## Spring Newsletter 2018



#### New to the DDA Website

Community Message Board/Community Highlights - New page on the DDA Website <a href="www.clamlakedda.org">www.clamlakedda.org</a> where DDA District Members will be able to have posted upcoming events and employment/volunteer opportunities. Coming soon will be a "Community Spotlight" on individual DDA District businesses.

## Clam Lake Township Master Plan/ Zoning Ordinance Update

The Clam Lake Township Planning Commission held a Public Hearing March 22, 2018 on the Draft "Master Plan", which is a document by which the community determines the character it wants and makes plans for achieving or maintaining that character. Planning enables communities to take charge of their future, rather than react to events and changes that come their way. A copy of the Draft Master Plan may be viewed at clamlakemasterplan@bria2.com

After the adoption of the Master Plan, the Planning Commission will begin working on updating the Zoning Ordinance as per the Master Plan. The Township currently is using the Wexford County Zoning Ordinance as its Interim Zoning Ordinance until the Township can complete the Zoning Ordinance Update. The community will be invited to participate in the Zoning Ordinance Update as it was with the Master Plan process. Any zoning questions may be directed to Zoning Administrator Cindy Warda at zoningadmin@clamlaketownship.org or call 231-775-5401 ext. 6

### DDA CONTACT/MEETING INFORMATION

Cindy Warda, Executive Director, Email - director@clamlakedda.org 8809 E M-115, Cadillac, MI 49601, Phone - 231-775-5401 ext. 6
The DDA Board meets the third (3rd) Monday of the month at 7:45 a.m. in the Township Hall, 8809 E M-115, Cadillac, MI 49601



## M-115 and M-55 CORRIDOR REDEVELOP-MENT PLAN

This plan will assess the redevelopment potential along the M-115 corridor and prepare a strategy for reinvestment and redevelopment. The Alliance for **Economic Success** (AES) will serve as a neutral convener for the redevelopment plan, Networks North (NN), who is providing technical services to the City will coordinate with AES to provide a **SWOT Assessment** (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities & Threats). Public discussion meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 3, 2018 at the Cadillac Sands from 6-8 p.m.

# CALL FOR PROJECTS

Now that Spring is here (maybe not weather-wise yet), the Clam Lake Township Downtown Development Authority would like input for spring/summer public improvements district members would like to see in the DDA District.

DDA Legislation restricts improvements to be for public use such as sidewalks, bike paths, trails and recreational facilities.

Please submit your DDA public project ideas to: director @clamlakedda.org or mail to: DDA, 8809 E M-115, Cadillac, MI 49601





## SAFE ROUTES 2 SCHOOL GRANT PRO-GRAM UPDATE

Michigan State University Department of Engineering is developing a full "Action Plan" through MSU's Safe Routes 2 School Assistance

Program for the Mackinaw Trail Middle School, which is located in the DDA District. The Safe Routes 2 School (SR2S) is a Federal Grant Program and cooperative partnership with the U.S. Department of Transportation, Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Michigan Fitness Foundation. The goals of the SR2S Program is to encourage and enable all school children to walk and bike to and from school when distance is reasonable and routes are safe; make walking and bike routes to schools safer; promote lifelong habits of physical activity; and reduce traffic, gas consumption and pollution around schools.

The Safe Routes Planning Team is currently reviewing proposed walking/biking audit routes for participants once the weather breaks.

For more information regarding the SR<sub>2</sub>S Program: <u>Michigan SR<sub>2</sub>S:</u> <u>saferoutesmichigan.org</u>

#### "WELCOME TO THE CADILLAC AREA" WELCOME SIGN

The DDA has been working on an area welcome sign for US 131 Exit 177 (Mitchell Street). The sign is currently in the MDOT permitting phase through the Wexford County Road Commission. Thanks to DK Design Group for the design work and to the Wexford County Road Commission and MDOT TC for all the permit and technical assistance.

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