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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Tuesday, April 11, 2023 | 9:00 AM | Itasca County Boardroom

FINAL

SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ives called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Cory Smith	District #1	Absent	
Terry Snyder	District #2	Present	9:00 AM
John Johnson	District #3	Present	9:00 AM
Burl Ives	District #4	Present	9:00 AM
Casey Venema	District #5	Present	9:00 AM

II. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Northern Itasca Joint Powers Board Update

   Director Tim Johnson and Chair / City of Bigfork Mayor Bryan Boone provided a Northern Itasca Joint Powers Board (NIJPB) update.

   RESULT: INFORMATIONAL - NO ACTION TAKEN

2. Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce Update

   President & CEO Malissa Bahr provided a Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce update.

   RESULT: INFORMATIONAL - NO ACTION TAKEN

3. Itasca County Housing & Redevelopment Authority Update

   Executive Director Diane Larson provided an Itasca County Housing & Redevelopment Authority (HRA) update.

   RESULT: INFORMATIONAL - NO ACTION TAKEN

4. Grand Rapids Economic Development Authority Update

   Director of Community Development Rob Mattei provided a Grand Rapids Economic Development Authority (GREDA) update.

   RESULT: INFORMATIONAL - NO ACTION TAKEN

Commissioner Snyder exited the meeting at 10:57 AM.
Commissioner Snyder returned to the meeting at 10:58 AM.

III. ADJOURN

Chair Ives adjourned the meeting at 11:44 AM.

ATTEST

Burl Ives
Chair of the County Board

Brett Skyles
Clerk of the County Board

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REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: RBA-2023-3016

DEPARTMENT: Administrative Services
TIME REQUESTED: 30 Minutes
PRESENTER: Tim Johnson

AGENDA ITEM:
North Itasca Joint Powers Board Update

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:
Recieve update/presentation from North Itasca Joint Powers Board (NIJPB).

BACKGROUND:

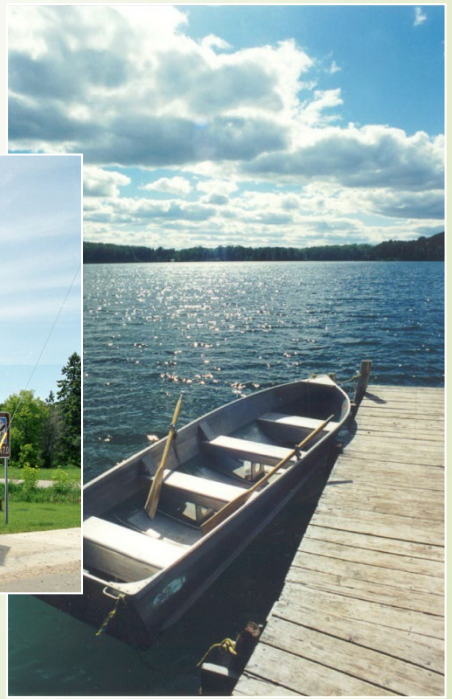
COUNTY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:
1. NIJPB_2023

RESULT:	**INFORMATIONAL - NO ACTION TAKEN**

Success from collaboration…

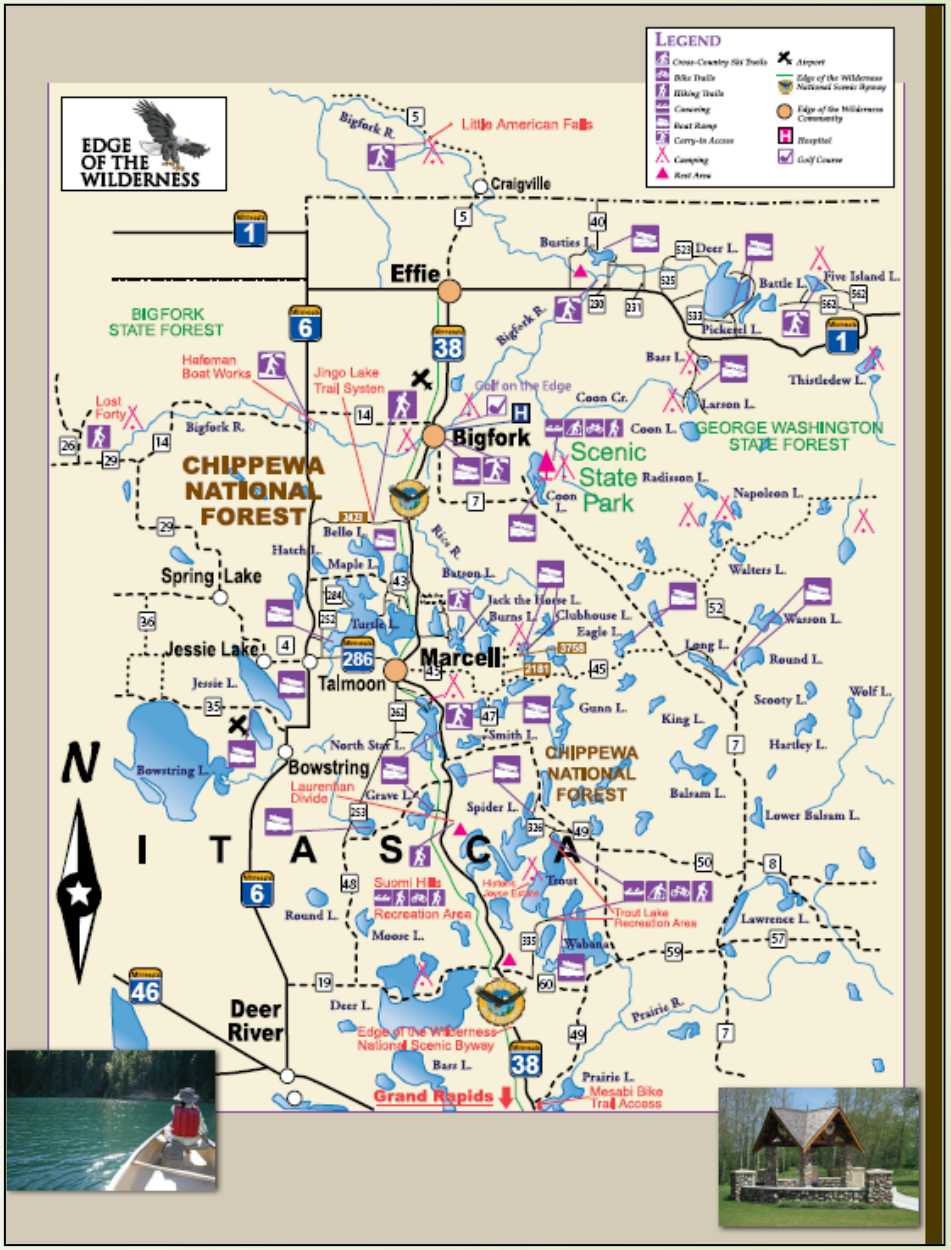
Northern Itasca Joint Powers Board (NIJPB)



The Northern Itasca Joint Powers Board (NIJPB), established in 1987, is a collaborative community development entity that represents 6 local units of government in northeast Minnesota:

- City of Bigfork
- Township of Bigfork
- City of Effie
- Township of Stokes
- Township of Marcell
- Bigfork Valley Hospital

…since 1987, the NIJPB members have been working as one on many complex issues and projects.



Formation of the NIJPB

Several issues lead the original 5 units of local government with within the Edge of the Wilderness area to combine their efforts toward a consolidated governing and community improvement body, the *Northern Itasca Joint Powers Board*. By combining efforts and pooling resources in an organized manner, a stronger sense of cohesiveness exists, which translates to a more powerful voice for the rural communities that make up the NIJPB. This collaboration allows the NIJPB to leverage other resources and accomplish more together than individually.

The principle mission of the Northern Itasca Joint Powers Board is to "retain the natural beauty of the area while progressing to provide our diverse population with opportunity, economic viability and a quality of life that will carry on into future generations".

Current Northern Itasca Joint Powers Board Members:

- Carolyn Schmit - City of Effie
- Karen Senger- Marcell Township
- Dean Haley - Bigfork Township
- Don Piilola - Stokes Township
- Bryan Boone - City of Bigfork
- George Rounds– Bigfork Valley Hospital

NIJPB Community

- The area is often referred to as the "Edge of the Wilderness". This area brand was developed by the NIJPB and partners in the late 1980's.
- The NIJPB serves an economically depressed area in NE Itasca County.

Employers in the Edge of the Wilderness

- **Bigfork Valley Hospital**
- **Bigfork School (ISD 318)**
- **Rajala Mill**
- **North Itasca Electric Cooperative**
- **First State Bank of Bigfork**
- **Various logging, service, resort, retail, and tourism industries** (numerous employers and employees)

NIJPB Governance and Representatives

- Each government entity that belongs to the NIJPB appoints a representative to the Board. The selected individual has voting authority on behalf of their government unit.
- The NIJPB is funded through member dues, Itasca County contributions, in-kind contributions (office space and equipment), membership dues/assessments, administrative fees, and grants.

NIJPB
Community Planning

- Since its inception, the NIJPB has played a major role in developing plans that guide community development for its service area and those plans are often used as a tool in obtaining project funding.
- Plans include, but are not limited to:
  - Community Action Plans
  - Housing Studies and Plans
  - Strategic Plans
  - Corridor Management Plans (TH 38)
  - Comprehensive Plans

NIJPB Activities

- Planning and coordination of a variety of community development projects
- Grant writing & fundraising for community development projects
- Grant administration and reporting
- Represent the Edge of the Wilderness communities in local, regional, state, and national initiatives & planning efforts
- Collection agent for Edge of the Wilderness Lodging Association lodging tax which is used to market the area
- Provides annual funding to Bigfork Airport for operations and maintenance
- Website management
- Provides administration/management services for the Edge of the Wilderness National Scenic Byway (MN TH 38) and its Byway organization – the Minnesota Highway 38 Leadership Board
- Technical assistance for member communities for various issues and development efforts
- Assists with administration of Edge of the Wilderness Business Association
- Coordination of area recreation improvements
- Other community development efforts

Current Examples of Community Development Efforts

- Assisting the City of Bigfork, the City of Effie and the Marcell Township with implementing grants for community development projects (several recreation projects, wastewater system project, building demolition and redevelopment, etc.)
- Assisting with the planning, fundraising, and administration of the Bigfork School & Community Enhancement project
- Administration of several Edge of the Wilderness Scenic Byway projects
- Working with a partner on the implementation of a business grant program for the City of Bigfork
- These specified projects total over **$3.2 million** in investment in our area.

NIJPB Awards

- The Edge of the Wilderness Community Coordinator won a USDA National Rural Community Assistance Action Award
- The NIJPB won a USDA Nation Rural Community Assistance Spirit Award
- An NIJPB volunteer won a USDA National Leadership Award for their work with the NIJPB
- The NIJPB and partners won a USFS Honor Award for “Connecting Citizens to the Land” for their efforts in the development of the Edge of the Wilderness Discovery Center
- The MN Highway 38 Leadership Board/Edge of the Wilderness Scenic Byway has won numerous awards and is a direct partner that receives administrative and management services from the NIJPB

NIJPB Keys to Past and Current Success

- Partnerships and collaboration
- Funding (membership dues, grants, etc.)
- Supportive and proactive board
- Community and project planning (identifying and prioritizing specific needs and addressing them directly)
- Community support

"Unity is strength... when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved."

- Mattie Stepanek

Northern Itasca Joint Powers Board (NIJPB)

Thank you for your time!

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DEPARTMENT: Administrative Services
TIME REQUESTED: 30 Minutes
PRESENTER: Malissa Bahr

AGENDA ITEM:
Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce Update

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:
Recieve update/presentation from the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce.

