



Regional News and Updates: Winter 2020

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Upcoming Meetings

Executive Committee Meetings in Escanaba

Regional Committee Meeting in Escanaba

- February 28th, 2:00PM EST
- March 26th, 2:00PM EST
- February 28th, 12:00PM EST

Grant and Funding Opportunities

Recycling Quality Improvement Grant Program

EGLE is seeking proposals for communities to engage in outreach and education to improve recycling habits and to reduce common contaminants in the system. Eligible communities are those with a curbside or drop off recycling program in place with indications of a contamination issue. The funds could be used to social media outreach, community signage, direct mailings, additional staffing, and more.

Deadline: Friday, February 28th at 3:00PM

[Additional Resources](#)



Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program

This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial or business undertakings.

[Additional Resources](#)



Safe Routes to School Mini Grants

Safe Routes to School mini grants allow schools and communities to create programs that educate and

encourage students to stay healthy and active, and to reduce traffic around schools. Up to \$5,000 per school is available, and up to \$25,000 per school district. The request for proposals is open now.

Deadline: March 5th at 5:00PM EST

[Additional Resources](#)

MDARD Specialty Crop Grant

Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Specialty Crop Block Grant Program is now open. The MDARD Specialty Crop Block Grant Program awards funds to projects to enhance the competitiveness of Michigan specialty crops, which include fruits and vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture, and nursery crops (including floriculture).

Deadline: February 27th at 3:00PM EST

[Additional Resources](#)

If you have questions or need assistance in preparing a proposal, we can help! Contact Dotty LaJoye at dlajoye@cupp.ad.org.

SafeRoutes

National Center for Safe Routes to School



Upcoming Events and Trainings

Redevelopment Ready Communities Virtual Trainings



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Community Development is pleased to expand our MiPlace eLearning Webinar Series for 2020 to cover a wide range of topics ranging from historic preservation and economic development to business recruitment and blight management. These free webinars are available to any interested stakeholder.

RRC also has virtual office hours online every other Tuesday starting February 4th, between 9:00AM and 12:00PM. Get your questions answered or advice on the best tools for your projects.

[Additional Resources](#)

Michigan Association of Planning: Asset Management 101 Workshop for Local Officials



Note: This workshop is geared toward local officials who may be creating policy and developing strategies for the management of community infrastructure assets. It is designed as a foundational introduction to the practice of asset management and will relate to everyday community decision making.

Asset management is a tool to manage infrastructure. The asset management process equips public officials with the information they need to make informed decisions about municipal services and the current and future infrastructure needed to support them. This training will help officials better understand the asset management process and its relationship to a community's goals. In addition, this workshop will introduce asset management tools that communities can use to plan for redevelopment and growth, reduce their risk exposure and become more fiscally sound.

Thursday February 20th, at The Marquette Municipal Service Center (1100 Wright Street,

This event is free but registration is limited . Please sign up by Friday, February 14th. To register, please send your name, organization/community, position title, for all individuals attending to: assets@cuppadd.org

Operation Action U.P. Annual Meeting

Each year, the members of Operation Action U.P. and the business community from across Michigan's Upper Peninsula gather to review the accomplishments of the past year and cast the vision for the next. Key business leaders will share their success stories and economic development progress will be reviewed.



The Operation Action Excellence Awards recognizes up to four outstanding businesses or major institutional employers that have contributed to the economic well being of the Upper Peninsula. These award winners will have the opportunity to "spotlight" their business at the annual meeting in February.

Registration is now open for February 13th, 8:00AM - 2:00PM

[Additional Resources and Registration](#)

Public Lecture Event: "Great Lakes Water Levels: Record Highs in 2019 and the Outlook for 2020"

This presentation features speakers from Office of Great Lakes Hydraulics and Hydrology, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Detroit District, in partnership with Michigan Sea Grant and the NMU Biology Department and will feature a question and answer section at the end. Public is welcome and encouraged to attend!



**NORTHERN MICHIGAN
UNIVERSITY**

February 19th, from 6-8PM EST
Jamrich Hall Room 1322
Northern Michigan University

CUPPAD in the News



Ishpeming Master Plan Update

CUPPAD recently held a public forum in Ishpeming to discuss priorities for their new Master Plan. A survey relating to these efforts will be available shortly. Residents can find updates regarding the Master Plan process on Facebook at [MyGreatIsh, Master Plan Edition](#).

[Full Story on ABC10 UP](#)