

GGDI: Celebrating 40 Years

2018 Monthly Calendar



A Five-Year Project Review



**Greater Gratiot
Development, Inc.**

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www.gratiot.org

January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 New Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day Kwanzaa ends	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

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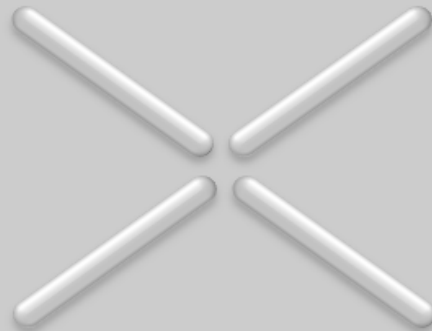
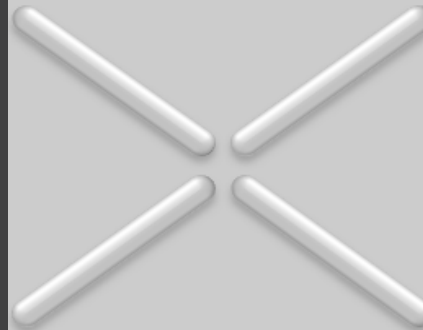
Notes:

INTEGRITY

FAB & MACHINE INC.

www.ifabm.com

After locating in the Breckenridge Industrial, Technology and Agribusiness Park in 2011, GGOI has assisted Integrity Fab with two expansions. In 2013, the company expanded with \$500,000 in new equipment. In 2016, the company added 35,000 sq. ft. with a \$1.8 million investment. Integrity now employs 80 people!



February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17
18	19 Presidents' Day	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	1	2	3

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Notes:

Wind Development in Gratiot County



GGDI assisted in the planning and development of two wind parks: Gratiot County Wind, LLC and Beebe Renewable Energy, LLC. These projects resulted in:

- **\$30.38 million** in additional tax revenue since 2012
 - ◇ **\$11.75 million** to Gratiot County
 - ◇ **\$14.85 million** to local school districts and RESDs
 - ◇ **\$3.78 million** to local townships
- **300** temporary skilled construction jobs and **19** permanent full-time maintenance jobs
- Land payments to benefit approximately **350 families**

Pine River Wind Energy, locally approved in 2017, will begin construction in 2018 in Pine River Township and Coe Township in Isabella County.



March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Daylight Saving Time (Start)	12	13	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Good Friday	31 First Day of Passover

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Notes:



Brownfield Redevelopment

GGDI administers the Brownfield Redevelopment program of Gratiot County. The program is intended to redevelop sites that are perceived to be environmentally contaminated or obsolete for clean-up/development into useful commercial and industrial sites. As a result, these sites will have greater value, leading to additional tax revenue and increased jobs.

EPA grant funds secured	Private investment	Sites redeveloped
\$399,938	\$154,778,450	21
Current jobs:		431



Alma, MI



\$11,000,000 invested
122 jobs



Ashley, MI



\$6,933,856 invested
12 jobs



Bethany Township, MI



\$2,079,287 invested
37 jobs



Zeeland Farm Services, Inc.[®]
Ithaca, MI



Expected:
\$129,000,000 invested
74 jobs

April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter	2	3	4	5	6	7 Passover ends
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Earth Day	23	24	25 Administrative Professionals' Day	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

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Notes:

Avalon & Tahoe MFG., INC.

Alma, MI

Employees: 320

Established: 1972

In the past five years, Avalon has completed two expansions. In 2013, Avalon completed a \$3 million 55,000 sq. ft. building and equipment expansion. Avalon's most recent expansion will be complete in 2018. It includes a 77,000 sq. ft. building expansion valued at \$760,000 and new equipment valued at \$4.14 million.

www.avalonpontoon.com

www.tahoepontoon.com



May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Mother's Day	14	15	16 First Day of Ramadan	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Memorial Day	29	30	31	1	2

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Notes:



ZFS Ithaca, LLC

GGDI assisted the ZFS Ithaca, LLC project in securing state incentives, managing Brownfield financing, and supporting overall project development.