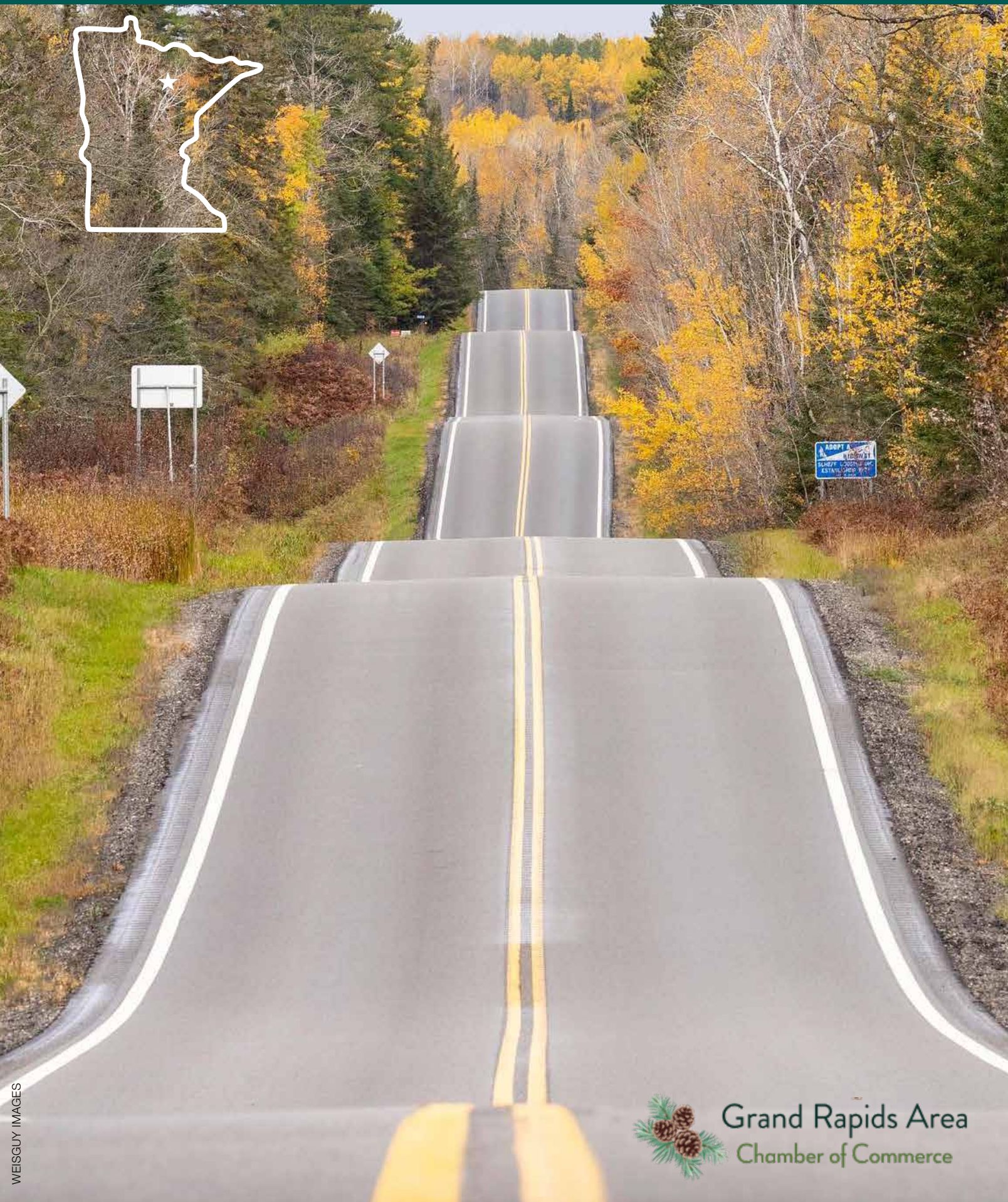
BACKGROUND:

COUNTY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:
1. 2023 GR Chamber directory
2. GR Chamber handout

RESULT:	**INFORMATIONAL - NO ACTION TAKEN**

2023 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBER DIRECTORY



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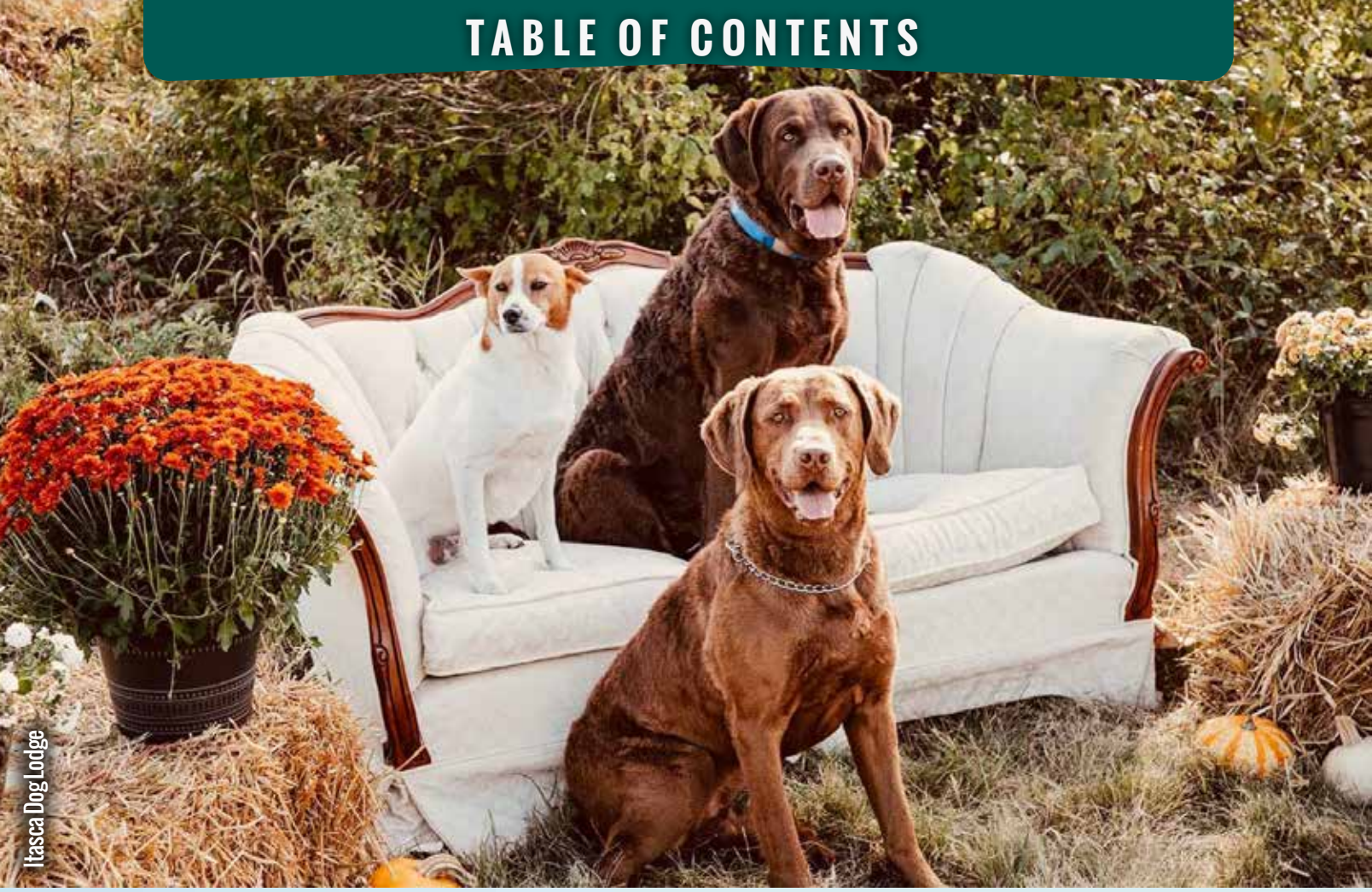

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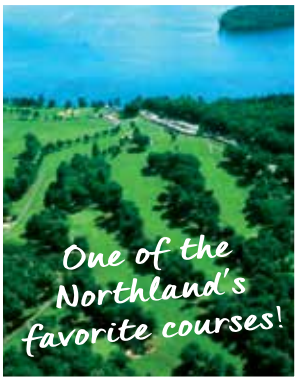

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Two NE Third Street
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218-326-7429

Slumberland
1301 US-169
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
218-326-3145

SND Appliances
417 NW First Avenue
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
218-999-7341

2023 Northern Minnesota Swap Meet & Car Show

ITASCA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS • 1336 FAIRGROUNDS RD, GRAND RAPIDS, MN

50TH ANNIVERSARY

Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce

For Additional Show information
Contact Nicole Franzone at the
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218.326.6619 or nicole@grandmn.com

Always the Last Full Weekend In July

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$10.00 Cars
$5.00 Motorcycle
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ANTIQUE & VINTAGE MARKET & SWAP MEET

FRIDAY 3PM-7PM | SATURDAY 8AM-6PM | SUNDAY 8AM-3PM | CAR SHOW SUN 8AM-3PM

Car Show Saturday, July 29TH, 2023

Due to Civic Center renovations this year's event is moved to the Grand Rapids High School 800 NW Conifer Dr

www.northerncruiserscarclub.com

Registration: Friday 7/28 4pm-6pm
Saturday 7/29 8am-11am

Car Show: Saturday 7/29 9am-3pm
Gates Open at 8am

For more info: Contact Tami 218-259-3799 or
Chuck 218-244-0742 or
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Grand Rapids, MN 55744
218-326-3011

The Salvation Army Thrift Store & Social Services
20734 US-169
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
218-326-4847

Wal-Mart Supercenter
100 SE 29th Street
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
218-326-9682

White Pine Jewelers
1271 S Pokegama Avenue
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
218-999-0175

Wine Creations
814 NE Fourth Street
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
218-326-9490

SCHOOLS - COLLEGES - UNIVERSITIES - TRAINING

Independent School District 316
499 Powel Avenue
Coleraine, MN 55722
218-247-7306

Independent School District 317
101 NE First Avenue
Deer River, MN 56636
218-246-2420

Independent School District 318
820 NW 1st Avenue
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
218-327-5700

Itasca Community Continued Learning Center
201 NW Fourth Street
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
218-322-2410

Itasca Community College Foundation
1851 US-169
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
218-322-2450

International Union of Operating Engineers Local #49
2829 S Anthony Lane
Minneapolis, MN 55418
612-877-3714

Minnesota North College - Itasca Campus
1851 US-169
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
218-322-2300

University of Minnesota - NC Research & Outreach Center
1861 US-169
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
218-327-4490

SECURITY

American Eagle Security Systems
1283 S Pokegama Avenue
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
218-566-1000

SIGNAGE

Eck Designs
200 Harriet Street
Marble, MN 55764
218-256-0387

Indigo Signworks, Inc.
1265 Kuhn Drive
St. Cloud, MN 56301
320-257-1641

Summit Signs
5051 Miller Trunk Highway
Duluth, MN 55811
218-740-2754

STORAGE - TRANSFER

City Limits Storage Center
25107 Commercial Drive
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
218-999-5900

TAXI - COURIER - SHUTTLE SERVICE

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Arrowhead Transit Public Transportation
421 SE 13th Street
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
800-862-0175

Hotel Rapids & HR Bar
680 US-2
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
218-326-3457
(Event & Tour Bus)

Rapid Taxi
511 NE Fifth Street
Grand Rapids, MN
218-999-9318

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Mediacom Business
218-371-7362
877-318-9307

Mediacom Communications
3105 E Beltline
Hibbing, MN 55746
855-224-2253

Paul Bunyan Communications
510 SE 21st Street
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
218-999-1234

Spectrum Reach - Suzie Best
PO Box 647
International Falls, MN 56649
218-240-0062

TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT & SERVICE

(See Cellular Phone Service - Accessories)

BeMobile Verizon
1200 S Pokegama Avenue, Suite 10
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
218-327-1155

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218-371-7362
877-318-9307

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3105 E Beltline
Hibbing, MN 55746
855-224-2253

Paul Bunyan Communications
510 SE 21st Street
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
218-999-1234

T-Mobile USA
105 SW 23rd Street, Suite C
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
507-933-5482

TELEVISION STATIONS - SERVICES

Itasca Community Television (ICTV) Two Rivers Video Production
819 NE Fourth Street
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
218-999-0088

KBJR 6 & CBS 3
246 S Lake Avenue
Duluth, MN 55816
218-529-7777

Mediacom Communications
3105 E Beltline
Hibbing, MN 55746
855-224-2253

Paul Bunyan Communications
510 SE 21st Street
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
218-999-1234

Spectrum Reach - Suzie Best
3905 Highway 11
International Falls, MN 56649
218-240-0062

WDIO/WIRT Television
10 Observation Road
Duluth, MN 55811
218-727-6864

TRAVEL AGENCIES

Travel Leaders
816 S Pokegama Avenue, Suite A
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
218-327-2901

UPHOLSTERY

(See Flooring - Design - Interior Decorating)

Draperies Plus Flooring
38959 County Road 257
Cohasset, MN 55721
218-328-5945

Saiger's Steam Clean, LLC
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
218-326-4736

UTILITIES

(See Telephone Equipment & Service/Television Stations Services & Telecommunications)

Enbridge Energy Company
26 E Superior Street, Suite 309
Duluth, MN 55802
218-464-5722

Grand Rapids Public Utilities
500 SE Fourth Street
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
218-326-7024

Great River Energy
3855 US-2
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
763-445-5701

Lake Country Power
26039 Bear Ridge Drive
Cohasset, MN 55721
800-421-9959

Lakes Gas Company
2610 E US-169
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
218-326-3030

Lucky 7/Edwards West Range Oil
1211 US-169
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
218-326-1300

Minnesota Energy Resources - Natural Gas
401 SE 13th Street, PO Box 423
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
800-889-9508

Minnesota Power Boswell Energy Center
1259 NW Third Street
Cohasset, MN 55721
218-328-5036

Northwest Gas
1608 NW Fourth Street
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
218-326-3495

VENDORS

(See Rental - Equipment - Party Rental & Supplies)

Bobcats Lunchbox, LLC.
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
218-259-2837

Borealis Creamery
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
763-218-2393

Kona Ice of Itasca County
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
218-360-3999

Orty's Custom Meats
31136 County Road 161
Deer River, MN 56636
218-246-9922

Singing Chihuahua Taco Trailer
Deer River, MN 56636
218-398-7975

Up North Kettle Corn
Cohasset, MN 55721
218-328-5191

VETERINARIANS

Arrowhead Animal Clinic
21333 US-169
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
218-326-3510

Grand Rapids Veterinary Clinic
405 SE 13th Street
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
218-326-0395

North Country Veterinary Clinic
1125 US-169
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
218-326-9668

WATER SOFTENING - CONDITIONING

Range Water Conditioning
1520 NW Third Avenue
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
218-327-1144

WEBSITE DESIGN - WEB DEVELOPMENT - WEB SITE MARKETING

Magnetic North Virtual Office / Flexible
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
952-221-7931

Pinnacle Marketing Group
4030 NW Technology Drive
Bemidji, MN 56601
218-444-2180

Swim Creative
310 E Superior Street, Suite 220
Duluth, MN 55802
218-722-1404

W.A. Fisher
123 Chestnut Street
Virginia, MN 55792
218-741-9544

YOUTH PROGRAMS - DAYCARE

Boys & Girls Club of Grand Rapids and Greenway
302 Roosevelt Street, Suite 2
Coleraine, MN 55722
218-210-2255
Call for Locations

