



Gladwin County District Library

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TO: Promise Zone Review Committee,

The Gladwin County District Library system strongly supports, and would actively work with, the consortium partners of Northern Transformation, Eastern Michigan Council of Governments, Michigan Works Region 7B and Prima Civitas in this Promise Zone effort.

The Gladwin County District Library, with locations in the cities of Gladwin and Beaverton, provides library services to the residents of Gladwin County. In 2012 more than 61,000 people visited our libraries, and over 36,000 of them utilized our public computers to access unemployment services, apply for jobs, access government informational databases, and complete online educational class-work. Most of these people do not have computers at home, or lack high speed Internet access, as our county is very rural and economically disadvantaged.

Gladwin County is a rural and economically disadvantaged area with high unemployment and many children living in poverty. Receiving a Promise Zone designation would have an extremely positive impact on the people of Gladwin County. The Gladwin County District Library looking to work with the consortium partners of Northern Transformation, Eastern Michigan Council of Governments, Michigan Works Region 7B and Prima Civitas in making Gladwin County a better place for all now, and for future generations to come.

Sincerely,

Bruce Guy, Director
Gladwin County District Library