Expected investment: \$129 million

Expected jobs: 74 full-time jobs

Expected operation date: Fall 2018

www.zfsinc.com



The pictures show construction progress on the 435-acre site.
They are provided courtesy of
Detailed Aerial Solutions / E & S Graphics of Ithaca, Michigan.

June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28 Memorial Day	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Ramadan ends	15	16
17 Father's Day	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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Growing Opportunities: Gratiot County Agriculture

Agriculture provides the foundation for growth and development in Gratiot County. The economic benefits reaped from agriculture are tremendous; in 2016, agriculture was 22% of the county's tax base and employed over 3,300 on farms and in agribusinesses. Further, the future of agriculture remains strong, as almost 600 youth participate in 4-H programs through MSU Extension. GGDI provides consultation and expansion assistance to agribusinesses in the area.



Gratiot County Agriculture Statistics (2012 USDA Ag Census)			
Product	State rank	Production	Value
Corn	7th	13.15 M bu.	\$46 M
Soybeans	5th	4.416 M bu.	\$38 M
Wheat	8th	1.515 M bu.	\$8.6 M
Sugar beets	6th	230,000 T	\$11.3 M
Dry beans	6th	140,000 cwt.	\$4.1 M
Milk	6th	414.6 M lbs.	\$68.8 M
Cattle & cull cows	6th	32,000 head	\$45.4 M
Hogs	5th	140,000 head	\$20.5 M
Total:			\$242.7 M



To support agriculture and its related industries, GGDI partners with MSU Extension in assisting production agriculture, cultivating agribusinesses, and harvesting natural resources with new technologies. GGDI and MSUE (including 4 - H) are supported through the Agriculture and Economic Development millage, which is on the ballot for renewal in August 2018.



July 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Rural Urban Day	20	21
22 Parents' Day	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

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Notes:

Celebrating 100 years in 2018!

www.msue.anr.msu.edu

Michigan State University (MSU) Extension helps people improve their lives by bringing the vast knowledge and resources of MSU directly to individuals, communities, and businesses. MSU has helped grow Gratiot County's economy by equipping Michigan residents with the information needed to do their jobs effectively, raise healthy and safe families, build their communities, and empower children to dream of a successful future.

MSU Extension services include:

- Developing youth and communities:
 - Providing Extension programs, like 4-H, to support school readiness and other life skills
- Ensuring safe and secure food:
 - Making healthy food affordable and accessible
- Building strong communities:
 - Promoting good governance & community development
- Establishing strong businesses:
 - Working with entrepreneurs in the MSU Product Center
- Keeping people healthy:
 - Teaching healthy behaviors and food handling practices
- Making the most of natural assets:
 - Uncovering income-generating opportunities that respect ecological principles
- Supporting food and agriculture:
 - Assisting farmers and agribusiness professionals in growing and commercializing commodities and helping residents to grow their own food



MSU Extension services (including 4-H) and Greater Gratiot Development services are funded through the Gratiot County millage for Agriculture and Economic Development.

The millage is up for renewal this month.

MSU is an affirmative-action, equal-opportunity employer.

August 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Election Day Vote on the MSUE (4-H) and GGDI millage	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

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Notes:



Plasti-Paint, Inc.

St. Louis, MI (Woodside Industrial Centre)

Employees: 89

Established: 1991

PPI has completed two expansions in the last five years. The first, in 2013, was an equipment expansion valued at \$556,000. In 2015, the company added state-of-the-art robotic sprayers and increased production space for a total investment of \$2.4 million.

www.plastipaint.com



September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3 Labor Day	4	5	6	7	8
9 Grandparents' Day	10 First Day of Rosh Hashanah	11 Patriot Day Rosh Hashanah ends	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Yom Kippur	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6

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To promote agri-tourism in Gratiot County, GGDl assists in website development, social media management, and other promotional activities for the Gratiot County Quilt Trail.