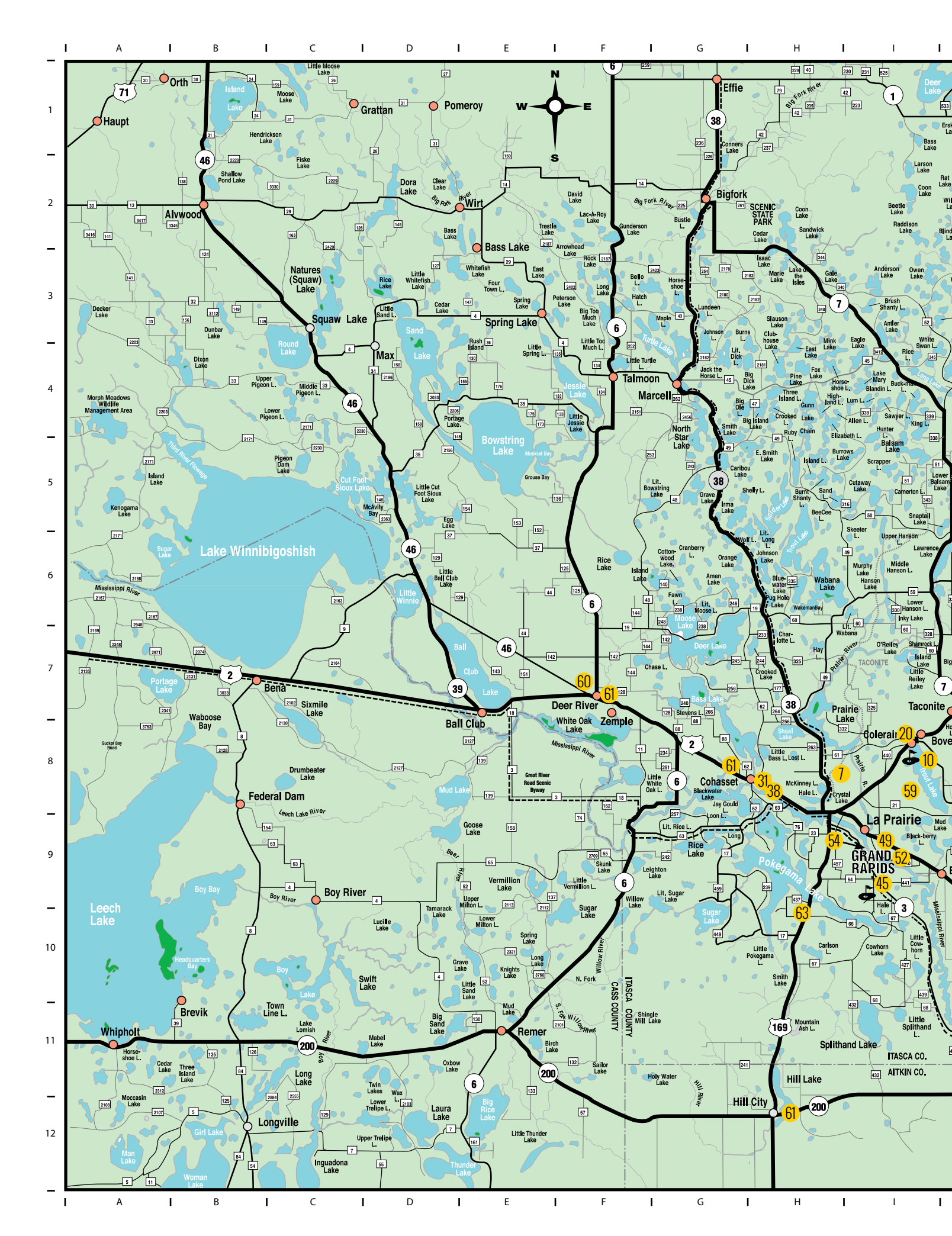
Camp Bluewater, Camp Fire Minnesota
37508 Bluewater Road
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
612-284-8261

Camp Hiawatha - Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry
36944 Camp Hiawatha Road
Deer River, MN 56636
218-410-7655

Girl Scouts of MN & WI - Lakes & Pines
Brainerd, MN 56401
218-270-4859

Itasca County Family YMCA 400 River Road
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
218-327-1161 - Front Desk
218-327-2418 - Childcare

Itasca Youth for Christ
426 Fourth Street
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
218-326-9079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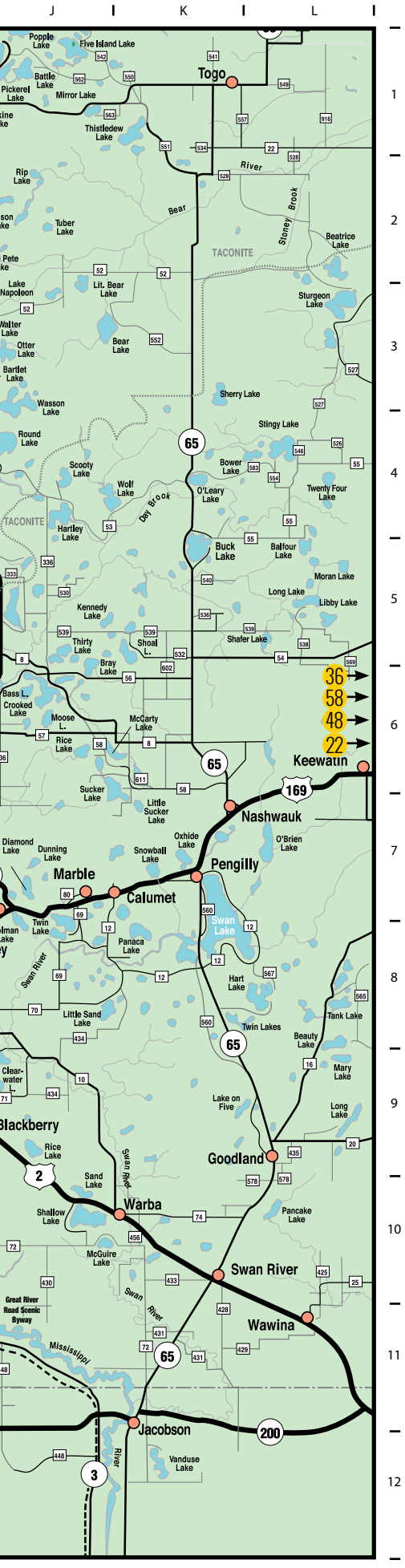

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33. Lakeview Behavioral Health
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54. Tall Timber Days
55. The Bounds Team- Century 21 Land of Lakes
56. The Title Team
57. Timberlake Restaurant & Lodge
58. W.A Fisher
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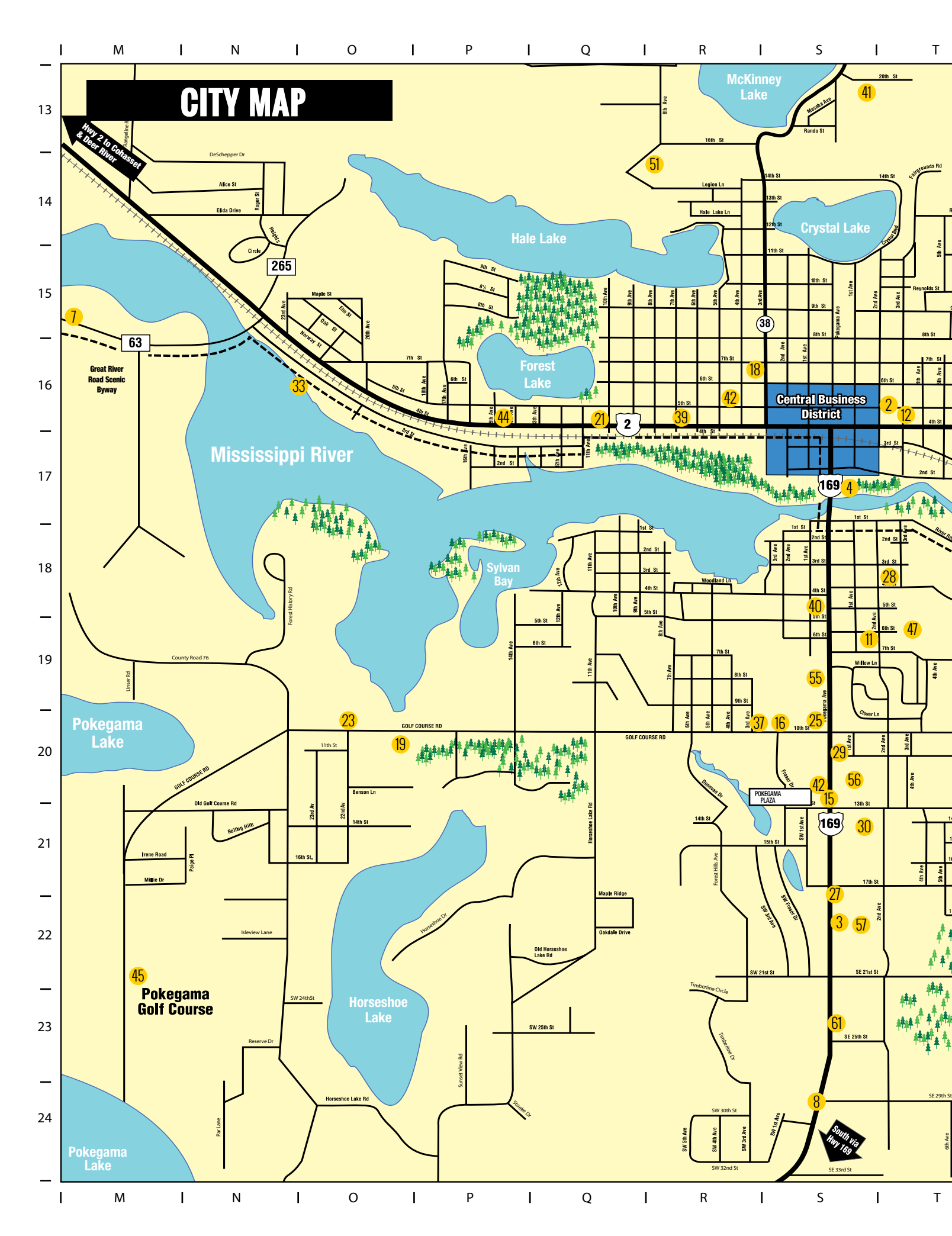
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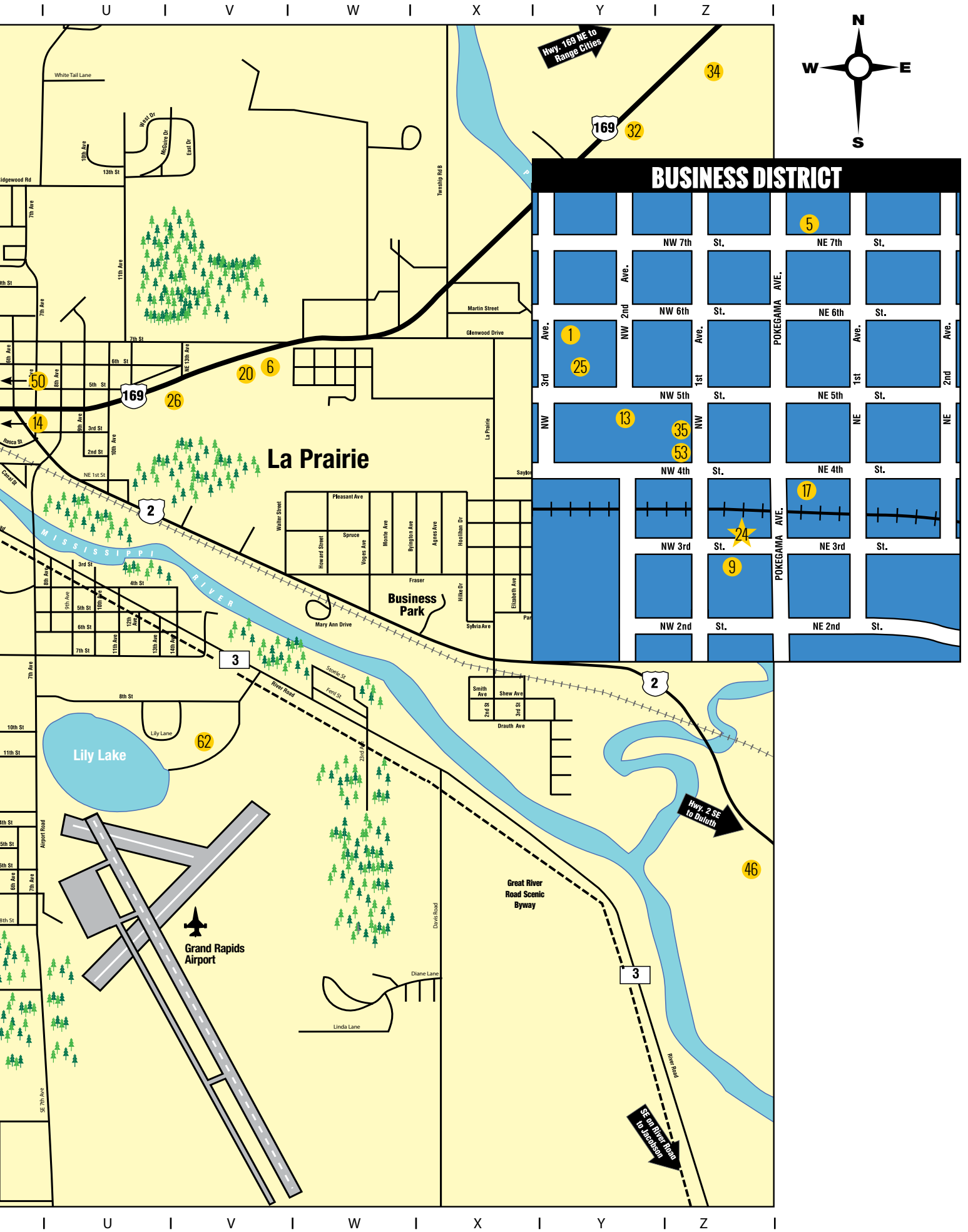
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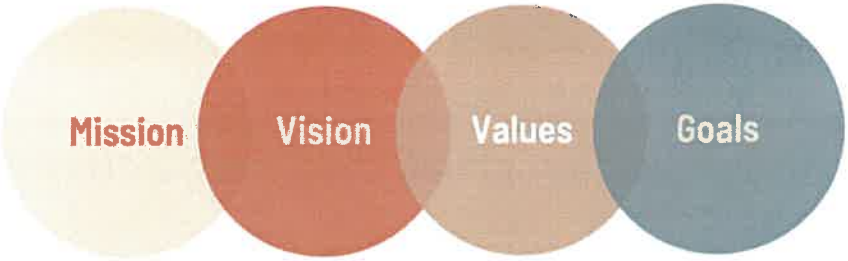
Mission

Advocate for a business environment in which our members can prosper.

