Planning at the Forefront: MEDC's Integrated Approach to Economic Development - RRC & MMS

RRC and MMS build a solid foundation for creating strong places that retain and attract business investment and talent.





Together, MMS and RRC

- Strengthen public-private partnerships between local Main Street Organization, public sector leaders and investors
- Provide framework for local capacity building to gather resources and support for programming based on local needs
- Align community vision with downtown plan and economic development strategies
- Encourage focus on measurable economic outcomes that help communicate impact



MICHIGAN MAIN STREET

Michigan Main Street Program Levels

Learn: Training Series

Start: Engaged 1-3 years

Progress: Select 5 years

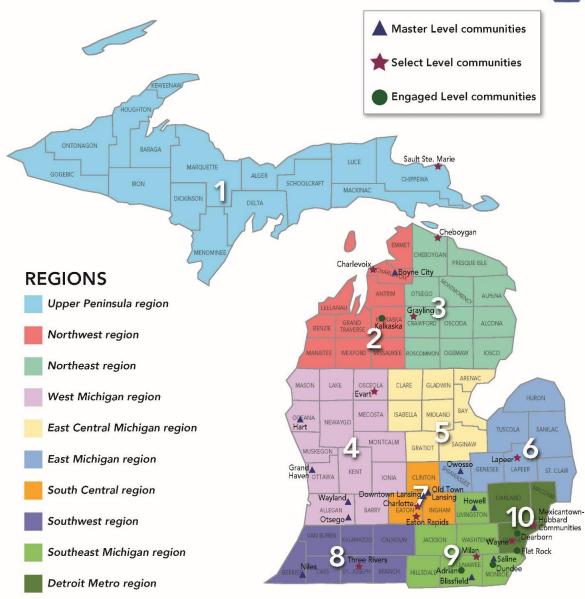
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Maintain: Master At least 2 years





Michigan Main Street Communities 2019





The Michigan Main Street program exists to help communities develop main street districts that:

- ✓ ATTRACT both residents and businesses
- ✓ **PROMOTE** private commercial investment
- ✓ **SPUR** economic growth

Main Street ApproachTM



Community vision + Market understanding:

Establish a community vision for the Main Street district that acknowledges market realities and provides a foundation for future (re)development.

Transformation Strategies

Select a strategy aligned with the community vision and local market to guide programming, planning and investment in the downtown district.

Implementation and Measurement

Identify programming, partners and capital needed to implement transformation strategy; define measures of success to track impact over time.

Comprehensive Impact of Main Street



PROMOTION



ORGANIZATION





Empower communities to shape their future by establishing a solid foundation to retain and attract business investment and talent.

redevelopment ready communities*

Technical assistance

Review of plans, processes, policies and practices

Planning and economic development

Business, talent, place

Certification



Upper Peninsula region

 \star Bessemer (Gogebic County) ★ Escanaba (Delta County)

Northwest region

- \star Boyne City (Charlevoix County)
- \star Manistee (Manistee County)
- ★ Petoskey (Emmet County)
- \star Traverse City (Grand Traverse County)

Northeast region 3

- ★ Alpena (Alpena County)
- \star Grayling (Crawford County)

West Michigan region

- 🛧 Allegan (Allegan County)
- \star Grand Haven (Ottawa County)
- \star Grand Rapids (Kent County)
- \star Hudsonville (Ottawa County)
- \star Middleville (Barry County)
- Muskegon (Muskegon County)