GGDI even has its own quilt square!

www.gratiotcountyquilttrail.com



*Photos courtesy of Becky Dickman

October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Columbus Day	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 National Boss's Day	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Halloween	1	2	3

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GRATIOT MASTER PLAN

GGDI facilitated the 2017 Gratiot County Master Plan process, where government officials, community leaders, and interested citizens came together to set long-term goals for the County. Gratiot County is the only community in the state where all 23 units of government collaborate on one comprehensive plan.



A Master Plan is a legal requirement by the state. It also helps communities in receiving grant dollars and other state assistance.



To learn more, visit
www.gogrowgratiot.org

November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31 Halloween	1	2	3
4 Daylight Saving Time (End)	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Veterans Day	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Thanksgiving	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1

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Happy Holidays

from Greater Gratiot Development!

Come Home to Alma for the Holidays



Ashley Country Christmas



Ithaca's Hometown Christmas



Christmas in the Village of Breckenridge



St. Louis Small Town Family Christmas



Enjoy the holiday season in Gratiot County's scenic downtowns!

December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3 First Day of Hanukkah	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Hanukkah ends	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa begins	27	28	29
30	31 New Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day Kwanzaa ends	2	3	4	5

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Notes:

Michigan Certified Business Parks

Business development projects are only possible if sufficient appropriate land is available. Gratiot County boasts five Michigan Certified Business Parks. Certified Business Parks are typically government-owned and have readily available municipal services and aesthetically pleasing features. These combined factors make for a streamlined development process. Certified Business Parks are promoted internationally by the Michigan Economic Developers Association and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

Alma Industrial Park
 Breckenridge Industrial, Technology and Agribusiness Park
 Ithaca Industrial Park
 St. Louis Woodside Industrial Centre
 South Ithaca Industrial Park



MICHIGAN CERTIFIED BUSINESS PARK


For map downloads, scan the smartphone QR code or visit www.gratiot.org



Alma Industrial Park

Alma, Gratiot County, Michigan, USA Updated: May 2017

For more information on available properties or current companies, click on the available parcel or company logo.




Legend
 Available building
 Available site
 Park boundaries
 Established lot line
 Combination lot line

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 525 E. Superior St. Alma, MI 48801
www.ci.alma.mi.us

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WOLVERINE
 989-866-1500
 88 East Main Street, Ithaca, MI

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By: Wolverine Engineers & Surveyors, Inc.

Ithaca Industrial Park

Ithaca, Gratiot County, Michigan, USA Updated: Aug. 2017

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 129 W. Emerson St. Ithaca, MI 48847
www.ithacami.com

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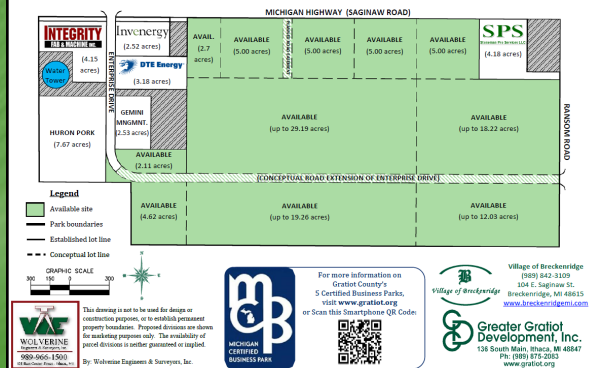
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Park entrance is approx. 500 ft. from Business Route US-127 (E. Center St.) and access to US Highway 127 North & South is less than a half-mile away.

Breckenridge Industrial, Technology & Agribusiness Park

Breckenridge, Gratiot County, Michigan, USA Updated: August 2015

For more information on available properties or current companies, click on the available parcel or company logo.