120+ Year Vision	Members
Founded in 1902 to foster an economic climate conducive to creating and retaining jobs.	400+ business members
Values	**Goals**
Brings together collective voices from businesses and communities for preservation of our quality of life in Northern Minnesota.	• Shining light on our business members • Dedicated to economic diversity • Quality of life opportunities • Proactive government relations • Life-long learning opportunities • Foster strong business and community partnerships

Implementation



Government Affairs

Goal of serving as the lead organization in public affairs and keeping Chamber members informed and represented on local, state and national governmental issues of importance. This committee reviews and recommends 2022 legislative policies.

Forestry Affairs

Keep Chamber membership and the community informed about Forestry Affairs and be actively involved in supporting the Chambers policies as they relate to the management of federal, state, county and private forests; the forest industries and the economy of the State of Minnesota.

Ambassador Program

To serve as a highly-visible, good-will representative of the Grand Rapids area by creating positive public exposure.

Strategic Planning

We are currently getting ready to undergo a new strategic planning process with the Board of Directors and our Membership. Our goal is to gain broad input and complete the process by the end of 2023.

ITASCA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Itasca County Courthouse
123 NE 4th Street
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: RBA-2023-3018

DEPARTMENT: Administrative Services
TIME REQUESTED: 30 Minutes
PRESENTER: Diane Larson

AGENDA ITEM:
Itasca County Housing & Redevelopment Authority Update

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:
Recieve update/presentation from the Itasca County Housing & Redevelopment Authority (HRA).

BACKGROUND:

COUNTY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:
1. 4.11.2023 Conversation with County Board

RESULT:	**INFORMATIONAL - NO ACTION TAKEN**

County Board Conversation 4/11/2023

ITASCA COUNTY
HOUSING & REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Diane Larson

Executive Director

ITASCA COUNTY
HOUSING & REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

What is *Itasca County* HRA?

- Mission: "Creating Affordable Housing Opportunities"
- Created in 1972
- Governed by a 7-member board – appointed by County Board
- Annual budget 5.4 million
- 13 Employees
- HRAs in Minnesota are governed by State Statute

ITASCA COUNTY
HOUSING & REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

HRA Board of Commissioners

Pat Casey, Chair

Tim Johnson, Vice-Chair

Ed Bolf, Secretary

Kathleen Blake, Commissioner

Barb Sanderson, Commissioner

Leo Trunt, Commissioner

Leah Griffin, Resident Commissioner

ITASCA COUNTY
HOUSING & REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Diversity of Operations

Rental Assistance Administrator

Developer/ Redeveloper

Partner

Landlord

Owned Rental Housing

- 392 HOUSING UNITS ACROSS 10 PROPERTIES

- Bigfork
- Calumet
- Grand Rapids
- Taconite

ITASCA COUNTY
HOUSING & REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Rental Assistance Programs

- Provide assistance to 360 households/month
- $1.9 - $2.0 million per year in subsidy
- Partnership with local landlords
- Waiting list

BIGFORK
BOVEY
COHASSET
COLERAINE
DEER RIVER
GRAND RAPIDS
KEEWATIN
MARBLE
NASHWAUK
PENGILLY
TACONITE
WARBA

ITASCA COUNTY
HOUSING & REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Local Impact

HRA Owned Housing

392 units across Itasca County

HRA Rental Assistance

6 different programs

360 households per month

750 Itasca County Households served per month

ITASCA COUNTY
HOUSING & REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Need

Bigfork: 18-27

Grand Rapids/Cohasset: 350 - 450

Nashwauk: 30-35

Aurora Heights

ITASCA COUNTY
HOUSING & REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

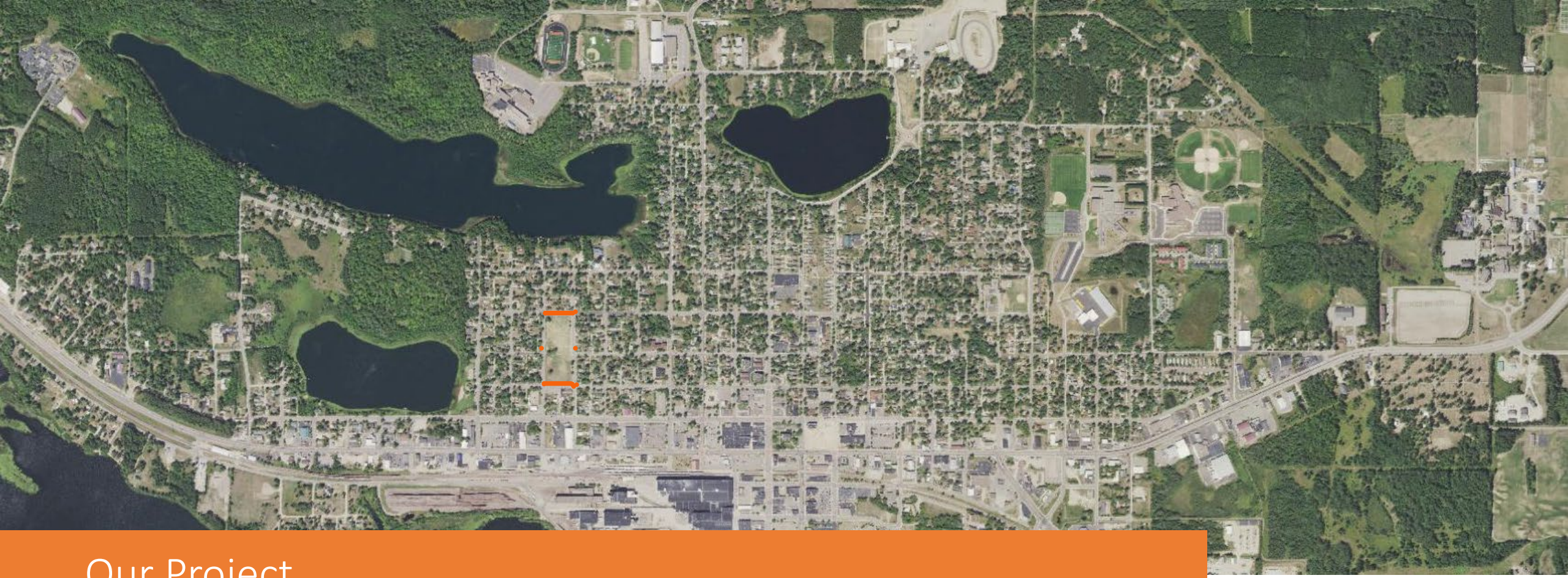
Aurora Heights

by the Number

- 56 units (1-4 bedroom)
- $13.2 million TDC
- 14 units serve homeless
- Rents
  - 1BR: $708
  - 2BR: $725 - $800
  - 3BR: $817 - $900
  - 4BR: $1021
- Income Limits
  - 80% of AMI (example: HH of 4 = $66,640 or $32/hour)

Land Trust Homes

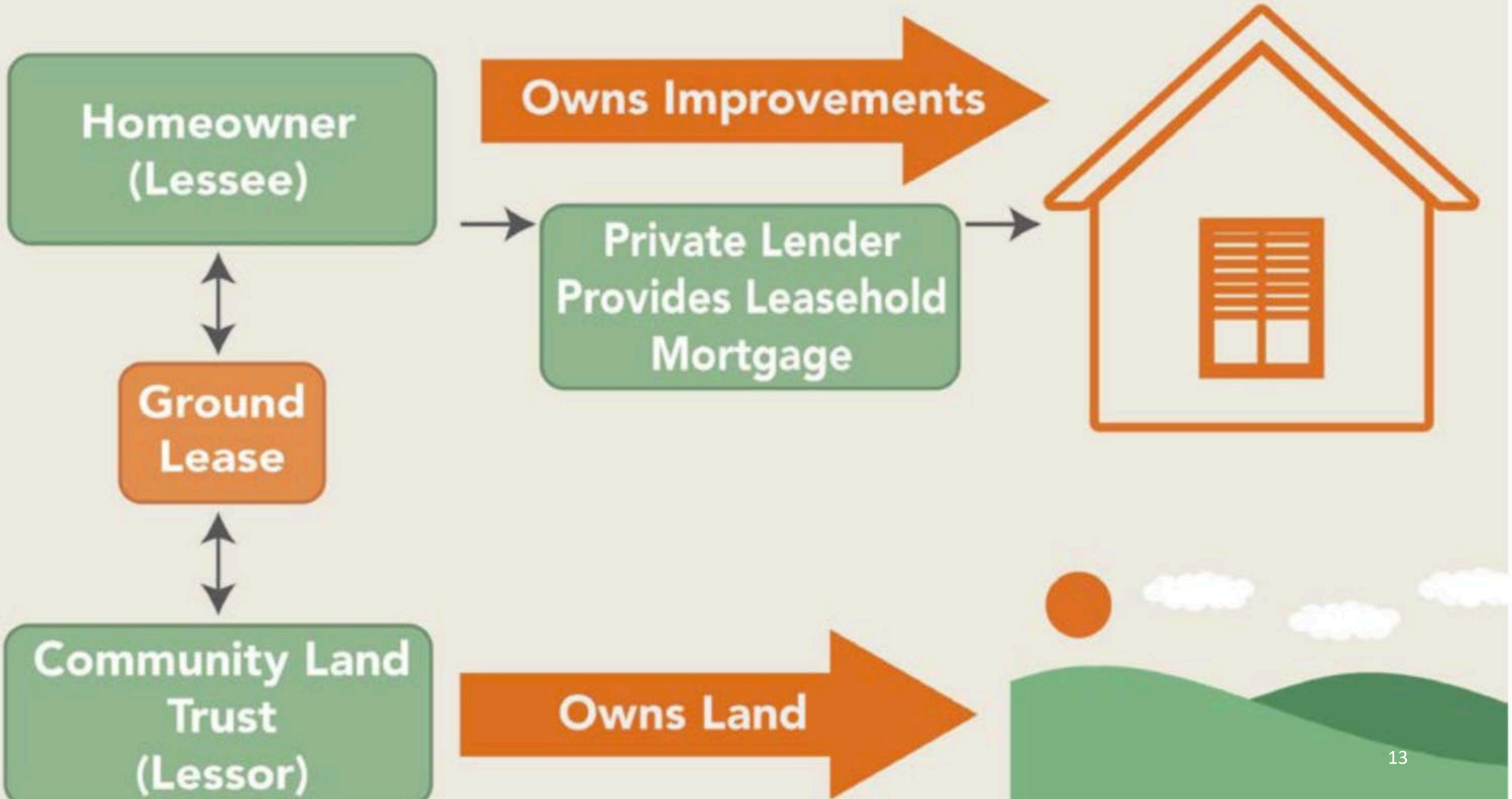
Single Family Development on the site of the former Forest Lake Elementary



Our Project

- 8 Single Family Homes
- 4 – two bedroom and 4 three bedroom
- Former Forest Lake School Site

How a Community Land Trust Works



Who Qualifies?

Anyone who meets the Minnesota Housing Impact Fund Income Guideline: Gross Household Income of **$83,200** (approx. $40/hr wage)

Creditworthy - Anyone **who has good credit and can obtain a mortgage through a participating lender for the purchase price of the home.**

Office Hughes Olsen

Other tidbits

Meetings with Leech Lake and City of Deer River

Preservation of our existing properties

Legislative work – committee member of Minnesota NAHRO

Local Housing Trust Fund – establish for Itasca County

ITASCA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Itasca County Courthouse
123 NE 4th Street
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: RBA-2023-3019

DEPARTMENT: Administrative Services
TIME REQUESTED: 30 Minutes
PRESENTER: Rob Mattei

AGENDA ITEM:
Grand Rapids Economic Development Authority Update

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:
Recieve update/presentation from the Grand Rapids Economic Development Authority (GREDA).

BACKGROUND:

COUNTY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:
1. GREDA Annual Report 2022

RESULT:	**INFORMATIONAL - NO ACTION TAKEN**

Grand Rapids Economic Development Authority

2022 Annual Report

Prepared by:

Rob Mattei
Director of Community Development
GREDA Executive Director

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Mission

The Mission of the Grand Rapids Economic Development Authority (GREDA) is to advance the growth of our local economy through efforts focused on business recruitment, retention and expansion.

As the City's economic development agent, GREDA strives to provide a high level of service, in order to encourage economic investment and prosperity in the City of Grand Rapids and the surrounding region. GREDA works closely with businesses to: identify creative solutions to challenging problems, generate enhanced opportunities for growth, and help them achieve their short- and long-term goals.

