LDFA 3-Year Marketing Plan

July 2014 – February 2017



Ann Arbor - A destination for Entrepreneurship and Innovation







Strategic Marketing Message

Ann Arbor - The Destination for Startups

entrepreneurial services

Supporting Entrepreneurs

- Innovation Center
- Education
- Coaching & Mentoring
- Funding & Grants



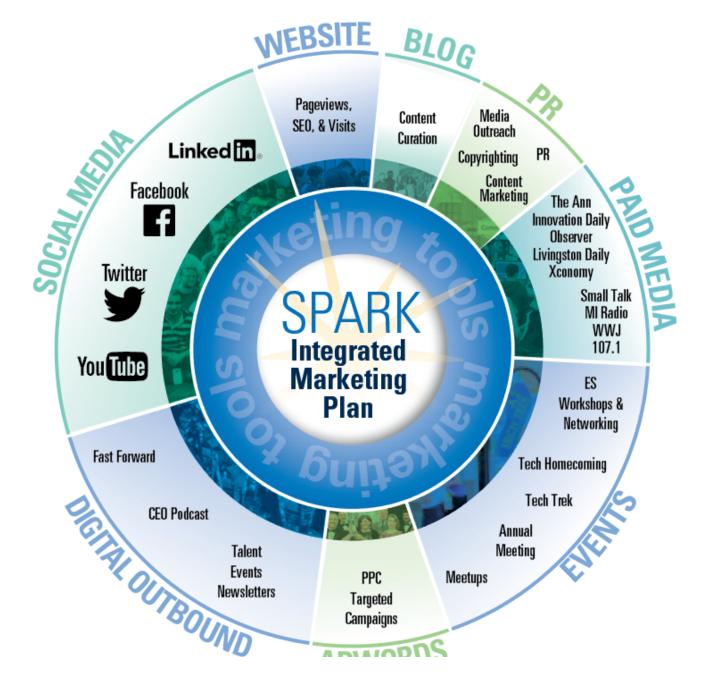




- Promoting Ann Arbor's Successful Startups/Early Stage
- Brand Awareness of A² Ecosystem
- Marketing World Class Talent
- Promotion of Education Events

Reaching broad, diverse audiences





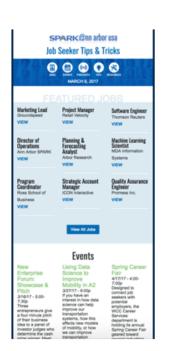






New LDFA Resources at Work







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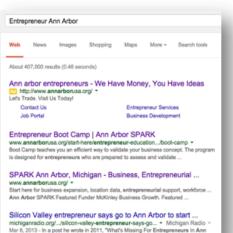




CRAIN'S DETROIT BUSINESS

Ann Arbor Observer

Google AdWords



Arbor, Mich.," he described the climate as the sound of 'one hand

New Initiatives Digital - Print - Events



Grow Your Business

SPARK Central Innovation Center Entrepreneurs Conspire For Success

YouTube Trueview







SPARK@nn arbor usa **Events Update**



Lunch & Learn: Commercialization Science to for Early Stage Companies

3/7/17 - 11:30-1:00 pm Do you have a technology that you think has commercial potential? If so, you will want to join this workshop to learn what options are available to you, and what funding you will need to travel the path to market.

Using Data Improve Mobility in A2

3/17/17 - 6:00 pm If you have an interest in how data science can help improve our transportation systems, how this affects new models of mobility, or how we can improve transportation around Ann Arbor, please join us at this free event! REGISTER

Intro to Coding Workshop

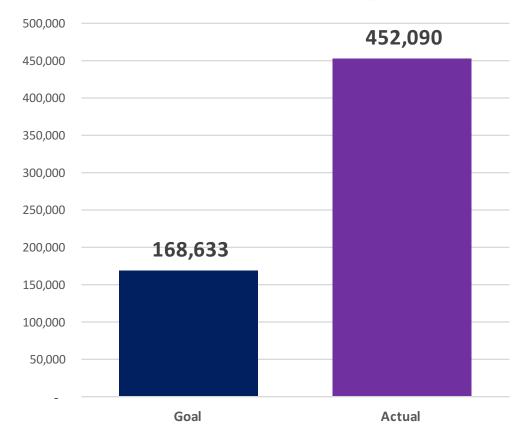
3/28/17 - 6:00-9:00 This free workshop is designed for folks who are curious about coding but who have little to no experience. This workshop is the perfect class to learn the programming foundation needed to eventually build a website or mobile app.

