

80000 Economic Development

Purpose: To enhance and improve the economic vitality of the Lake Erie West Region by providing technical expertise and connections to resources.

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Goals: Conduct business that is related to the preparation and implementation of long-range economic development plans, coordination of funding opportunities for Lake Erie West member units, and work towards the anticipated formation of an economic development district for the region.

Objectives:

- Host four quarterly meetings of the Economic Development Policy Board.
- Prepare for calendar year 2026 submission for Economic Development District designation.
- Participate in regional, state, and national councils and economic development organizations to bring information about successful models back to Lake Erie West members and regional partners, as well as to gain wider exposure to the region.
- Develop and maintain an economic development page on the Lake Erie West website.
- Host an Economic Development Summit to present the newly developed Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).
- Host implementation workshops for the CEDS.
- Contribute to the Lake Erie West Regional Policy Agenda.
- Contribute to the workforce, housing, transportation study.
- Identify needs of the region and compile list of funding opportunities to support member units in economic and community development activities.
- Meet with communities and the EDA to identify projects eligible for EDA funding and maintain a list of projects.
- Maintain a bi-weekly funding information newsletter.
- Host quarterly funding meetings with member units.
- Maintain economic data through interactive dashboards and provide regular updates.

82000 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

Goal: Provide regional economic development planning.

Objectives:

- Maintain and implement the five-county region CEDS.
- Coordinate with relevant economic development and workforce development stakeholders to identify regional and local goals and objectives.
- Maintain updated demographic, economic, GIS, and other relevant data for the region.
- Create an annual report for the region.
- Share updates and notice of involvement opportunities online.