Governance

The Grand Rapids Economic Development Authority is a public body governed by Minnesota Statute chapter 469, and Enabling Resolutions enacted by the City Council of the City of Grand Rapids.

The management of all the affairs, property and business of GREDA is vested in a Board of Commissioners consisting of 7 persons, 2 of which must be members of the City Council. GREDA annually elects its Officers, which include a President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Asst. Treasurer. Staff support is provided to GREDA primarily through the Community Development Department, with the Director of Community Development acting as the GREDA Executive Director, and with the Community Development Administrative Assistant acting as the Recorder.

The GREDA Board of Commissioners includes the following volunteers:

Member	Position	Affiliation/Occupation	Term Expires
Sholom Blake	President	Private Business Owner/CPA	3/1/25
Tasha Connelly	Commissioner	City Council/Student Support Specialist	12/31/24 Concurrent with Council Term
Wayne Bruns	Commissioner	Banking Executive	3/1/25
Al Hodnik	Vice President	Ret. Business Executive	3/1/27
Cory Jackson	Secretary/Treas.	Business Financial Officer	3/1/23
Mike Korte	Commissioner	Economic Development Loan Officer	3/1/24
Tom Sutherland	Commissioner	City Council/Conservation Officer	12/31/26 Concurrent with Council Term

*The Director of City Finance serves as the Asst. Treasurer
Also providing valued service to the GREDA during 2022 was City Council Member Rick Blake.

Article VII, Section 1, of the Bylaws of the Grand Rapids Economic Development Authority establishes that: "GREDA shall prepare an annual report describing its activities and providing an accurate statement of its financial condition, together with additional matters and recommendations it deems advisable for the economic development of the City of Grand Rapids."

This report summarizes GREDA's activities and financial condition for the year ending December 31, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Sholom Blake, Grand Rapids EDA President

Development Property and Leasable Assets

Beginning in 1969, GREDA and its predecessor organization, the Grand Rapids Industrial Park Commission, have invested in the creation of four industrial park areas in Grand Rapids. Those industrial parks have become the home for 24 businesses, providing over 1,000 jobs in our community.

The attraction and location of industrial business in our community is pursued by GREDA within a competitive environment. Communities in the Arrowhead Region, including Grand Rapids, have had to counterbalance weaknesses, such as our distance from major market areas, by providing incentives to businesses for locating in our community. A primary means of providing that incentive involves providing development sites for business location at a competitive rate, most often below actual cost.

GREDA has also actively pursued the development of underutilized properties in the Downtown and Mississippi Riverfront areas. As examples, the GREDA has sold land, which has led to the development of the Glorvigen office building, KAXE Northern Public Radio station, and the Rapids Brewing project. The GREDA also exercised their authority to purchase and sell lands in support of the private redevelopment of Block 37, located at the corner of TH 2 and TH 169. The GREDA currently owns property in Blocks 20 & 21, immediately north of the Library, which they continue to market to developers interested in creating professional office, residential and other compatible uses. The GREDA also owns and markets for sale and development the former North Country Recycling property, a site referred to as the Block 5 Site. More recently, GREDA acquired the VFW/Rose properties within Block 18 downtown, following the fire that destroyed those buildings in March of 2020.

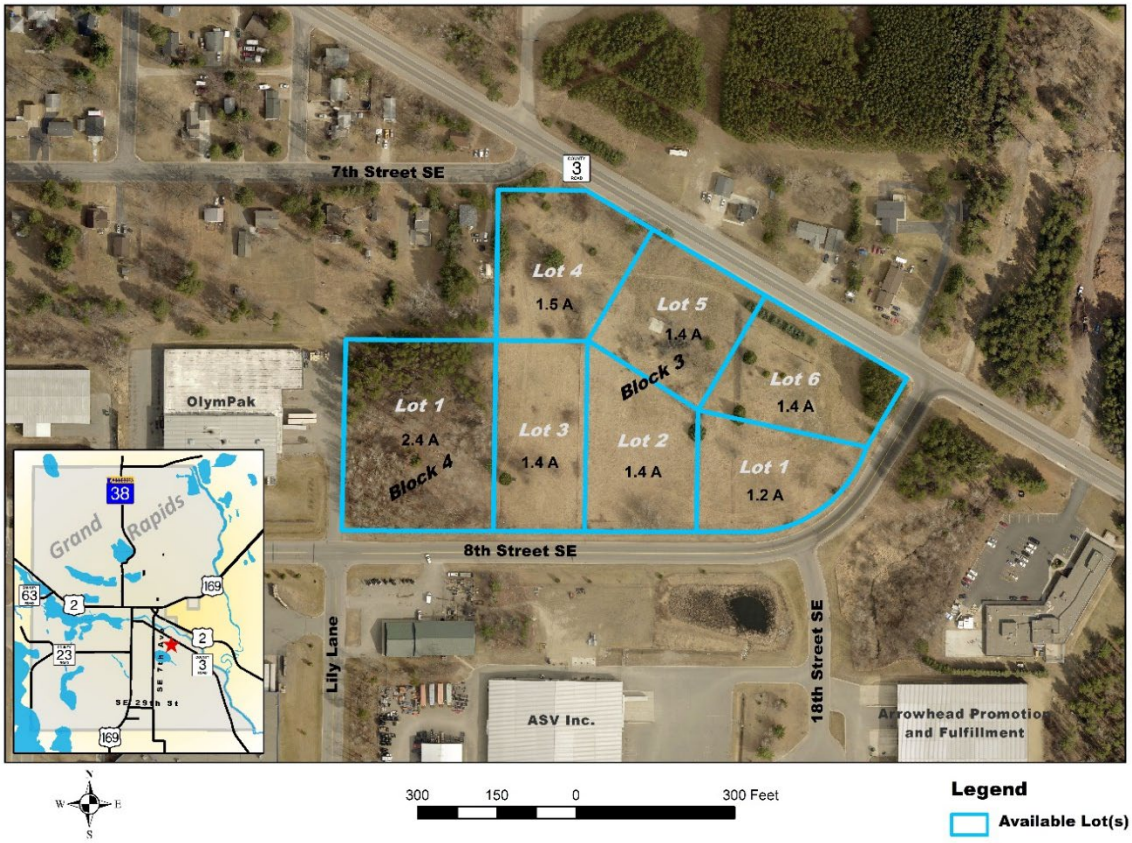
Land Inventory Summary:

Site Description	Number of Developable Lots (GREDA Owned)	Acreage Total
Industrial Park Two	1	2.38
Industrial Park East	6	8.30
Airport South Industrial Park – Phase 1 & 2	11	17.61
Airport Property (unplatted)	1	22.5
Blocks 20 & 21 Riverfront Dev. Site	1	1.46
Block 5 Riverfront Dev. Site	1	1.8
Block 23 – Third Division Commercial Site	1	0.57
Block 18 – Downtown Site	1	0.16
Totals:	23	54.78

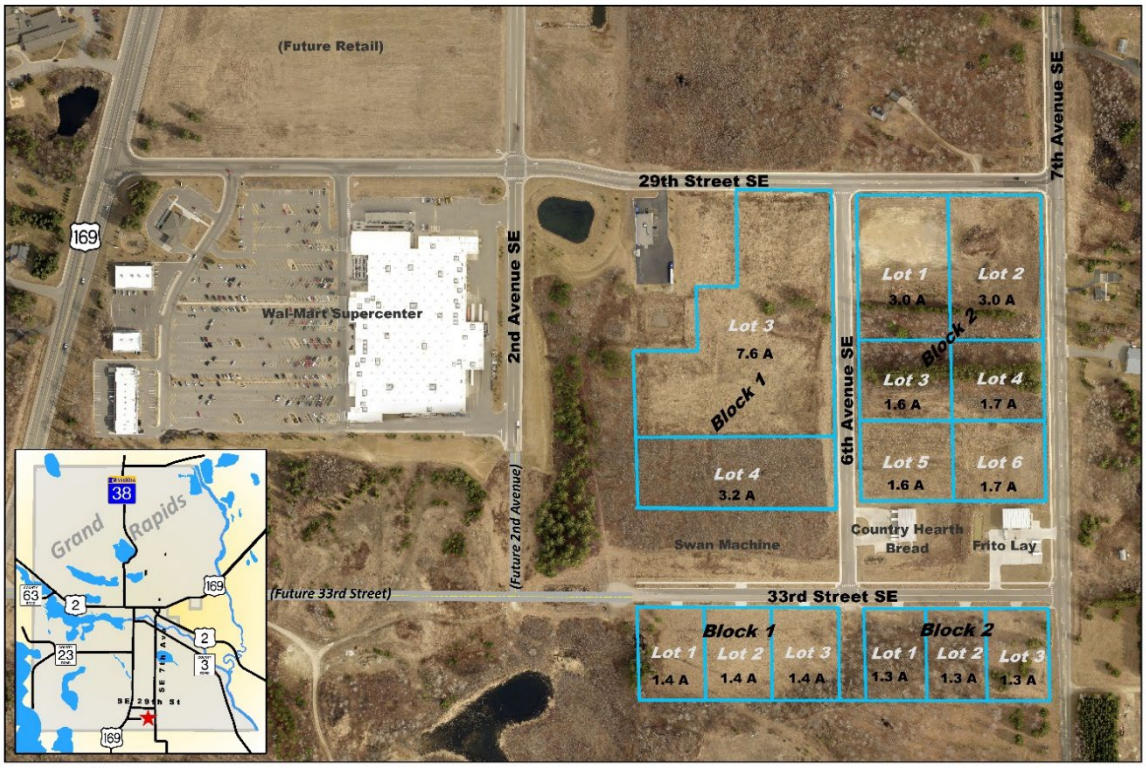
Central School:

The City redeveloped Central School in 1983 and has since operated it as a multi-tenant leased space for a mixture of commercial retail and office uses. Central School contains 15 suites totaling 10,250 square feet of leasable space. In 2014, the City Council tasked GREDA with the management of leasing. At the time of this report, 59% of the Central School space is occupied.

