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County, City, and Sewer Authority Collaborate on Infrastructure Improvements

On February 10, 2010, Newaygo County Commissioners approved a resolution pledging \$200,000 to support a grant request for improvements to water and sewer lines and to affected roadways in the City of White Cloud. The proposed improvements include Williams, James, and North Streets in downtown White Cloud.

“The County is happy to have this opportunity to partner with and assist White Cloud,” said Physical and Economic Development Committee Chair Chuck Trapp. “This project could benefit both city residents and the County by making badly needed infrastructure improvements.”

The resolution was adopted in response to White Cloud’s invitation to apply for the Michigan Economic Development Corporation’s Infrastructure Capacity Enhancement (ICE) grant program. ICE provides up to \$750,000 to replace and repair water, sewer, and storm sewer systems and to make subsequent roadway repairs. The County’s pledged match, and \$50,000 contributions from the City and the Authority may improve the chances of receiving grant dollars and could allow the City to make improvements that will improve both the capacity and the appearance of the downtown area.

“White Cloud would not be able to take full advantage of this grant opportunity without the cooperation of Newaygo County, NCEDO, and White Cloud/Sherman Utilities Authority,” said White Cloud Mayor Don Barnhard. “We appreciate these groups for recognizing the mutual benefits that could be provided by this project.”

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