We’re continuing to work to help you fulfill your mission and create strong, vibrant communities across Michigan. I encourage you to get involved wherever you’re able and to provide feedback in order for us to create the strongest programs and trainings possible. If you see a gap we can fill or resources we can provide, please let us know. You help your community; we help you.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Take care,
Jamie

Real Estate Development Boot Camp

Real estate development is a powerful tool for community-based economic development, leveraging organizations to transform communities and creating a sense of place. Whether you are new to the industry or could use a refresher in current trends and standards, learning the fundamentals of this complex industry can play a major role in the success of a project.

June 5-8 | Tustin | $899/Members; $1,500/Nonmembers

Register online: cedam.info/development

Destination: Vibrant Communities

Join us for two full days of interactive workshops designed to advance the community development industry. Learn best practices, innovative ideas and network with peers while you choose the content that best suits your interests and organization’s needs. This year’s conference will be held in conjunction with the Michigan Financial Empowerment Summit.

November 14-15 | Detroit

Learn more: cedam.info/destination

Online Resources

CEDAM has a variety of online resources available including copies of publications and toolkits. Some include:

- Marketing and Communications Toolkit
- Funding Resources
- Media and Press Kit

The full list is available at cedam.info/resources/library
The Michigan Vacant Property Campaign provides practical, hands-on information and technical assistance to individuals and communities through several avenues. The website, michiganvacantproperty.org, showcases important reference documents dealing with issues of blight and vacancy, and invites interested parties to join the Google Group for periodic email updates. The website also allows community stakeholders to submit “requests for assistance” for consideration and follow up by the MVPC partners.
Policy Committee and Legislative Luncheons

The policy committee is open to all CEDAM members. Join us and help guide CEDAM advocacy and policy priorities.

Legislative luncheons are free for CEDAM members to attend and immediately follow the policy committee meetings. State legislators are invited to the lunches to talk to CEDAM members about the work they are doing, give updates of what is happening in the state legislature and learn how they can serve their CEDAM constituents.

Jessica AcMoody
Senior Policy Specialist & Rural Council Coordinator

Mark Your Calendar With the 2017 Schedule:

- Apr. 24 in Troy
- Jun. 19 in Detroit
- Aug. 28 in Grand Rapids
- Oct. 23 Conference Call
- Dec. 18 Conference Call

CEDAM Staff with Congressman Dan Kildee following a CEDAM breakfast program at the Detroit Regional Chamber Policy Conference on Mackinac Island.

CEDAM hosts the Michigan Financial Opportunity Corps (MFOC) and the Rural Opportunity VISTA Program. Both AmeriCorps programs are designed to build capacity and bring economic stability to communities. In summer 2017, we’ll be looking for 30 service-minded individuals to fill positions across the state. AmeriCorps members receive a modest living allowance, education award and a variety of professional development experiences in exchange for helping to improve their community! Help us find awesome individuals at americorps.cedam.info.

Policy & Advocacy

Michigan Rural Council (MRC)

Rural Community Grants

This program offers grants of up to $800 to organizations engaged in rural community development work. The grants are awarded twice a year. Learn more at http://rural.cedam.info/communityawards.

Rural Community Assessments

This is a process available to small and rural communities across the state of Michigan. It offers an affordable opportunity to assess a community’s problems and challenges, and to define issues to be addressed. More information on our assessments can be found rural.cedam.info/community-assessments.

Small Town and Rural Development Conference

Each year, the Michigan Rural Council welcomes regional, national and international speakers and presenters to the Small Town & Rural Development Conference whose expertise and passion make this event the premier conference for rural community development in Michigan. Our annual conference provides an opportunity to share, learn and connect with leaders across Michigan working to support and promote vibrant rural communities. The conference is geared toward those working in and on behalf of small or rural communities in Michigan and is hosted by the Michigan Rural Council. The 2017 conference took place April 10-12 at Crystal Mountain. Contact Jessica AcMoody to be placed on a mailing list for next year’s conference or to suggest sessions.

National Service with AmeriCorps

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Bring a Poverty Simulation to Your Organization

CEDAM hosts unique and interactive experiences of what it’s like to live in poverty. Participants will leave with a better understanding of poverty and its effect on people and communities. Learn more at edam.info/resources/poverty-simulation.
2017 Calendar

February
LIHTC Workshop
February 9 | Lansing
cedam.info

March
MCDA Spring Technical Assistance Conference
March 14 | Lansing
mcdahome.org

April
Small Town & Rural Development Conference
April 10-12 | Thompsonville
rural.cedam.info

Policy Committee & Legislative Luncheon
April 24 | Troy
policy.cedam.info

May
Building Michigan Communities Conference (BMCC)
May 1-3 | Lansing
buildingmicommunities.org

CEDAM/CDAD Annual Membership Event
May 2 [during the BMCC] | Lansing
cedam.info/annual-event

People & Places Conference
May 31-June 2 | Arlington, Virginia
peopleplaces.topi.com

June
Detroit Chamber Mackinac Policy Conference: CEDAM Breakfast
June 1 | Mackinac Island

Real Estate Development Boot Camp
June 5-8 | Tustin
cedam.info/development

MEIC Learning Exchange
June 16 | Lansing
meic.cedam.info

Policy Committee & Legislative Luncheon
June 19 | Detroit
policy.cedam.info

August
Policy Committee & Legislative Luncheon
August 28 | Grand Rapids
policy.cedam.info

September
University of Affordability
September 20-21 | Lansing
cinnaire.com

Show Me the Money Day Host Site Training
September | Lansing
showmethemoneyday.org

October
Policy Committee
October 23 | Conference Call
policy.cedam.info

MCDA Fall Technical Assistance Conference
October 5-6 | Detroit
mcdahome.org

Our Common Future Conference
October 25-27 | Detroit
commonfuture2017.org

November
Destination: Vibrant Communities*
November 14-15 | Detroit
cedam.info/destination

Financial Empowerment Summit*
November 14-15 | Detroit
mcfe.cedam.info

State & City Tax Training
November | Lansing
meic.cedam.info

December
Policy Committee
December 18 | Conference Call
policy.cedam.info

MCDA Winter Technical Assistance Conference
December | Lansing
mcdahome.org

*These two events will be held together. Please visit cedam.info for more webinars and other opportunities as they are scheduled.

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