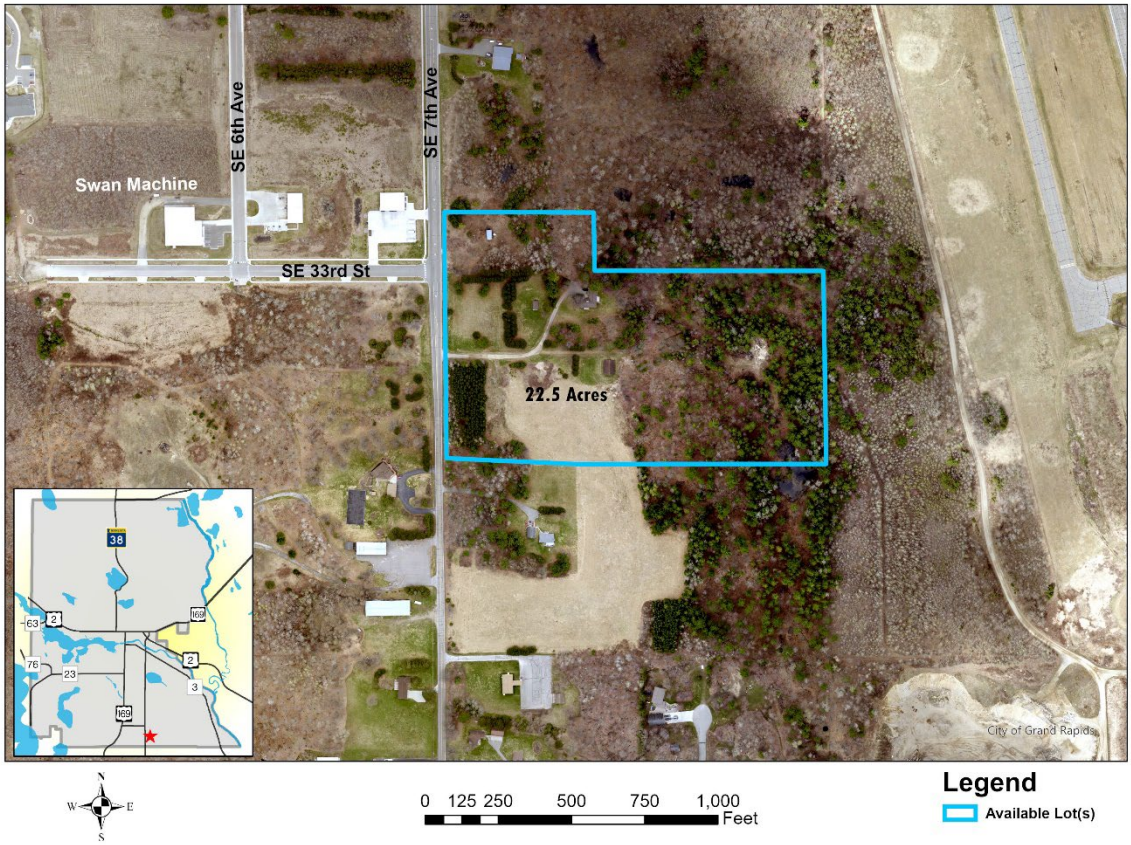
Grand Rapids Industrial Park East



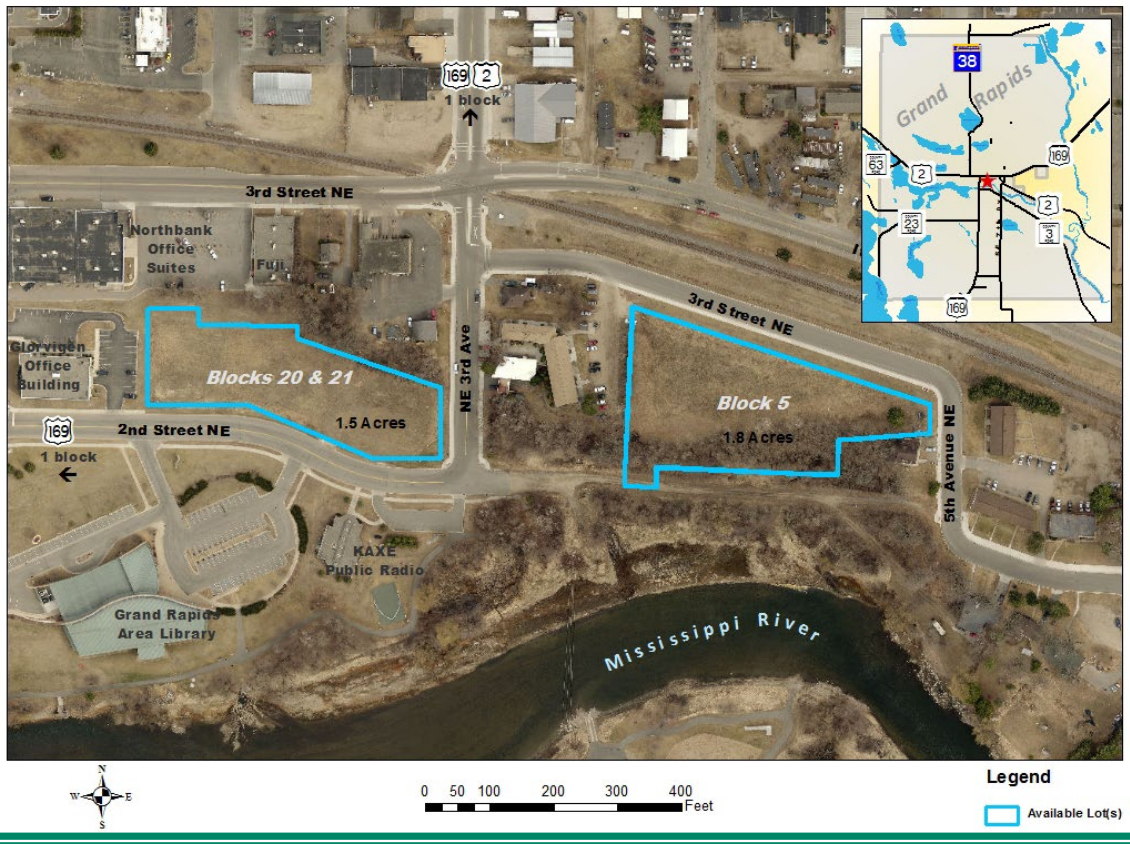
Grand Rapids Airport South Industrial Park: Phases I & II



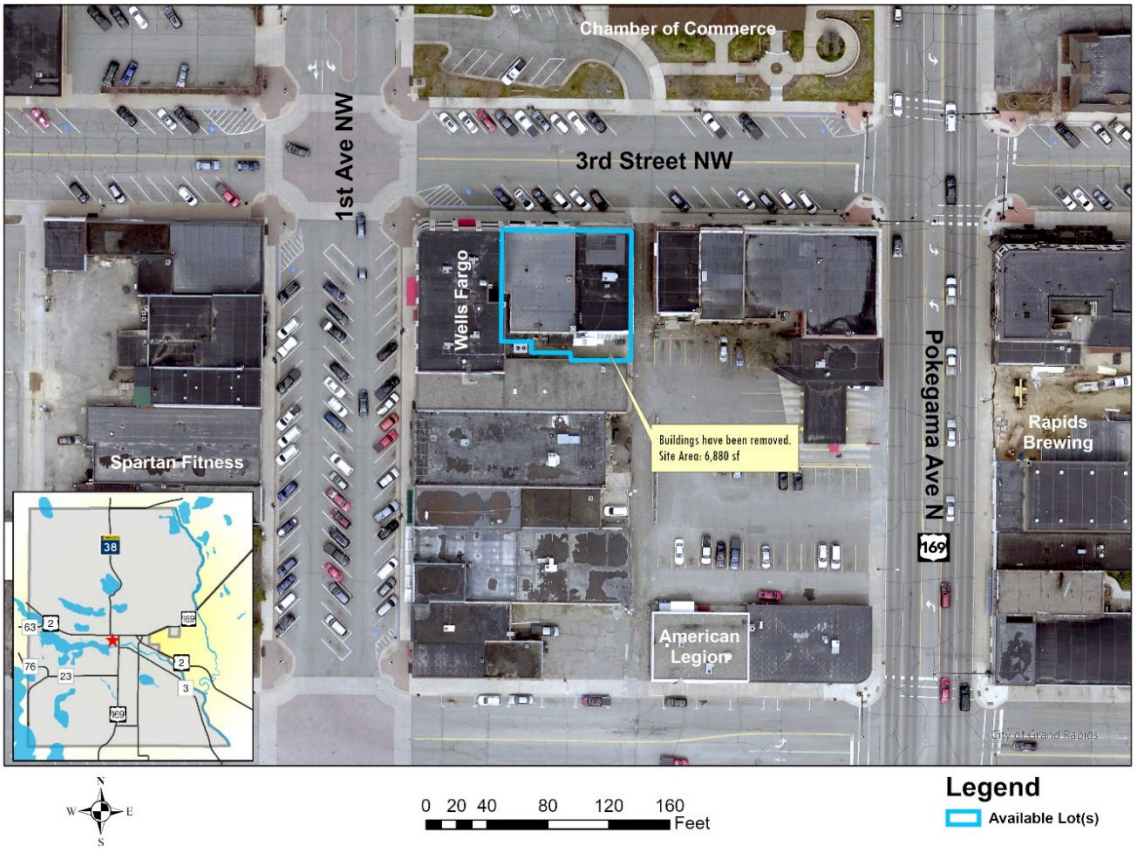
Grand Rapids Airport Property (unplatted)



Grand Rapids "Blocks 20 & 21" and "Block 5" Commercial Sites



Grand Rapids "Downtown Block 18"



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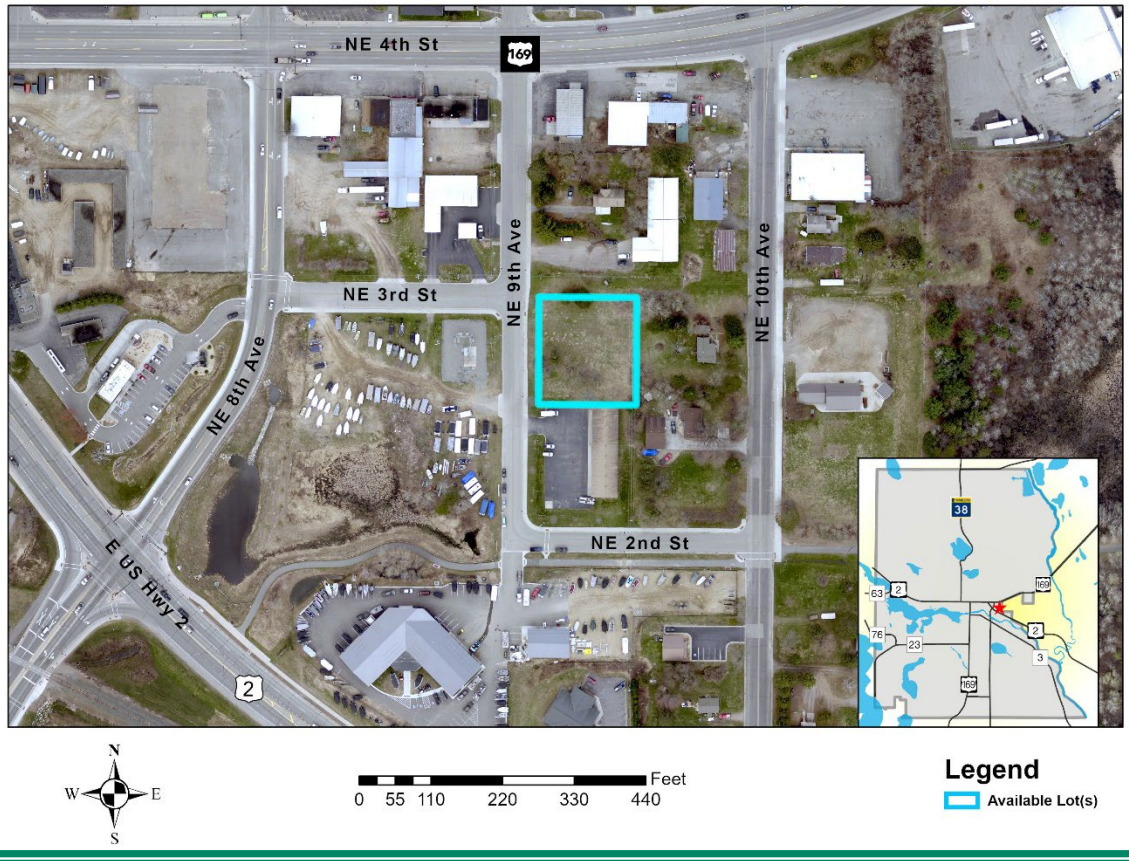


Business Assistance Programs

In order to meet business' needs, GREDA commonly pools their resources together with those of other local, state and federal economic development agencies. Examples of those business assistance programs are listed in the following table:

Source	Program
Federal EDA	▪ Public Works Grant ▪ Economic Adjustment Grant ▪ Economic Development Planning Grant
Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board	▪ Commercial Redevelopment Program ▪ Development Infrastructure Program ▪ Business Financing
Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED)	▪ Business Development Public Infrastructure Grant ▪ Minnesota Investment Fund ▪ Small Cities Development Program ▪ Job Creation Fund ▪ Redevelopment Grant Program ▪ Contamination Investigation and Cleanup ▪ Job Skills Partnership Program
Itasca Economic Development Corporation (IEDC)	▪ Building Development Loan Program
City of Grand Rapids	▪ Tax Increment Financing ▪ Tax Abatement

Commercial Building Improvement Loan (CBIL) Program - In certain situations, the underwriting standards used by private financial institutions would constrain their willingness or ability to provide a complete, attractive, financing package to a small business seeking to invest in property improvements. GREDA has created and maintains a revolving loan fund, named the Commercial Building Improvement Loan (CBIL) Program, which is intended to leverage private sector investment. The GREDA CBIL Program fills this capital market void by providing below market rate financing to eligible commercial enterprises within the City of Grand Rapids.

The CBIL is intended primarily to help building owners and tenants improve the appearance and function of their existing buildings. Secondary benefits of the CBIL program include: the removal of blight, increased competitiveness, strengthening of the tax base and improved viability of small businesses in the Grand Rapids commercial districts.

Eligible improvements to any retail/commercial building or site are qualified for consideration under the CBIL, within the following business zones: (LB, GB, CBD, SGB, SLB, I-1, SI-1). Program funds may be used for: building construction and expansion, building renovation and remodeling, landscaping and parking lot improvements and signage.

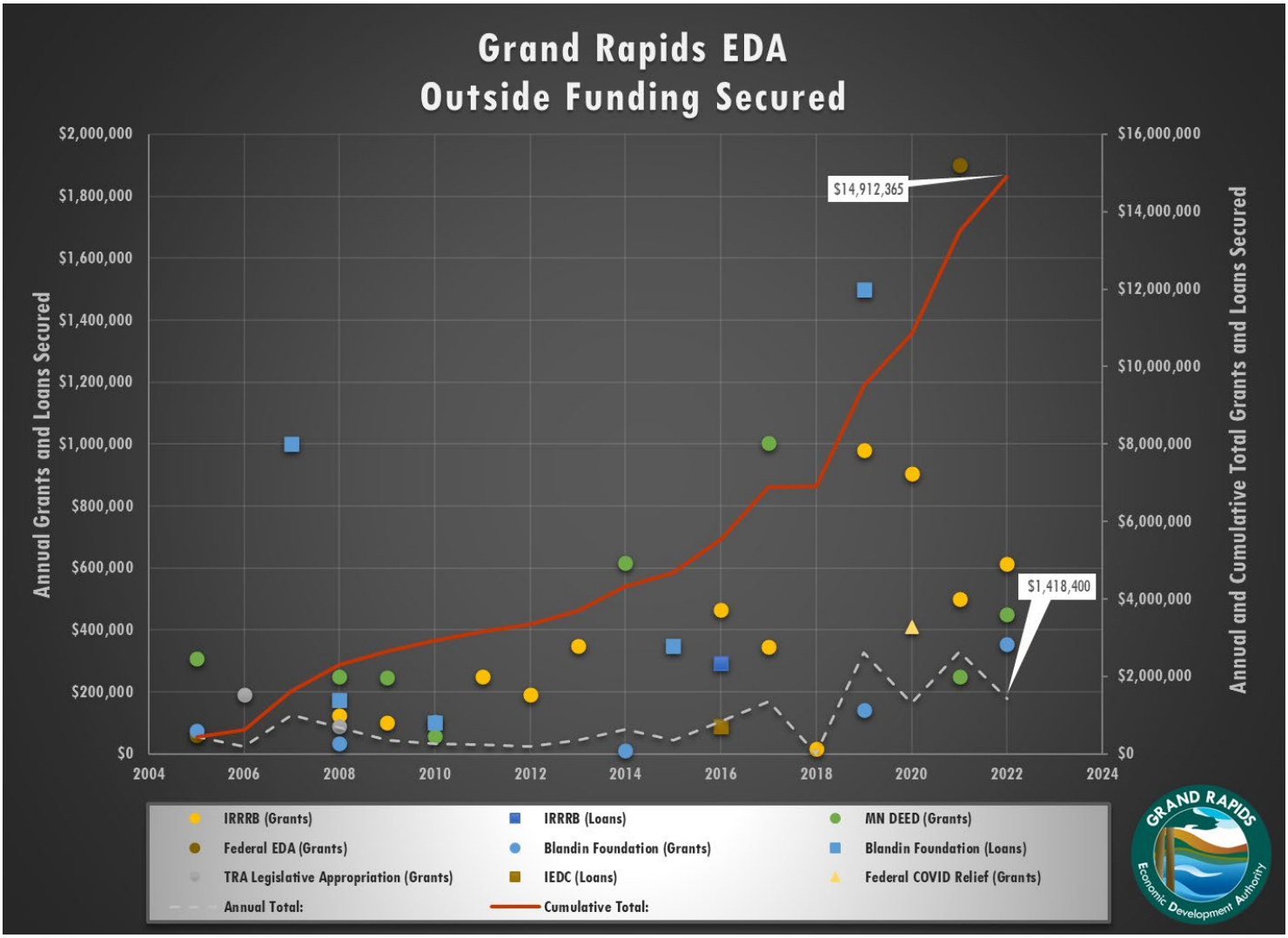
The Commercial Building Improvement Loan Program funds may finance up to 75% of the project cost, or $40,000, which ever may be less. The interest rate for improvement loans is currently set at two percent (2%), with a maximum term of 5 years. Loans are amortized over a twenty year period with a balloon payment due at the end of the term, with no penalty for early payment.

