

One Lenawee is...a collaboration of concerned people dedicated to the **Vision of making Lenawee County a Great Place to live, work, learn, worship, play, and invest.**

We bring attention and action to important community issues.

Uniting and Connecting partners and committed people, we identify, support, and develop initiatives and projects that optimize community resources to **The Vision.**



2019 Objectives

Strategic Vision and Action Plan for Lenawee-nine priority areas, and all of them active.

Kiwanis Trail – OL will support the completion and finish signage.

OL-Organization structure and succession plan

Steering Committee Notes November 21, 2019

Present: Joe Williams, Don Taylor, Chris Miller, Troy Bevier, Jackie Bradley, Lynne Punnett, Sue Lewis, Tim Kelly, Dan Swallow, Dave Maxwell, Tim Robinson, Mark Haag

Note: Send any updates to Joe and he will forward to the person in charge of the county web site. At the January 2020 meeting we will discuss the future of the One Lenawee Steering Committee. Joe will send out a survey to the group to solicit feedback on where we need to concentrate our efforts, are we using our priority group objectives, the balance of members on the committee, and if the county should take over ownership of this group.

Reports from the Priority Groups (Strands):

1. **Cradle to Career** – New C2C Director Tim Kelly reported that the Reading by Third Grade team is planning a food drive with school participation in order to receive books. The LISD will be adding two literacy coaches to the county as a result of a grant. He discussed how they are trying to embed Social Emotional Learning into everything and also create a common language. He and Bill Kenyon have been visiting many community stakeholders to re-engage them with C2C. They've been working out some of the kinks in the Handle with Care program and it's starting to move forward. Troy shared with the group some of the barriers they have run into regarding law enforcement, but it sounds like the Sheriff's Dept. is taking a lead on this.
2. **Arts** – Don shared that the Arts group met last week and are still attempting to get a large umbrella group to include all players.
3. **Infrastructure/Parks & Trails** – Dan reported the Pure Michigan no longer exists and local counties will need to work harder in doing regional promotion. For example, try to get core partners for Visit Lenawee radio spots and hi-light the various cities, villages, townships, etc.
4. **Communication:**
Articles are due first of the month;
January 2020 - Chris

Efforts will be made to collaborate more with Justin Gifford at Visit Lenawee because they can assist in pushing information out into the community.

WLEN – January 4th Tim Kelly and someone else from C2C. In the spring of 2020, it was suggested that we ask Scott Merillat from the Road Commission and Dan Swallow to give a road report.

5. Entrepreneurship:

Tim Robinson reported that the third cohort for Launch Lenawee will be starting in January. A professor at Siena Heights University will be the main facilitator.

Align is marching forward in many school systems. The plan is to have a talent consultant speak at a parent conference and include employers, then in the evening have a session for both parents and students.

Chris shared that the State of Michigan is looking at Build Institute, a training program, endorsed by the MEDC. The commercial kitchen at the Armory is now in place and trying to get entrepreneurs. Adrian High School has over 80 students registered for the two-year entrepreneurship program. The goal is to put more tools into the hands of teachers and parents to build a talent pipeline. Their current focus is on juniors and seniors.

- 6. Connecting Lenawee:** Chris shared a little about the recent meeting with MDOT/MDHHS and a grant. They talked about the Kiwanis Trail extension, crossing at Curtis Road, and access to the Human Services building from the east side of Adrian. The presentation was well received. 30-50% matching funds required.

Opportunities for Collaboration: None mentioned.

Next meeting date: Thursday January 16th at 7:30 a.m. at the William Ross building.

Facilitators – Joe and Dave