Meeting Notes
Fall CEDS Strategy Committee Meeting
October 28, 2022

Information to Pass Along

1) MEDC
    - Changes to certain MEDC grant cycles are coming… specifically changing from "rolling" application deadlines, to grant "rounds"
    - MEDC placing emphasis on "universal design," offering greater match to public space projects and opening eligibility to existing public space projects that are incorporating universal design
    - Contact Sue DeVries for more information: devriess1@michigan.org

Current EDA Grants in the Region

1) Muskegon Heights and Greater Muskegon Economic Development: Industrial Parks Master Plan
2) City of Hart: Wastewater Upgrades
3) Oceana County: Workforce and Economic Diversification Study

Potential EDA Projects

1) Muskegon County Broadband Gap Analysis
2) Lake County Economic Diversification

2) Lake County Annual Community Update: Tuesday, November 1 @ 5:00.
    - Register Now! Or contact Jodi Nichols nicholsj@rightplace.org

3) MSU EDA University Center for Regional Economic Innovation (REI)
    - Project applications now open. To learn more about all opportunities or to apply for a Co-Learning Plan, please visit: https://reicenter.org/projects/22-23-project-overviews

WMSRDC Updates

1) WMSRDC is organizing a regional broadband "support group."
2) 5-year update of the CEDS document is due October 2023
    - County-level SWOT analyses will be held in January-March 2023
3) WMSRDC soon applying to renew its 3-year planning grant from EDA.
4) WMSRDC to participate in a "peer evaluation" with a counterpart organization in November, meant to strengthen the region's economic development program.

2023 CEDS Strategy Committee Meeting Schedule

January 27
April 28 — *Outlook calendar invitation forthcoming.*
July 28* — *Meetings begin at 11:30 and will have a virtual attendance option.*
October 27

*CEDS document work session. Tentatively scheduled to be held at the WMSRDC office in Muskegon, lunch provided, with an option to attend virtually.