within a region to better determine and affect the factors that drive economic prosperity
- As federal dollars become scarcer, federal partners are looking for those that can demonstrate collaborative efforts that produce positive outcomes
- There is not a "one size fits all" approach to funding opportunities



D. Community Updates

- a. *City of Cadillac*
 - O'neil building is being refurbished by Baker College (through a \$120k grant from Rotary) as student housing and possibly apartments. Complete Streets plan DRAFT is complete
- b. *Village of Ellsworth*
 - Message board is operating successfully. Farm market hours changed to reflect availability of customer base. A vacant lot is available for development and the village is looking for a land trade to make the vacant lot a community square
- c. *Village of Empire*
 - Transportation plan is close to finished with public feedback at almost 100%. The challenge is to find a balance between accomodating the tourism industry and year-round citizens. Future funding opportunities will focus on traffic safety
- d. *City of Frankfort*
 - NA
- e. *Grand Traverse County Parks & Recreation Department*
 - Going through establishing goals and objectives as part of the planning process. This includes having Parks and Rec act as a key driver for placemaking and health/wellness
- f. *Kalkaska County*
 - NA
- g. *Village of Kalkaska*
 - NA

This meeting is open to all who wish to attend. If you are planning to attend and have a disability requiring any special assistance at the meeting, please notify the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments – Mike Woods (231-929-5056/E-mail at michaelwoods@nwm.cog.mi.us)