WELCOME
Planning Regional Prosperity in the Eastern Upper Peninsula: Education Focus Group
Michigan’s Regional Prosperity Initiative

- Voluntary, competitive grant process that was included in Governor Snyder’s FY 2014 and FY 2015 Executive Budget.
- Encourages local private, public and non-profit partners to pursue vibrant regional economies.
- Numerous state departments and programs are, if they have not already, aligning themselves with the RPI’s Prosperity Regions.
- State-designated planning regions, metropolitan planning organizations, and regional economic development organizations are eligible applicants for funding.
- Grant awards and scope vary depending the region and what level of funding is being applied for: Collaborative level can receive up to $250,000, Council level can receive up to $375,000, and Board level can receive up to $500,000.
- At the Collaborative funding level, regions are to engage leaders and organizations within the region concerned with education, economic and workforce development, natural resources and tourism, infrastructure, healthcare, agriculture and food systems, and private industry to produce a 5-year plan to achieve the region’s idea of prosperity.
Regional Services in Michigan
E.U.P.R.P & D.C. BOARD

STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TO MEET QUARTERLY

TO MEET BI-MONTHLY

FOCUS GROUPS
- Economic / Workforce Development
- Agriculture and Food Systems
- Tourism / Recreation / Natural Resources

E.U.P.R.P & D.C. STAFF
- Dept. of Transportation
- Dept. of Natural Resources
- Dept. of Environmental Quality
- Dept. of Human Services
- State Housing and Development Authority
- Dept. of Agriculture and Rural Development

FEDERAL AND STATE RESOURCES
- MI Economic Development Corporation
- MI E.D.C. Community Assistance Team
- MI State Police
- U.S. Economic Development Administration
- U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Rural Development
- Other Governmental Resources

BOARD TO MAKE FINAL APPROVALS

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We are on our way!

- The Regional Stakeholder Committee met on July 31st to kick off the planning process and will be meeting again later this month.
- The Advisory Committee has met in September and November, and will be meeting for the third time later this month.
- A memorandum of understanding has been finalized, fully defining the role and responsibilities of the shared-director position between the EUPRP&DC and MI Works!
- High-definition videoconferencing has been installed in Sault Ste. Marie and Newberry.
- Prosperity website with dashboard is in the process of being developed.
- Community and economic development assistance strategy will be finalized by January of 2015.
- CEDS/RPI plan will be finalized by April 30, 2015. Early drafts are currently underway.
- EUPRP&DC has submitted an application to receive RPI funding for 2015.
So why are we here today?
Well…

• The Stakeholder Committee identified education as a focus area that needed to be addressed while developing a Regional Prosperity Plan.

• The Regional Prosperity Initiative requires that educational leaders throughout one’s region be engaged in developing the plan.

• The EUP possesses a university, community college, a boat building school, culinary school, and primary education institutions—more than some regions can claim.

• Quality education can help retain those hailing from the EUP, while also attracting people to the EUP. Education is an economic driver.

• Through programs, courses and activities, the citizens and students of the EUP can be prepared to either continue their education after high school or have the necessary skills to find a job and enter the workforce immediately.
Meeting schedule:

Next Focus Group meetings:


Next Stakeholder Committee meeting:

January 29th, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Crow’s Nest on the campus of Lake Superior State University
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