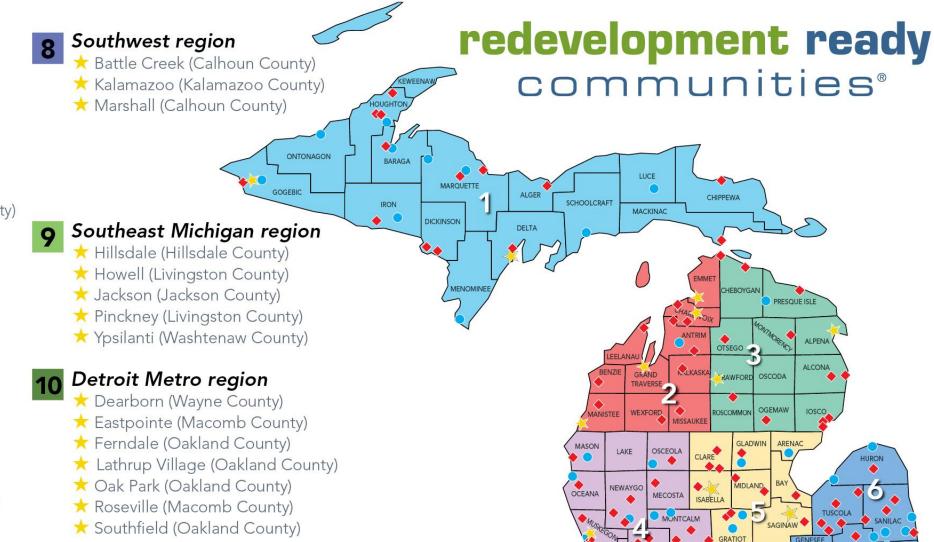
5 East Central Michigan region

Mt. Pleasant (Isabella County) ★ Saginaw (Saginaw County)

East Michigan region \star Laingsburg (Shiawassee County)

South Central region 🛧 Lansing (Ingham County)

***** Meridian Twp. (Ingham County)



RRC Certified Community®

RRC evaluation completed

RRC evaluation in progress

34 communities

166 communities

65 communities

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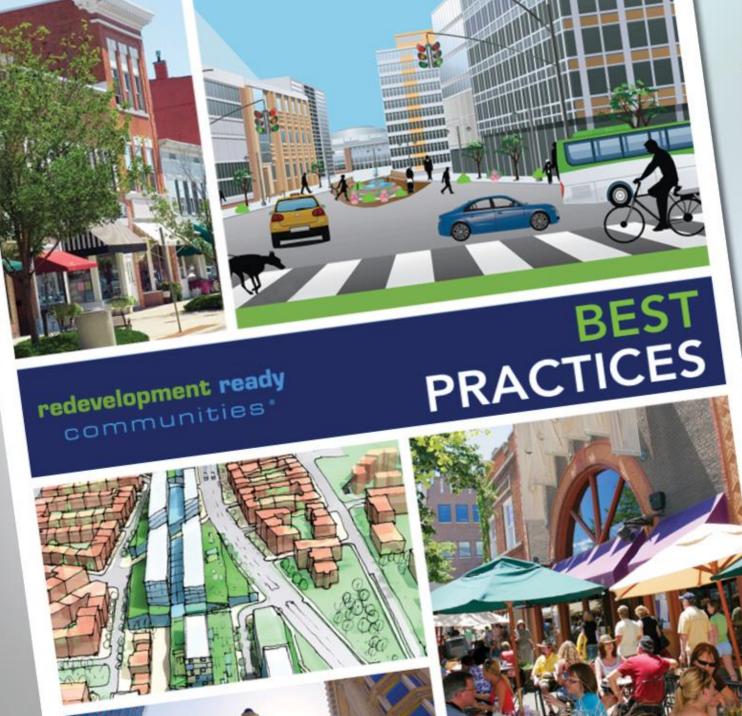
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1. Community plans and public outreach

2. Zoning regulations

3. Development review process

4. Recruitment and education

5. Redevelopment Ready Sites®

6. Community prosperity

Communities in both programs

Certified

Boyne City, Grand Haven, Grayling, Howell, Lansing (2 MMS)

Engaged

Charlevoix, Charlotte, Cheboygan, Eaton Rapids, Hart, Lapeer, Mexicantown (Detroit), Milan, Niles, Ostego, Owosso, Saline, Sault Ste Marie, Three Rivers, Wayland, Wayne

RRC BEST PRACTICES: Community plans and public outreach

Municipality

✓ Planning documents integrate community vision for future development and identify development priorities

 Community identifies and engages stakeholders

Main Street

- ✓ Vision for Downtown District integrated into Master Plan
- ✓ Downtown Plan reflective of local Main
 Street Organization's vision and transformation
- strategies

 Community engagement is critical in creating vision for downtown and continued revitalization efforts