Ann Arbor Observer

Entrepreneurial Services Page Views

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Entrepreneurial Services Web Page Views



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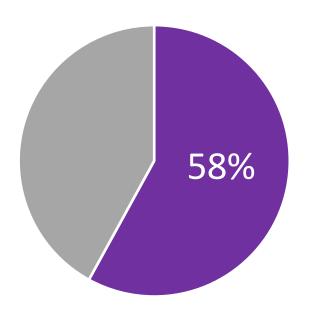
268% of Goal



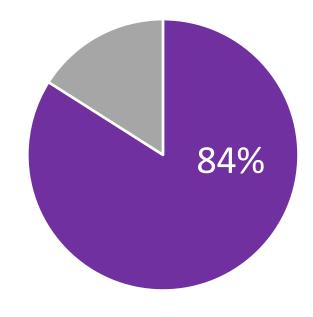
Cumulative 3 Year Plan Results to Date

Google AdWords

Percentage of ES Web Traffic from AdWords



2013 – 2014 LDFA FYEBefore AdWords Budget Increase



July 2014 – February 2017 After AdWords Budget Increase





Other Sources

Effective Marketing Tools Social Media







Ann Arbor company, SkySpecs is working on deploying automated #drone technology for onshore and offshore wind-turbine inspections!

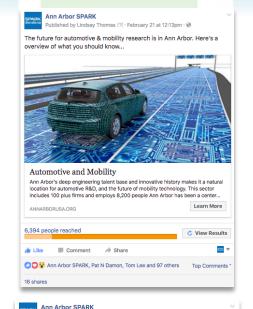


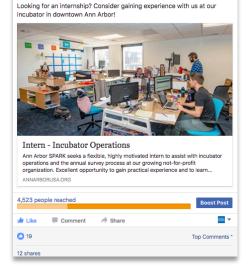
Siemens and SkySpecs collaborate on offshore turbine inspections using drones

Siemens is involving its Wind Power business and its next47 venture unit, which was established in October 2016 to accelerate the development of new...

WINDPOWERENGINEERING.COM

Learn More





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Great turnout at tonight's Intro to Coding event in #AnnArbor. If you missed it make sure to register for the next one: http://bit.ly/2lmbMn0





Congrats to Workit Health on this huge accomplishment! Looking forward to many more successes from this group.



Workit Health Raises \$1.1M To Help People Overcome Addictive Behaviors

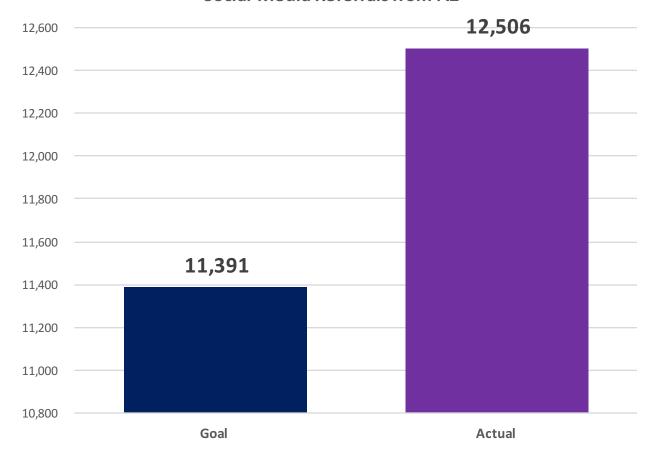
Workit Health, an innovative online program for overcoming addictive behaviors, has raised a \$1.1...

