



Lenawee now

Annual Report 2023



From the Executive Director

Lenawee Now continues to grow and evolve to meet the diverse needs of economic development in Lenawee County. Our efforts are robust in both attracting new businesses and supporting the expansion of existing ones, ensuring a thriving community. We are tackling prevalent challenges such as workforce development, housing, and childcare, areas critical for our community's growth. Notably, we have secured multiple grants to enhance childcare services and have initiated collaborations with crucial players in our main industries to enhance their competitiveness.

Moreover, we are engaged with cutting-edge technology firms that collaborate closely with NASA, the Department of Defense, the Space Force, and other governmental bodies. This includes significant expansion in companies that provide essential raw materials for the burgeoning electric vehicle market.

Housing development remains a priority, with several projects underway to diversify and enhance residential options in Lenawee County. Effective housing solutions are vital for attracting and retaining businesses, contributing to our economic vitality.

Looking ahead to 2024, Lenawee Now is poised to capitalize on numerous opportunities, furthering our commitment to sustainable growth and community enhancement.



Patrick Farver

Executive Director

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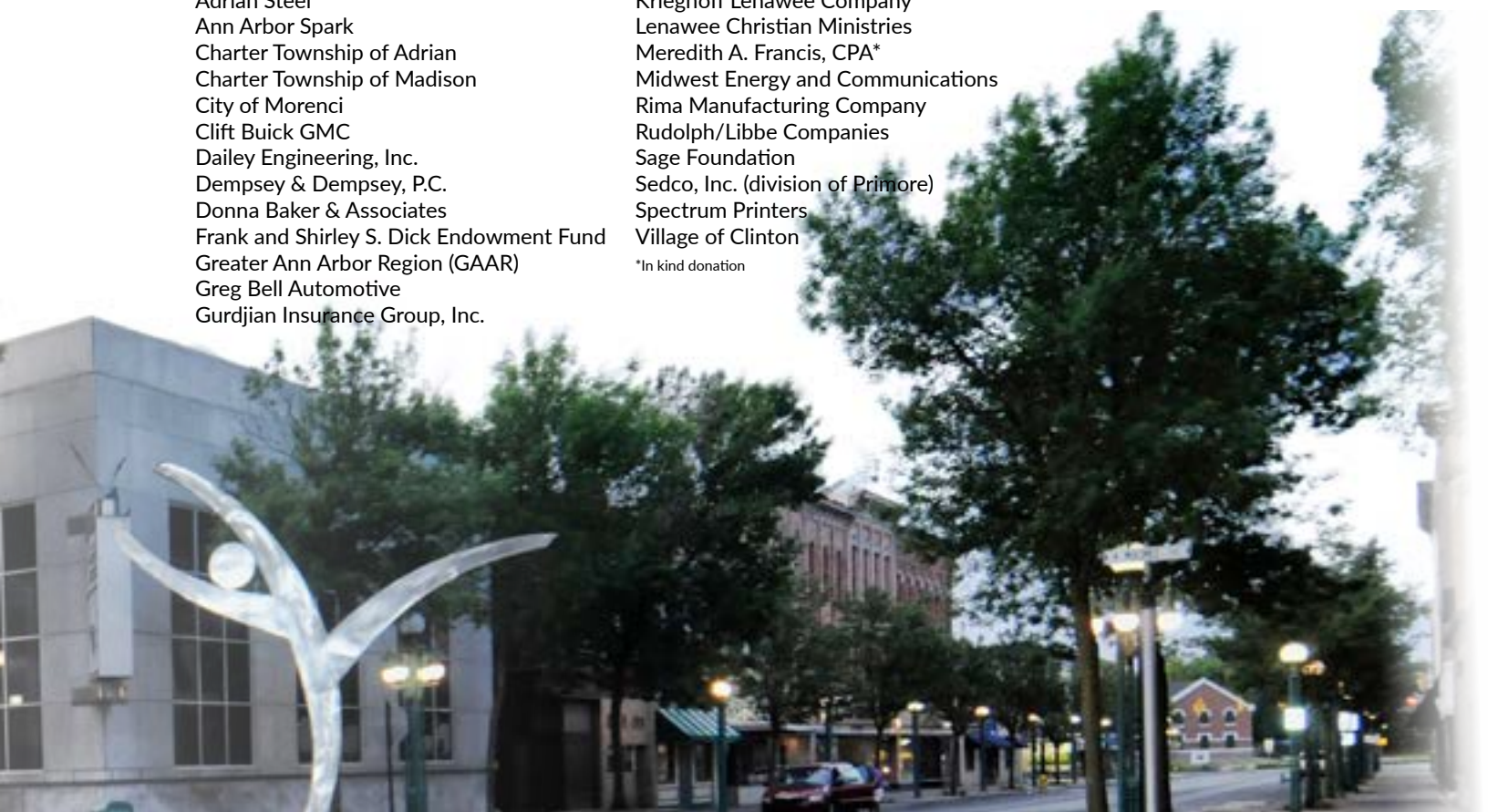


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Adrian Steel
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Dailey Engineering, Inc.
Dempsey & Dempsey, P.C.
Donna Baker & Associates
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Gurdjian Insurance Group, Inc.