Boyne City Master Plan Goals and Transformation Strategy Alignment



Boyne City - Community Engagement

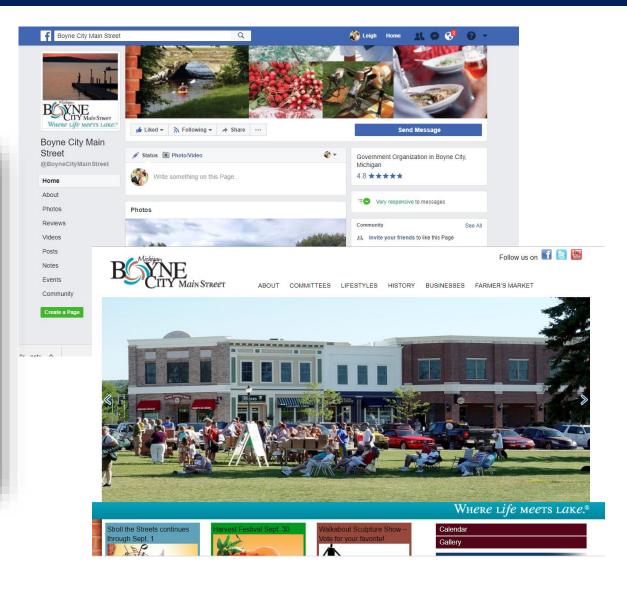
Community Input Overview

Community Meeting

Online Survey

- 41 people attended / gave input
- 32 people participated in poling
- Broke into focus groups to identify community issues
- Recognized the top 18 issues
- Narrowed down issues to top 7
- Expanded on top 7 issues

- 465 people participated
- 450 (approx.) participated in poling
- Rated and commented on top 7 issues identified at the meeting
- Rated the remaining 11 issues
- Provided feedback on issues not listed from the meeting feedback



RRC BEST PRACTICES: Zoning regulations

Municipality

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Zoning Ordinance aligns with Master Plan
 Encourages appropriate and desired form of development

 Includes flexibility to encourage quality development

Is easy to understand

Main Street

 Zoning ordinance aligns with adopted downtown plan

 ✓ Regulates and encourages the type of development appropriate for Downtown Districts

Downtown Lansing Housing Development



Downtown Sault Ste. Marie Form Based Code



RRC BEST PRACTICES: Development review process

Municipality

 ✓ Clearly identified Development Review Procedures
 ✓ Project Tracking
 ✓ Internal/External communication

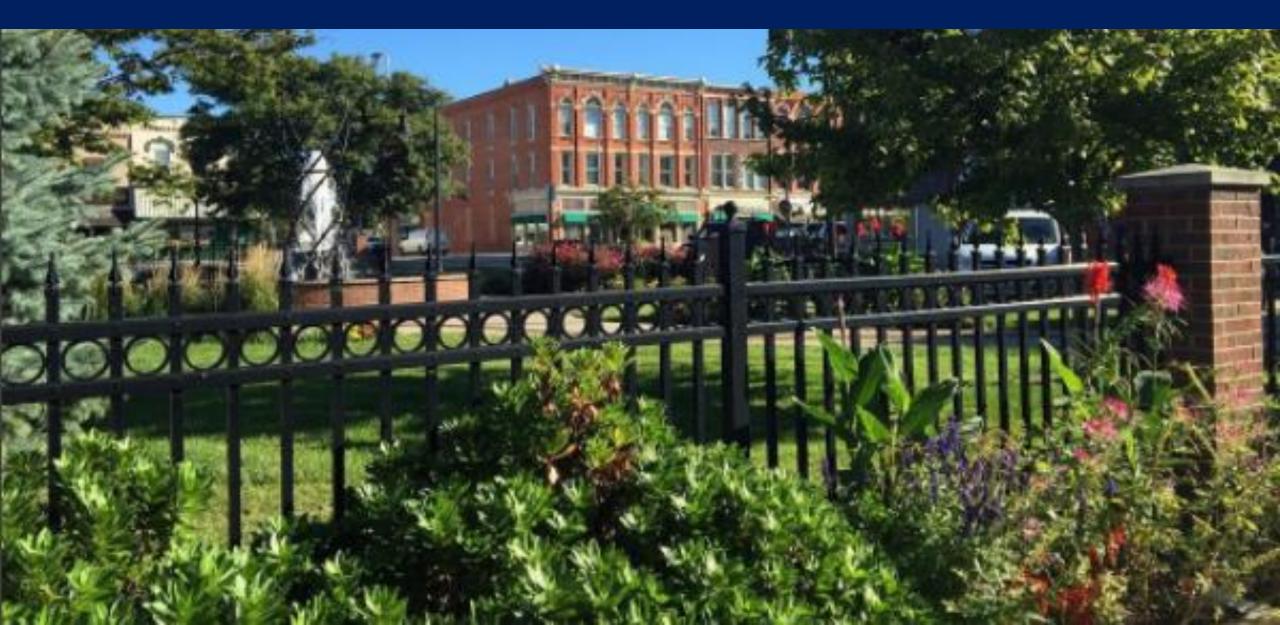
Main Street

✓ Ensure Downtown Directors, Staff and Board members are knowledgeable resources and participate in the Development Review and Approval Process