Legend
 Available site
 Park boundaries
 Established lot line
 Conceptual lot line

Village of Breckenridge (989) 842-3109
 204 S. Saginaw St. Breckenridge, MI 48815
www.breckenridgemi.com

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St. Louis Woodside Industrial Centre

St. Louis, Gratiot County, Michigan, USA Updated: Nov. 2017

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City of St. Louis (989) 812-2137
 300 N. Main St. St. Louis, MI 48880
www.stlouismi.com

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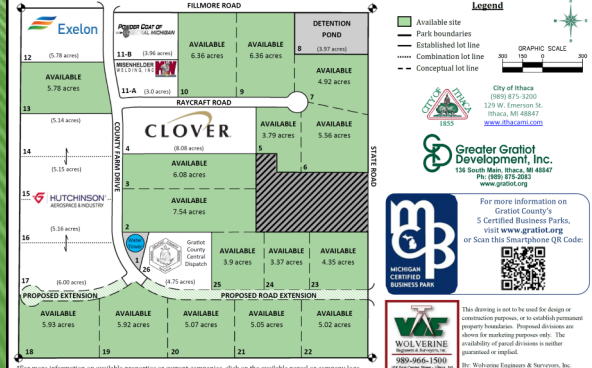
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South Ithaca Industrial Park

Ithaca, Gratiot County, Michigan, USA Updated: August 2015

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Your Team for Success

Successful economic development coordinates many activities and players within a market area to create a business-friendly environment. Long-term success depends on consistent engagement year after year.

GGDI is proud to be a partner of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. Statewide business information may be found at www.michiganbusiness.org

GGDI is pleased to work with all local municipalities. The principal local partners working with GGDI include:



City of Alma

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Aeric Ripley, Downtown Development
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(989) 463-8336

Gratiot Area Chamber of Commerce

Taryn Blanshan, Executive Director
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Pine River Township

Kevin Beeson, Township Supervisor
supervisor@pinerivertwp.org
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Village of Ashley

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Gratiot County

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City of Ithaca

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**GGDI works with all local units of government as opportunities arise. Examples include countywide master planning and commercial-scale wind energy development. Both required extensive countywide coordination.*

JANUARY

About Greater Gratiot Development, Inc.

Greater Gratiot Development, Inc. (GGDI) was incorporated in 1978 to coordinate economic development efforts between the State of Michigan and the County of Gratiot. GGDI is a non-profit organization that provides a wide range of services to the County and its residents. GGDI's mission is to create jobs, improve the quality of life, and promote economic growth in the County.

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MAY

Avolon & Tabor Mfg. Inc.

Avolon & Tabor Mfg. Inc. is a leading manufacturer of precision metal parts. The company has a long history of excellence and is committed to providing high-quality products and exceptional customer service. Avolon & Tabor Mfg. Inc. is currently seeking qualified candidates for various positions.

Established 1972 Employees 270

www.avolonmfg.com

SEPTEMBER

-P- Plast-Paint, Inc.

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Established 1991 Employees 25

www.plastpaint.com

FEBRUARY

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www.integrityfab.com

JUNE

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Expected operation date: Fall 2018

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OCTOBER

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MARCH

Wind Development in Gratiot County

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JULY

Growing Opportunities: Gratiot County Agriculture

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Product	Quantity	Value
Wheat	13,590,000	\$14.8M
Barley	1,750,000	\$1.2M
Hay	4,450,000	\$2.0M
Other	2,000,000	\$1.1M
Total	21,790,000	\$19.1M

NOVEMBER

Gratiot County Master Plan

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APRIL

Brownfield Redevelopment

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AUGUST

Michigan State University Extension

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www.msu.edu

DECEMBER

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The companies, organizations, and developments highlighted in this calendar are representative of recent projects, initiatives, and services in Gratiot County. The projects and developments cross the entire county and involve almost all economic sectors. GDI focuses on projects which are of base economic significance. If you have an idea or know of a project opportunity, please contact GDI.



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