There currently is a portfolio of nineteen loans with a combined principal loan amount of $613,693.

Thousand Lakes Sporting Goods

Additional Project Funding

The following chart provides a seventeen year history of the outside funding secured by GREDA:



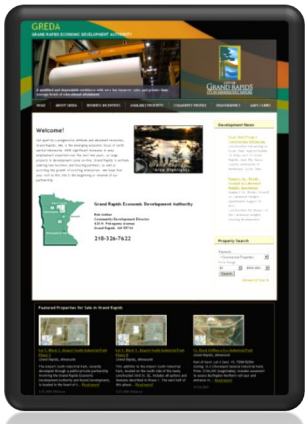
Business Retention, Attraction and Marketing

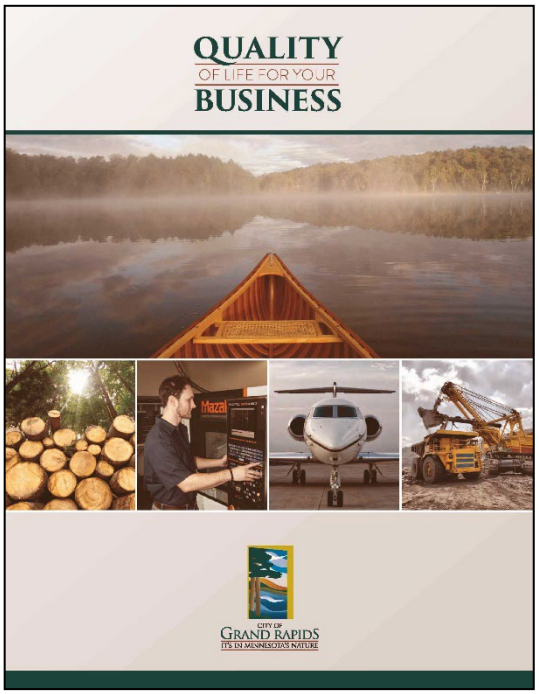
GREDA views regular interaction with resident companies, such as through a Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) program of structured interviews, as an important component of the Grand Rapids area economic development action plan. The importance of BRE is highlighted by a well-known statistic: "up to 80 percent of new jobs and capital investment in any community is generated by existing businesses".[1]

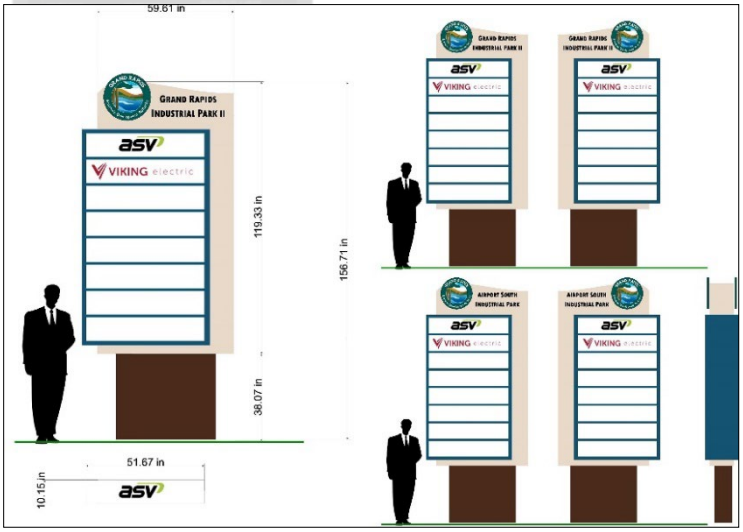
GREDA supports and is directly involved in renewed efforts between the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce and Itasca Economic Development Corporation in the expanded implementation of their "Grow Itasca" BRE program. The information collected through the business interviews done by the Grow Itasca group, assist GREDA in better understanding and serving our local business' needs.

This is not to say, however, that GREDA disregards the value of business attraction efforts, as evidenced by their expanding industrial park areas. With a well-rounded inventory of sites to offer, GREDA has begun to dedicate additional resources to their marking efforts, including:

- Updated electronic and printed brochures featuring their property
- An increased presence on the *northlandconnection.com* regional business portal
- The GREDA website launched in September 2011 at www.grandrapidseda.com with updated property listing/mapping functions added in 2018.
- GREDA twitter account launched October 2012: @GR_EconDevAuth
- Industrial Park entrance signs completed in 2022







ASV/Yanmar Expansion Project

- For the past two years staff has been in discussions with ASV/Yanmar officials, IRRR and DEED regarding business assistance to support a potential expansion that would add significant employment and capital investment in the Grand Rapids facility over the next four years.
- Prepared and submitted grant applications to DEED and IRRR.
- On April 5, 2022, IRRR approved the $350,000 grant request and $1,000,000 of low interest financing for equipment.
- On May 16, 2022, DEED approved a $450,000 grant to GREDA. GREDA used the funds to provide an equipment loan of the same amount to Yanmar with forgivable terms.
- Coordinated the review and consideration of a $234,000 Tax Abatement and worked with Itasca County in their consideration of a $196,000 Tax Abatement.
- This project is estimated to add over 300 direct jobs in the next four years and be a $9.5M capital investment.

Grand Rapids/Cohasset Industrial Park Infrastructure Project

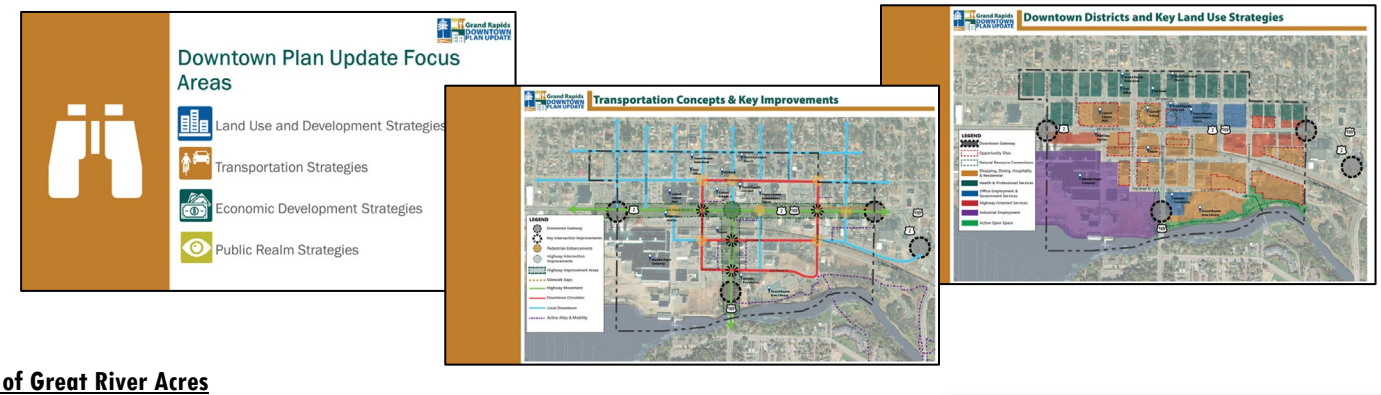
- Work has begun on the extension of sanitary sewer and water to the industrial area, which used to be the Ainsworth OSB plant.
- This $5.4M infrastructure project is funded with combined funds from the Federal Economic Development Administration, MN DEED, MN IRRR, GRPUC, GREDA, City of Grand Rapids, City of Cohasset and IEDC.

GREDA Commercial Building Improvement Loan Program

- The objective of the CBIL is to fill the financing gap between project costs and private debt financing and private equity by making direct, below market interest, loans to building owners and leaseholders improve the appearance and function of their buildings.
- Since the restructuring of the program in 2006, GREDA has provided $976K loans to 30 projects.
- The CBIL program can provide up to $40,000 per project. Loans are amortized over 20 years with a 5-year balloon.
- The interest rate has been lowered from 4% to 2% through the use of PRI funds from the Foundation.

Downtown Plan Update Project

- GREDA is in the final steps of completing a new Downtown Plan. Since July, GREDA's planning consultants have engaged and received input from over 1,000 citizens, visitors, businesses, and property owners through pop-up events, two community surveys, focus group meetings, design charettes and public meetings.
- Stemming from the public engagement, GREDA has already applied for a grant to establish both a Downtown Entertainment Loan program as well as a loan program with forgivable terms for upgrades mandated by the State Building Code to older downtown buildings. (Additional detail in this report)

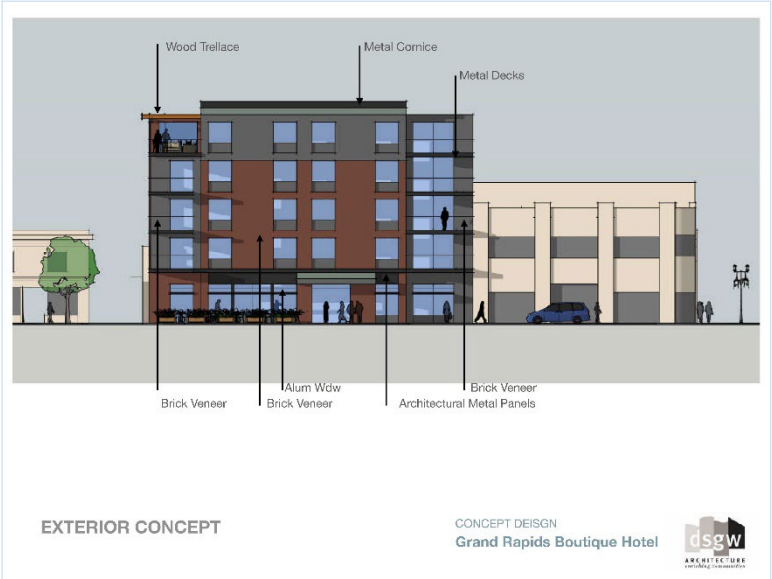


Plat of Great River Acres

- GREDA continues to market the 8 remaining single-family home sites and one large multi-family site.
- Two single-family home sites sold and been developed to date, and there has been interest in the multi-family site.
- In 2022, GREDA sold one parcel and provided options on four other parcels to a developer to build speculative single-family homes for sale.
- Properties are listed on www.grandrapidseda.com

Cambium Development Project/Downtown Block 18 Site

- GREDA extended its Preliminary Development Agreement with Cambium Development for six months.
- Cambium is pursuing the purchase the GREDA-owned former site of the VFW and Rose buildings on 3rd St. N. and the development of a multiple story, mixed use, commercial building including a restaurant and hospitality component.
- GREDA successfully applied for a $150,000 MN IRRR Development Infrastructure grant for this project.