Owosso Collaborative Approach to Downtown Development



RRC BEST PRACTICES: Recruitment and education

Municipality

 Recruitment, orientation and on-going education for staff, elected and appointed officials

 ✓ Applications and descriptions for open board and committee positions

Main Street

 ✓ Recruitment and descriptions of roles and responsibilities for downtown board members and staff

TELAL

 ✓ Proper orientation, education and training of board members, staff and volunteers provided

Michigan Main Street Training Model



Otsego – Attending Trainings as a Community



Main Street Volunteer Recruitment and Education

Wayne Main Street Volunteer Handbook







Two hours of volunteering can create a street lined with flowers.

Be involved.

Wayne Main Street is more than an organization. It's a movement that brings new ideas, connections, and energy to the downtown district, which in turn creates a better place.

HOURS & CONTACT INFO Office: 1 Town Square Wayne, MI 48184 Mailing Address: PO Box 327 Wayne, MI 48184 734-629-6822 Hours: Wednesdays 12pm – 3pm, Thursdays from 4pm – 7pm or by appointment





HOME ABOUT US 4-5-20 REWARDS BUSINESSES & ATTRACTIONS EVENTS BUSINESS FRIENDLY VOLUNTEER NEWS MERCHANDISE FUNDING PARTNERS

Volunteer

Volunteers like you contribute unique talents, skills, and knowledge to events and organizations in communities all over the world. This philosophy on volunteerism is vital to the Main Street DDA's belief about what we need to provide the best services possible for the stakeholders in our community.



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OPPORTUNITIES:

- Photography Volunteer
- Promotional Material Distributors
- Downtown Planting Day
- Business Liaisons
- Friendraiser
- Farmers Market Volunteer

RRC BEST PRACTICES:

Community prosperity

Municipality

 ✓ Community identifies goals and actions necessary to strengthen overall economic health

 Community markets itself to create community pride and investor confidence

Main Street

 ✓ Transformation strategies based on current economic market dynamics
 ✓ Transformation Strategies act as the economic development strategy for the downtown
 ✓ Transformation strategies align with community's economic development strategy
 ✓ Marketing of downtown to promote assets and create a positive image



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Prepared for The City of Grayling, Michigan







PLACE

Prepared by: Joe Borgstrom, Principal Email: ioe@olaceandmain.com Phone: (517) 614-2733 March 2017



Milan – Main Street and City implementing transformation strategies together











DOWNTOWN GRAYLING MICHIGAN'S MOST COLOPFUL RIVERTOWN

RRC BEST PRACTICES: Redevelopment Ready Sites®

Municipality

- Community identifies priority redevelopment sites
- ✓ Sets a vision for sites
 ✓ Defines targeted uses for infill/redevelopment of sites
 ✓ Actively promotes and markets sites

Main Street

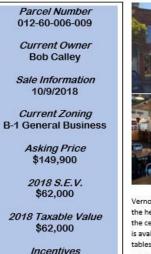
- Main Street Organization creates list of identified redevelopment opportunities and/or vacant storefronts downtown
- ✓ Alignment of key downtown sites with community's priority sites for redevelopment
- ✓ Utilizes market analysis to understand economic market dynamics influencing infill/redevelopment
- Actively promotes and markets sites on website and other media

Selecting Sites: Vernon



Commercial Building/Multipurpose

100 W Main - Café



Community Development

Block Grant (CDBG)

Brownfield

MEDC

CRP

Redevelopment Liquor

Licenses

Public Spaces Community places

This property is currently

listed with Re-max

Platinum. For more information please contact Kathy Talt at 810-577-8795

Banquet room that could be converted to a separate business Large second story that could be converted in 2 to 3 apartments or into a 5 room Air B&B 3 Separate Basements for storage.

