



Roscommon County
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To Work & Play

Roscommon County Economic Development Corp. • 500 Lake Street • Roscommon, Michigan 48653

November 20, 2013

Dear Promise Zone Team:

As Executive Coordinator for Roscommon County Economic Development Corporation I know firsthand the unique challenges of a rural community. The past recession saw our population decrease as those who could find a job, elsewhere, moved along with their school age children. This caused a depression in our county revenues, decreased the aid to our schools, which in turn has devastated our economy. We need to assist our County to become stronger and more vibrant to attract new businesses and people to our community.

We have applied for federal grants such as Brownfield Assessment and USDA RD, to name a few. We always seem to miss being awarded a grant by a few points and that usually is due to lack of population.

The Roscommon County EDC has worked together with EMCOG in pursuing regional grants. We have participated in the Stronger Economies Together program that was awarded to Northern Transformation. Being a County EDC we do not have the funds to pursue workforce development so we partner with Michigan Works. Our Chambers, Tourism Bureau and EDC work together to market our County. We collaborate and work together for the good of Roscommon County and our residents. At our board meeting on October 31, 2013 the Roscommon County EDC supported a motion to be a participating partner in the Promise Zone Grant Initiative.

Sincerely;

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