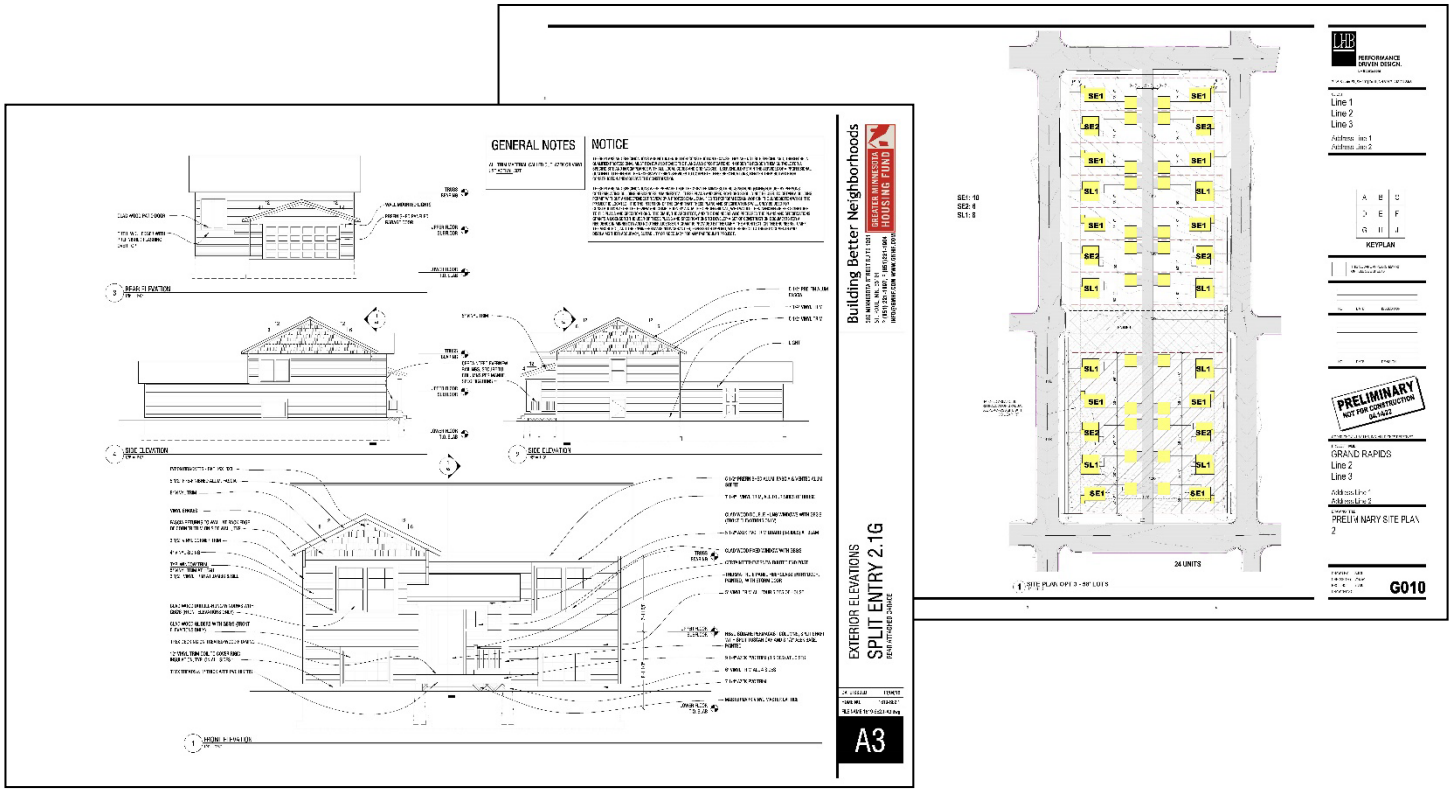


Industrial Market Analysis

- GREDA hired Maxfield Research to conduct a market analysis examining the unmet need for additional industrial/warehouse/distribution building space.
- The research confirmed a need for 80,000 sf of additional new, modern, flexible building space over the next five years. The research also examined lease rates in our competing area and proposed a list of building features that would best capture and serve the demand.
- GREDA followed this research with an architectural study examining the cost of building a 30,000 sf industrial spec. building.
- GREDA used this information to prepare a development proforma and proposed financing structure.
- The conclusion of this work was that traditional public financing, like Tax Abatement are insufficient to close the gap created by the cost of construction and the moderate lease rates in our market.
- GREDA continues to discuss possible solutions to this situation with IRRR and the Blandin Foundation.

Single Family Housing – Redevelopment of former Forest Lake School Site

- GREDA received title to the site of the former Forest Lake School in 2021. Staff is working with the Greater Minnesota Housing Fund and LHB Architects to prepare a design concept and funding structure for redevelopment of the cleared site as affordable, owner-occupied, single-family housing.
- GREDA is currently developing a new plat entitled Forest Lake Addition, which will include 22 single family home lots.
- GREDA is working with the Itasca County HRA on their plans to purchase and develop 8 of the lots over two years and forming a Community Land Trust.



Multi-Family Housing and Manufactured Housing Community Prospects

- GREDA has a preliminary development agreement in place with Oppidan Inc., the developers of the Pillars project. Oppidan is performing due diligence on a proposed 132-unit apartment on a GREDA parcel located north of the West Elementary School in the plat of Great River Acres.
- Staff is in early conversations with a metro developer considering a concept involving a 76-unit apartment on the GREDA Block 20/21 site, located north of the Library.
- Staff is working with local investors performing due diligence on a concept for a 60-unit housing community on the former WWTP site.
- The increased cost of construction and financing presents additional challenges for the development of housing. We are in discussions with other economic development organizations and private businesses about how they might aid us in supporting these projects.

DEED Small Cities Development Program (SCDP) Grant

- GREDA completed implementation of their third DEED Comprehensive SCDP grant, awarded to the City over the last 10 years.
- In combination, these three SCDP grants have allowed GREDA to provide an additional $665K of deferred/forgivable loans of up to $32,000 to 23 commercial building rehabilitation projects in targeted areas of Grand Rapids.
- The recently completed SCDP program assisted in the rehabilitation of 10 commercial buildings and 23 owner-occupied single-family homes.

Redevelopment Loan Fund

- The Blandin Foundation has re-established a $1,000,000 Program Related Investment (PRI) with GREDA for the Redevelopment Loan Fund.
- This fund allows timely access to short-term bridge and gap financing for commercial acquisitions and activities that lead the redevelopment of blighted/substandard/underutilized commercial property.
- The interest on each loan will be within a range of 0% to 0.25% over Prime, depending on project specifics and whether the loan is being made to GREDA or if GREDA is using the funds to make a loan to a private developer.

Downtown Entertainment Loan Fund

- In 2022, GREDA successfully applied for a 300,000 Blandin Foundation grant to establish a revolving loan program to provide short-term, flexible, financing for larger scale entertainment events/cultural programming held in Downtown Grand Rapids.
- Loans of up to $75,000 provided under this program will limit financial risk to hosting entities by forgiving a portion of the principal to ensure a breakeven point is achieved.

GREDA Financial Summary – 2022 Operating Fund

CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022
With Comparative Totals for the Period Ending December 31, 2021

Preliminary

	2021 ACTUAL TO 12/31/21	YTD ACTUAL TO 12/31/22	2022 ANNUAL BUDGET	
Fund Balance 1/1/XX:	$ 2,880	$ 18,096	$ 18,096	
REVENUES:				
Taxes	30,000	-	-	0%
Supplemental Aid	-	-	-	0%
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	0%
Interest - Investments	95	103	200	52%
Interest - Loans	-	-	-	0%
Mortgage Payment	-	-	-	0%
Fund Balance Usage	-	-	16,050	0%
TOTAL REVENUES	30,095	103	16,250	1%
EXPENDITURES:				
Supplies/Materials	12	148	50	296%
Other Services/Charges	14,867	13,755	16,200	85%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	14,878	13,903	16,250	86%
REVENUES > EXPENDITURES	15,216	(13,800)	-	
FUND BALANCE				
Fund Balance Usage	15,216	(13,800)	(16,050)	
FUND BALANCE 12/31/XX	$ 18,096	$ 4,296	$2,046	

GREDA Financial Summary – 2022 Capital Projects Fund

CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

Schedule of Changes in Revenue, Expenditures, and Fund Balance
FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022

Preliminary

FUND BALANCE 1/1/22	$	821,105
REVENUES:		
Taxes		57,087
Supplemental Aid		2,689
Blandin Foundation		53,400
Interest-Investments		6,555
Interest-Loans		7,039
Nat'l Gas CIAC Fee		4,037
Rent-Manufacturing Hangar		10,931
Rent-EDA House		25,999
Miscellaneous		2,027
Principal-CBIL Payments		97,198
Principal-EWCL Payments		158,967
Sale of Land Held in Inventory		624,000
TOTAL REVENUES		1,049,927
EXPENDITURES:		
Miscellaneous		36,813
Commercial Building Improvement Loan Program		12,340
Downtown Block 18-21		8,029
Airport South Industrial Parks		83,275
Downtown Plan Project		78,871
Great River Acres		26,059
Manufacturing Hangar		321,802
Blandin Foundation PRI Loan		150,694
DEED Development Programs		9,623
ASV-Yanmar Parts Distribution Center		1,428
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		728,934
2022 REVENUES > EXPENDITURES		320,994
FUND BALANCE 12/31/22		1,142,098 (1)

Please Note:

(1) The Fund Balance includes designations for Com Bldg Imp Loans of $169,976

Work Plan – Overview of Process

The GREDA Board of Commissioners recently completed the development of their 2023 Work Plan. The work plan development process first involved a review of the unfinished business from the 2022 Work Plan, and a review of the goals stated within the Economic Development Element of the Comprehensive Plan. From that exercise, the GREDA Commissioners identified a list of potential objectives for 2023. Those potential objectives were examined and ranked by the individual GREDA members, and, through additional group discussion, GREDA approved a list of priorities and a work approach for the issues they will take a lead role in completing and those that they will partner with others on.

In developing the list of priority issues, the GREDA considered the following criteria:

Community impact: If the goal is achieved, will the impact be substantial in the community?

Chances of success: Is the objective reasonably attainable?

Resource availability: Does EDA/City of Grand Rapids possess adequate resources to achieve this goal?

EDA ownership: But for the EDA, will any other entity, commission or department achieve this objective?

The resulting work plan is shown on the following four pages of this report.

Grand Rapids Economic Development Authority
2023 Work Plan

✱ Results of Issue Identification and Ranking			✱ Desired Outcomes/Work Approach/Schedule			
Issue/Task/Work Item	**Role**	**Term** (years) Short 1-2 Med. 3-5 Long 6+	**Q1**	**Q2**	**Q3**	**Q4**
Continue to work with Voyageur Capital on current and future development.	Lead	M	▪ Work with Voyageur Capital toward executing a Contract for Private Development for the buildout of speculative industrial space.	▪ Work with IRRR, DEED and others to support the new industries with low interest financing for equipment and tenant improvements		▪ Complete the public infrastructure buildout.
Market GREDA Services	Lead	S	▪ Communicate the many GREDA successes and raise awareness of GREDA programs.	▪ CBIL program marketing ▪ Downtown Entertainment Loan program marketing	▪ Consider comprehensive updates to the GREDA website under a new platform	
Continue to support the ASV/Yanmar Expansion	Lead	S	▪ Provide a recommendation to the City Council regarding ASV/Yanmar's request for a Tax Abatement. ▪ Coordinate with the County on a joint Contract for Private Development involving Tax Abatement.	▪ Continue to work on supportive workforce housing development.		
Provide support for the Huber Project	Support	S	▪ Participate in developing and implement a coordinated group effort of area and regional entities to support the successful advancement of the project.	▪	▪	▪
Pursue and support initiatives addressing the local workforce/childcare and housing shortages	Lead	S	▪ Continue to support private development interest in housing projects by advising the City Council on TIF and Tax Abatement business assistance requests.	▪ Execute development agreements on GREDA housing parcels.	▪ Work with childcare facility developers and IRRR to incentivize/remove financial barriers for projects.	▪

✱ Results of Issue Identification and Ranking			✱ Desired Outcomes/Work Approach/Schedule			
Issue/Task/Work Item	**Role**	**Term** (years) **S**hort 1-2 **M**ed. 3-5 **L**ong 6+	**Q1**	**Q2**	**Q3**	**Q4**
Support the development or redevelopment/infill of strategic commercial sites to achieve growth in the retail sales and service sector.	Lead	L	▪ Continue to support private development interest in housing projects by reviewing proposed requests for business assistance. ▪ Promote the development of GREDA housing parcels and	▪ Welcome and support investment interest in the redevelopment of infill sites such as the former K-Mart site, former Ray's Sport and Marine, and former Sawmill Inn site.	▪ Identify retail gaps and more actively recruit businesses and developers.	▪
Begin implementation of the updated Downtown Plan.	Partner	S	▪ Review strategies within the completed Downtown Plan update. ▪ Implement the Downtown Entertainment Loan Program	▪ Explore strategies for a sustainable Central School adaptive reuse. ▪	▪ Consider a Blandin Foundation grant request for the purpose of hiring a consultant to lead downtown business and property owners through steps to establish a downtown program and organization.	▪
Ensure an adequate inventory of industrial sites and facilities exist to accommodate full industrial, warehousing & distribution business expansion and relocation potential.	Lead	L	▪	▪ Continue to explore funding opportunities that would support the development of a speculative, flexible, industrial/warehousing building in Grand Rapids. ▪ Recruit a developer.	▪	▪
Continue to advocate for highway transportation route improvements to improve linkages between Grand Rapids and the interstate, the Duluth port.	Lead	L	▪ Have discussions with appropriate agencies, government, and elected officials the prioritization of improvements to the TH2 corridor to Duluth.	▪ Explore working with UWS or others in preparation of a needs study.	▪	▪
Consider ways to support the relocation/renovation of local small businesses and assist with ADA compliance improvement funding options.	Lead	S	▪	▪ Consider submitting a grant request to the Blandin Foundation to establish a loan program, possibly with some forgivable terms, to address ADA and Minnesota Accessibility Code deficiencies.	▪	▪

✱ Results of Issue Identification and Ranking			✱ Desired Outcomes/Work Approach/Schedule			
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Assist with the redevelopment of the Boswell site.	Lead	S	▪	▪ Support County efforts to implement energy transition strategies.	▪ Identify energy transition funding state and federal programs that may be applicable to GREDA efforts toward economic diversification.	▪
Continue to support our medical service providers to ensure that Grand Rapids maintains and grows its position as a regional hub.	Lead	S	▪ Communicate with major providers, Grand Itasca and Essentia, about trends toward a stay-at-home rural health care model and the buildout of services and jobs to support that growth potential.	▪	▪	▪
Pursue initiatives that would support existing and new wood product industries/advocate for U.S. EPA rule changes.	Lead	M	▪	▪	▪ Research and consider advocacy for U.S. EPA rule changes that would define wood as carbon neutral so it can be used as an alternative fuel source applicable to a future conversion of MP Unit from coal.	▪
Consider ways to diversify the membership of the Commission and amend the meeting format to include updates from local partners/organizations.	Lead	S	▪ As membership opportunities arise, recruit applicants that further a diverse board. ▪ Invite local partner organizations to provide updates, one presentation per quarter.	▪	▪	▪