Café Setting and Equipment

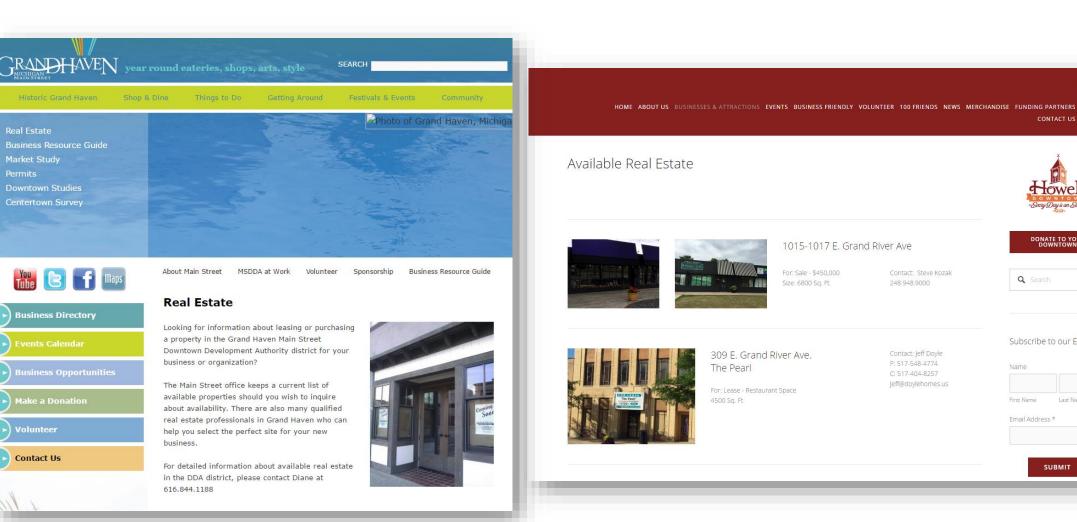
Main Street Access

Building Features:

Vernon is a quaint little Village with a lot to offer an investor. Located in the heart of the Village the possibilities are vast. This historic turn of the century brick café is full of character and lots of potential. The café is available with all the equipment inside, including ovens, refrigerators, tables, chairs and more. The banquet room could be additional dining space or used for a separate business. The upper level is accessible from Main street and provides a great option to add income through suite apartments or creating a Bed and Breakfast space. You could also turn the upper level into a private office space. With the new canoe launch, the recent reopening of the Ice Cream Shoppe, the Irish Pub opening in the spring and more, Vernon is the place to be. We want you to be a part of our community. Venture to Vernon and see all of the unique features we have to offer.

Tax Roll Description: ORIGINAL PLAT VERNON VILLAGE N 100 FT OF W 29 FT OF LOT 10, BLK 6 ALSO AN UNDIVIDED 1/2 INTEREST IN & TO E WALL OF BUILDING SITUATED ON ABOVE DESC PROPERTY, SD WALL ON E 8 FT OF LOT 10 ALSO E 8 FT OF N 90 FT OF LOT 10 & W 16 FTOF N 90 FT OF LOT 9, BLK 6

Marketing Sites: Grand Haven & Howell



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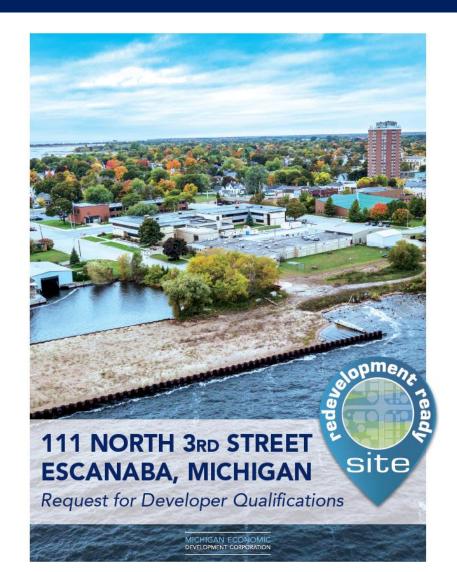
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SUBMIT

Active Redevelopment Partnership: Escanaba



- RRC certified community since 2017; non-Main Street community with an active DDA & Director.
- DDA has been an active participant in the search process for a developer to redevelop this key downtown site.
- Downtown resources via TIF are an available incentive for the project.
- DDA priorities such as upgrades to Ludington Street (downtown corridor) are important components of marketing the site.

Straight from the source: Niles







Straight from the source: Charlevoix

ROHO Collaborative

CHARLEVOI

Remote Office/Home Office Workers Unite! August 7th @ 8am at The Vault 201 State Street (use rear entrance and go downstairs)

Join us to connect & collaborate with others who work from home in Charlevoix the Beautiful.



Leveraging MMS & RRC













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