What is an Economic Development District?

Economic Development District

Economic Development Districts (EDDs) are multijurisdictional entities designated by the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) that help lead the regionally driven economic development planning process. The Southwest Michigan Planning Commission (SWMPC) is the EDD for Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren Counties.





What does an Economic Development District do?

SWMPC brings together public, private, and non-profit sectors to establish a strategic roadmap for regional collaboration in economic development.

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

The strategic roadmap, known as a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), is a plan for regional economic development. A CEDS is the result of a "regionally-owned" planning process designed to guide the economic prosperity and resiliency of an area or region.



Explanation of EDD from eda.gov/edd/



Southwest Michigan EDD's CEDS

Southwest Michigan Planning Commission's current CEDS was produced in 2017. Each year SWMPC produces an annual report updating the strategic roadmap. The next 5-year version of the CEDS is scheduled for 2022.

www.swmpc.org/ceds.asp

Funding Opportunities

SWMPC maintains a list of economic development project funding resources at both the state and federal levels.

www.swmpc.org/funding_opps.asp





