



# Grand Vision Growth & Investment Areas

## Regional Network Meeting

Monday, January 14th, 2013: 10a.m. – 12p.m.

1209 S. Garfield Ave.– Michigan Works!

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*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.*

### Meeting Minutes

#### I. Welcome & Introductions

Beth Finch, Village of Acme	Adam Umbrasas, Village of Kingsley
Leonard Marszalek, Village of Empire	Sara Christensen, Northern Lakes Economic Alliance
Marc McKellar, GTCRC Board	Bob Carstens, GTCPC
Connor Miller, Northsky/Rotary Charities	Kurt Schindler, MSU Extension
Hugh Campbell, Village of Ellsworth	David Neiger, West Benzie Joint Planning Commission
Mary Faculak, East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce	Wally Delamater, Village of Suttons Bay
Joe Meyers, Antrim County	Patty Coffey, Village of Kalkaska
Cheryl Werth, Village of Elk Rapids	Mark Randolph, Kalkaska County
Misty Youngson, Elk Rapids Economic Director & Chamber Director	

#### II. UPDATE - Regional Plan for Sustainable Development

- A. Mike Woods (NWMCOG) – The Grand Vision regional plan will be referred to as “Framework for our Future”. Public input sessions will take place in mid-April.

#### II. Decentralized Wastewater Facilities

- A. Dendra J. Best (Wastewater Education)
  - a. Some barriers for decentralization include lack of an engineer financial reward; engineer lack of knowledge of decentralized systems; and regulatory obstacles.
  - b. See presentation
- B. Q/A

#### IV. Community Updates

- A. City of Cadillac – Background data is being collected and integrated into the complete streets plan
- B. Village of Ellsworth – LED sign is ordered, should be up and running by March 1st
- C. Village of Empire – Conducted interviews with planning firms and is presently looking to acquire additional resources to completely fund the transportation plan
- D. City of Frankfort – NA
- E. Grand Traverse County – NA
- F. Kalkaska County – Received input from surveys. A public forum will take place January 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- G. Village of Kalkaska – Working with MDOT and LIAA on wayfinding signage design
- H. Village of Kingsley – Finalized contracts with land owners and are presently meeting with landscape architects to finalize design of the park.



**V. Public Comments/Sharing**

- Village of Benzonia is putting together a trails and pathways plan

**VI. Adjourn – 11:59am**

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*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 – Matt McCauley (231-929-5061/E-mail at [mccauley@nwm.cog.mi.us](mailto:mccauley@nwm.cog.mi.us))

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