HB Steele
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Rima Manufacturing Company
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Sedco, Inc. (division of Primore)
Spectrum Printers
Village of Clinton

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2023

Manufacturing

\$8.9M | 3 Projects

Retail/Services

\$308k | 3 Projects

Real Estate Development

12M | 1 Project

45 Expansions

5 Attractions

17 Start-ups

Total Community Investment

\$151,885,329

2019-2023

539

jobs created

2,440

Jobs retained

8.04

Average job
creation per project

Year in Social

220,589

Total Impressions

624

posts Published

14,206

Total Engagements

5,083

Total Followers

Successes

Evonik



Silbond Corporation, located in Fairfield Township, is a subsidiary of Germany-based specialty chemicals company Evonik Industries. The company is expanding this facility that will allow it to meet increased customer demand that will further support the automotive, semiconductor and wafer industry.

Roth Fabricating



Established as a metal fabrication business in 1980, Roth Fabricating added 24,000 square feet of manufacturing space to accommodate a new product line.

The Matthews House



The Mathews House is a new home décor shop in downtown Tecumseh. The business is owned by sisters, Ela Dineen and Silvia Frey. Their desire is to help people find small ways to make their house a home.

Adrian City Center



Known as the Parkhouse Redevelopment, this project will rehabilitate and convert this historic downtown Adrian building into a mixed use residential and commercial space.

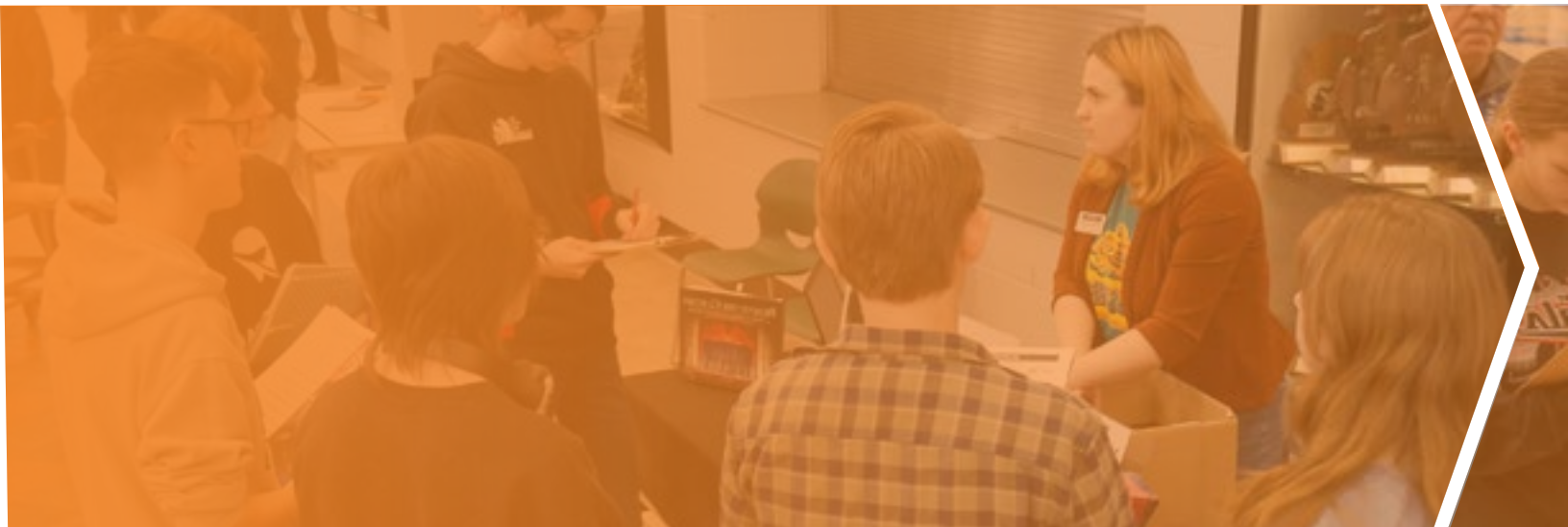
Funding

\$500,000 was awarded from Michigan's Labor and Economic Administration (LEO) for training and talent pipeline needs. Areas of focus are healthcare, robotics, construction, minority owned or operated businesses, as well as accounting and human resources. The grant is a tri-county initiative involving Lenawee, Jackson, and Hillsdale counties

\$10,000,000 was awarded from the State of Michigan for a workforce development center in Lenawee County. The mission of the Align Center for Workforce Development is central to our work of K-12 job and training connections, upskilling and reskilling adults to improve performance, and offering employers a place to train employees.

\$230,000 was awarded from the Early Childcare Investment Corporation to work on childcare issues in Hillsdale, Monroe, and Lenawee counties.

\$50,000 was awarded from the USDA and EDA for technical assistance in our business planning for the Align Center.



A photograph of a group of students in a classroom, smiling and looking at papers. The image is partially covered by an orange geometric shape on the left.

Align Center for Workforce Development

Center Developments

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A Board of Directors has been established and will continue its work with business planning. A building site has been located and secured at 440 E. Church St, Adrian, Michigan. A Design team and community task force has been central to the planning and implementation involved in the design and vision for building out this location.

The ACWD will provide essential job training, provide certificates for program graduates, work with our community development partners, and continue to establish a talent pipeline. Part of that pipeline is having career development navigators in local school districts who will continue to share job paths, career information, and connections to local employers. The career development navigator's talent pipeline is now in its 6th year.

A photograph of students in a hallway, some looking at papers and others with their hands raised. The image is partially covered by an orange geometric shape on the left.

Since 2023 various focused teams and task force members have been integral in planning for our future. Our goals and objectives include acquiring 501c3 nonprofit status, becoming a proprietary school, hiring staff, and renovating the building for occupancy in mid-2025.