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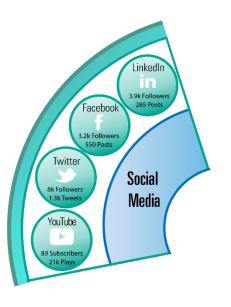
#Social Media

Social Media Referrals from A2



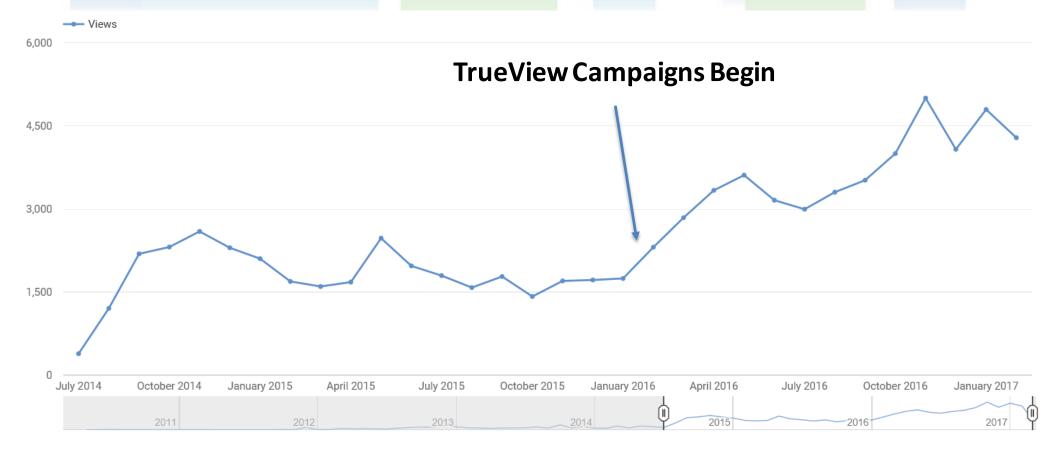
Results:

110% of Goal



Cumulative 3 Year Plan Results to Date

Effective Marketing ToolsVideo





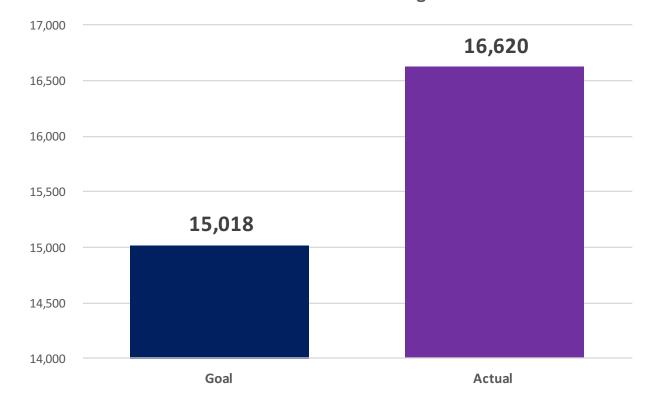


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Video

Video Views from Michigan



Results:

111% of Goal



Cumulative 3 Year Plan Results to Date

Effective Marketing ToolsDigital Outbound

Newsletter Template Improvements

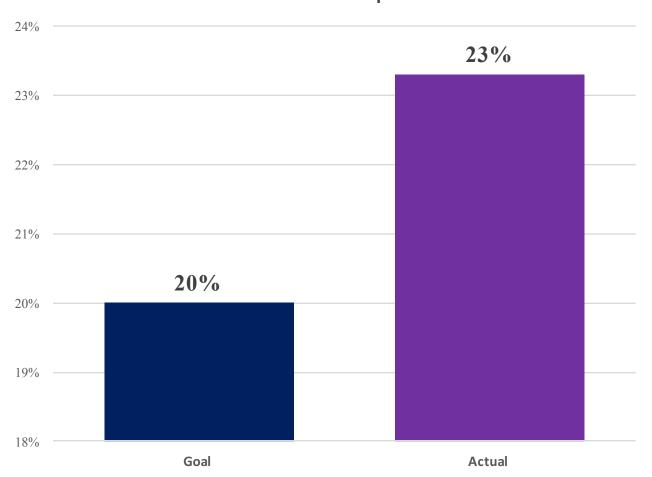




2016 2017

Digital Outbound Marketing

Events Newsletter Open Rate



Results:

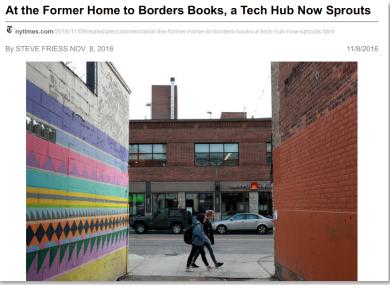
3.3% Above Goal

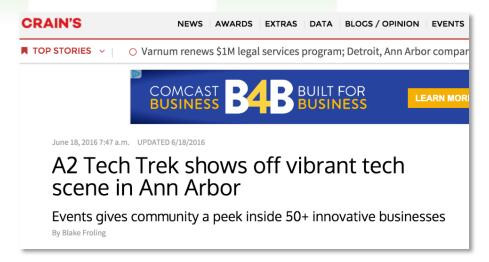


Cumulative 3 Year Plan Results to Date

Effective Marketing Tools PR & Media







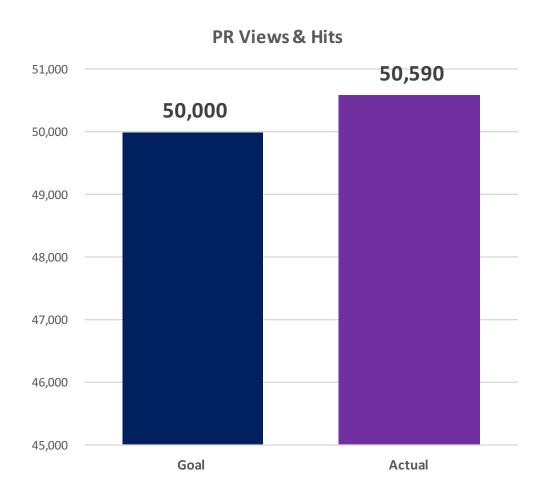




PR & New Media

Results:

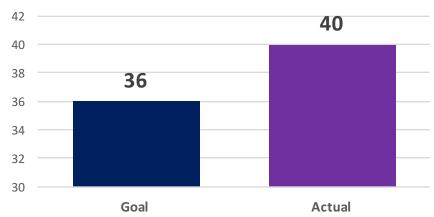
100% of Goal



Cumulative 3 Year Plan Results to Date



PR Placements



PR Placements were replaced with the PR Views & Hits goal after the 2014/2015 FYE

Recognition of Marketing Efforts

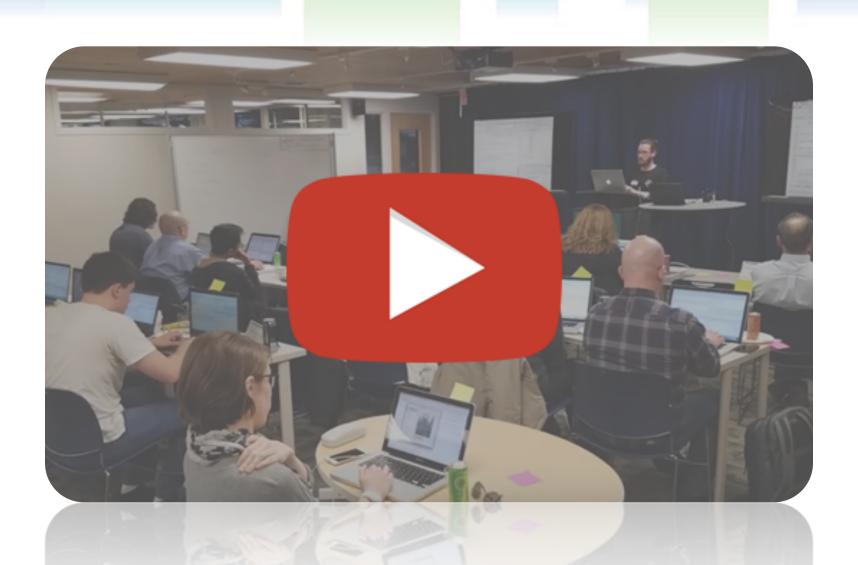
Regional and Nationally recognized for Innovative Marketing



- International Economic Development Council (IEDC) Excellence Award Winners for 2013, 2015, and 2016
- Multi-year Michigan Economic Developers Association Marketing Award Winner: 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2016



Testimonials



Entrepreneurial Success Stories Spellbound

Print Ads

Media Coverage

Ann Arbor startups credit support services for



Guest Blog: Small Business



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Tech Trek appeals to ALL ages. This little trekker with Spellbound's app. Bring your kids and let the Details here: http://bit.ly/Tktrk

Social Media



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A lot of factors contribute to a vibrant tech economy. Startups have so many disparate and unique needs and, as a result, a broad range of support is required to nurture and grow the earliest stage businesses.

