



Redevelopment Ready Communities® Joint Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) by and between the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (“MEDC”), 300 North Washington Square, Lansing, Michigan and City of Ann Arbor (“Community”), 301 E. Huron Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan, jointly referred to as the “Parties” and individually as the “Party” is effective as of November 25, 2013 (“Effective Date”).

The Community is interested in applying to the MEDC under the Redevelopment Ready Communities® Program (“Program”) to become certified as a Redevelopment Ready Community (“RRC”) and receive assistance from the Program in promoting sites within the Community.

The MEDC is interested in evaluating the Community and making recommendations for the Community to become certified as a RRC under the Program and help market the Community to the public for redevelopment and purposes.

Therefore, the above entities have come together in a strategic collaboration to achieve the above stated goals. This collaboration is based on the following understandings:

Community Responsibilities

1. Identifying a primary Program contact who will serve as the lead contact and provide overall technical support for all aspects of this project on behalf of the Community.
2. Provide adequate staff personnel to attend trainings, perform research collection and assessment of current practices of the Community and to implement the recommendations of the MEDC after the evaluation.
3. Within fifteen (15) days of this MOU, complete the Pre-Evaluation document and provide supporting information as required by the MEDC.
4. Within thirty (30) days of the Certification Assessment Report of Findings presentation, provide a resolution adopted by the Community’s elected governing body that supports the Community’s intent to proceed with implementation of the MEDC identified recommendations if necessary to meet the Program best practices.
5. Within one hundred eighty (180) days, complete implementation of MEDC identified recommendations, if necessary, to meet the Program best practices.
6. Provide documentation that the Community meets the Program best practices as determined by the MEDC prior to being awarded certification.

MEDC Responsibilities

1. Provide general training on the Program.

2. Provide general technical support to the primary Program contact of the Community in collecting the information necessary to complete the Pre-Evaluation document and implementation of the best practices.
3. Evaluate the information from the Pre-Evaluation documents.
4. If necessary, make recommendations of steps to meet the best practices as identified by the MEDC.
5. Once the Program best practices are met, the MEDC will coordinate with the RRC Advisory Council to receive input in certifying the Community as a RRC.
6. If certified as a RRC, assist the Community in marketing to the public up to three sites as redevelopment ready.
7. Prepare a license agreement between the Community and the MEDC for Community's use of the RRC logo.

This MOU sets forth the intent of the Parties only and does not, and is not intended to, impose any binding obligations on the Parties nor shall it be the basis for any legal claims or liabilities by or among the Parties. Any liability of the Parties, whether in contract, tort or under any other legal or equitable theory, arising out of or in connection with this MOU shall be explicitly excluded. Neither Party shall be entitled to claim compensation for any expenses or losses incurred in bad faith if the intention of this MOU cannot be reached entirely or in part.

This MOU constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties hereto. This MOU may be modified, altered, revised, extended or renewed by mutual written consent of all Parties, by the issuance of a written amendment, signed and dated by all the Parties.

This MOU may be signed in multiple copies and in counterparts which, when taken together, shall constitute the executed MOU. Faxed or scanned copies shall be considered an original.

This MOU is effective until the three year anniversary of the date the Community is certified as a RRC, unless terminated earlier. However, either Party may terminate the MOU by providing notice in writing to the other Party thirty (30) days in advance of the termination.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this MOU to be executed by their respective authorized representatives.

John Hieftje, Mayor
City of Ann Arbor

Date

Jacqueline Beaudry, City Clerk
City of Ann Arbor

Date

Jennifer Nelson, Chief of Staff & General Counsel
Michigan Economic Development Corporation

Date