



# Antrim County Economic Development Corporation



## MEMBERS

**Mike Allison**  
12/31/2021

**Sherry Comben**  
Term elected

**Peter Garwood**  
12/31/2019

**Dave Heeres**  
Term elected

**Rachel Krino**  
12/31/2021

**John Meeske**  
12/31/2020

**Kathleen Peterson**  
12/31/2020

**Bonnie Robbins**  
12/31/22

**Veronica Welter**  
Term elected

## STAFF

**Pete Garwood**  
County Administrator

**Mathew Cooke**  
Deputy County  
Administrator

**Tina Schrader**  
Administrative Asst.

**Margie Boyd**  
Secretary

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## SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

If you wish to attend a Planning Commission meeting and require special assistance, please contact the Administration and Planning Office.

The Antrim County Economic Development Corporation meeting is scheduled for

**Tuesday, February 19, 2019**

Antrim County Building, Room 211  
203 East Cayuga Street, Bellaire, Michigan

## **AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDE:**

- 9:00 a.m. Call to Order
- 9:01 a.m. Public Comment
- 9:15 a.m. Annual Organizational Meeting
- Election of Officers
  - Selection of meeting dates/times
- 9:30 a.m. [Approval of Minutes - November 28, 2018](#)
- 9:45 a.m. Northern Lakes Economic Alliance (NLEA) Update
- 10:00 a.m. 2018 EDC Annual Report - *see attached pg. 2*
- 10:15 a.m. Annual Review of Strategic Plan - *see attached pgs. 3-4*
- 10:45 a.m. Various Matters
- 11:00 a.m. Public/Member Comment
- Adjourn

# Antrim County

## Economic Development Corporation

Mission Statement: Retain, expand, and promote County-wide economic growth and stability.

### **Annual Report 2018**

1. Received a presentation on the economic development study performed at Glacial Hills Natural Area (January).
2. Created and distributed business cards for EDC members (April).
3. Reviewed the EDC's strategic plan (reviewed in April, accepted in May).
4. Nick Lefebvre of Torch Lake Tours gave a presentation on their work to bring business to the County (May).
5. Performed the 2018 EDC survey and reviewed the results (June).
6. Created text for the 2019 Antrim County Road Map, and contracted the design to a local company. (June, November)
7. Reviewed the County's 2019-2024 Capital Improvement Plan (August)
8. Members of EDC attended the Networks Northwest Housing Summit (October)
9. Jane MacKenzie, Executive Director of Northern Homes Community Development, gave a presentation on their involvement with affordable housing (October).
10. Discussed the Antrim County Facilities Master Plan project (November)
11. Many EDC Members attended the Antrim County Pitch Night by NLEA. (November)
12. Received presentations from Northern Lakes Economic Alliance regarding the NLEA's activities in Antrim County (January, April, August, and October).

## 2019 Antrim County Economic Development Corporation Strategic Plan

High Priority	Actions	Status
<i>Community Support</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide rack cards to MDOT, NLEA, chambers of commerce and local units of government, both hard copy &amp; electronic.</li> <li>• Regularly send links regarding grant information and other funding opportunities to local units.</li> <li>• Review EDC By-Laws</li> </ul>	
<i>Promotion and Collaboration</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with Antrim County Road Commission for the update and distribution of the 2019 County Road Map.</li> <li>• Maintain relationships with NLEA &amp; Networks Northwest, as well as create new relationships with other County EDC's and community groups as appropriate</li> </ul>	
<i>Affordable Housing</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educate the community on the need, funding available and benefits of affordable housing</li> </ul>	
Medium Priority	Actions	Status
<i>Finances</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare the EDC budget for the 2020 budget</li> <li>• Identify and pursue additional funding sources outside of County</li> </ul>	
<i>Broadband</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue educating the community on broadband access</li> <li>• Assist where able, with the NLEA Broadband Consortium</li> </ul>	

## Completed Actions

High Priority	Actions	Status
<i>Community Support</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide rack cards to MDOT, NLEA, chambers of commerce and local units of government, both hard copy &amp; electronic</li>   <li>• Regularly send links regarding grant information and other funding opportunities to local units.</li> </ul>	Ongoing  Ongoing
<i>Promotion and Collaboration</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with Antrim County Road Commission for the update and distribution of the 2019 County Road Map.</li>   <li>• Maintain relationships with NLEA &amp; Networks Northwest.</li>   <li>• Produce EDC business cards for distribution</li>   <li>• Make connections with other County EDC's and outside groups as appropriate.</li> </ul>	EDC Design Completed in 2018  Ongoing  2018  Ongoing
Medium Priority	Actions	Status
<i>Finances</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare the EDC budget for the 2019 budget</li> </ul>	2018
<i>Broadband</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue educating the community on broadband access</li> </ul>	Ongoing
<i>Mission Statement</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Re-examine Mission Statement</li> </ul>	2018