For example, the support for startups in the Ann Arbor area is second to none. Not only does the region offer a deep talent pool, but startups also benefit from a range of programs. Those include nontraditional funding sources like angel funding, grants, microloans and other business-related services like conference rooms and meeting spaces at business incubators and accelerators like Ann Arbor Spark's Central Innovation Center. Additionally, offering assistance designed to help startups find talented employees has positioned Ann Arbor as a destination for innovative people and companies.

In Ann Arbor, this investment in supporting startups yields big economic results. In the last year alone, the 162 startups that have worked with Spark have raised \$141.6 million and created 150 new jobs. Thirty-seven new high-tech startups were created in 2015, and data show that those companies have an opportunity to thrive. For example, since 2006, Ann Arbor Spark-supported companies have achieved a 72 percent survival rate compared to 50 percent and 33 percent for

Two companies from distinct industries, SpellBound and SkySpecs, illustrate how being part of a solid entrepreneurial ecosystem can provide significant benefit and how that support helps to

Congratulations to People's Choice winner SpellBound,

whose mobile app that makes books come to life was a highlight for Tech Trek participants.



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Entrepreneurial Success Stories Workit Health

- SPARK Central Innovation Center Client
- \$1.1 million funding round
- **SPARK Grants**
- SPARK's "Entrepreneur-in-Residence program

Ann Arbor Companies Win \$100,000 at Accelerate Michigan Innovation Competition

Thomas on Friday, November 4, 2016 · 1 Comment (Edit)

panies were announced as winners of the Accelerate Michigan Innovation Competition. ecific prize, and Workit Health won the \$25,000 People's Choice award.

Social Media

Press Releases



Check out this week's #smalltalk featuring #AnnArbor's Substance Wellness® company, Workit Health!



Small Talk with Mark Lee

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Workit Health is looking for a Research Specialist to add to their team in Ann Arbor. Know anyone who'd be a good fit? Send them our way!



Research Specialist

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Media/Radio Coverage

Events Tech Trek 2016 Overview

METRICS

1,800 registered



1,314 attendees

PARTICIPATING COMPANIES

66+ companies participated



Avg. attendee traffic = 328

ATTENDEE BREAKDOWN



30% out-of-town trekkers

20% job seekers

10% college students



REACH



#A2TechTrek trending 11K website visits

GROWTH



75% attendee growth

tripled company participation

GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN



Traverse City, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Battle Creek

11 states represented

Tech Trek Marketing & Media

Tech Trek 2016 Trended Nationally on Twitter

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May 11, 2016 · •

The perfect place to have conversations with CEO's in a casual setting? #A2TechTrek

Register here: http://bit.ly/TchTrkReg



Ann Arbor SPARK Promotion



Participating Companies
Promotion



Megan Crosbie Mazurek with Kyle Mazurek and Katie Banks McBride at ♥ Ann Arbor SPARK.

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Spent the afternoon learning about several amazing tech companies at the Ann Arbor SPARK #A2TechTrek.











Attendees Posted















Summary of 3 Year Plan Marketing Results To Date

Description	Baseline LDFA 13/14 FYE	Three Year Cumulative Goal	Actual	Goal Results
Newsletter Open Rate*	18%	20%	23%	Exceeded by 3%
Entrepreneurial Services Webpage Views	50,211	168,633	452,090	268%
Webpage Visits by Ann Arbor Residents	59,072	207,216	169,769	82%
Social Media Referrals	2,797	11,391	12,506	110%
Video Views	4,006	15,018	16,620	111%
PR Views & Hits	-	50,000	50,590	100%

^{*} Average, not Cumulative

Thank You!

Our commitment is to develop the most effective marketing plan to achieve our business goals. We are laser focused on identifying the most effective tools that produce the greatest return on our marketing dollars.

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