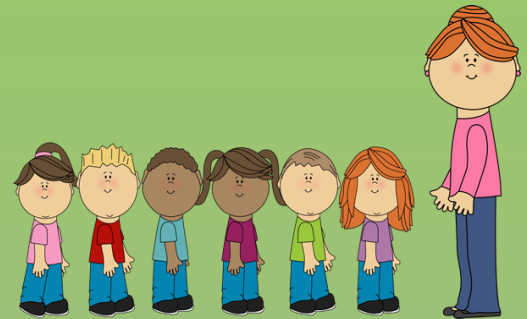


## SAFE ROUTES 2 SCHOOL GRANT PROGRAM

Michigan State University Department of Engineering has chosen Clam Lake Downtown Development Authority (DDA) to be one of their communities to develop a full “Action Plan” through MSU’s Safe Routes 2 School Assistance Program. MSU will work with communities from the initial start-up meeting through publishing the final action plan for the Mackinaw Trail Middle School, which is located in the DDA District. This includes:

- a series of three community meetings,
- assisting in organizing (and tally) the parent and student surveys,
- assisting in the walking/biking audit,
- preparation of the preliminary and final report,
- conceptual engineering and design of the improvements,
- recommendation of elements to support Education, Encouragement and Enforcement programs,
- publishing the final report.



The Safe Routes 2 School (SR2S) is a Federal Grant Program and cooperative partnership with the U.S.

Department of Transportation, Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Michigan Fitness Foundation. The goals of the SR2S Program is to:

- Encourage and enable all school children to walk and bike to and from school when distance is reasonable and routes are safe.
- Make walking and bike routes to schools safer.
- Promote lifelong habits of physical activity.
- Reduce traffic, gas consumption and pollution around schools.

Eligible infrastructure includes: sidewalks, trails and bike lanes; pedestrian and bike crossing improvements; on-street/off-street bike facilities; traffic diversion improvements in vicinity of the school; traffic calming and speed reduction. Eligible non-infrastructure includes: education, encouragement and enforcement activities such as child pedestrian/bicycle safety education; activities to encourage walking/biking to school; and formation of walking and biking school groups (walking school bus, bike trains).

MSU’s SR2S calendar begins in October. A SR2S Planning Team will need to be formed, typically consisting of : School Principal/District Officials, community planners, trail/biking groups, parents, teachers, students, road authority, law enforcement, civic leaders and non-motorized experts. Please contact DDA Director Cindy Warda at [director@clamlakedda.org](mailto:director@clamlakedda.org) or 231.775.5401 ext. 6 if you are interested in serving in the SR2S Planning Team.

For more information regarding the SR2S Program: [Michigan SR2S: saferoutesmichigan.org](http://MichiganSR2S.saferoutesmichigan.org)

**CLAM LAKE TOWNSHIP ZONING NEWS**

On December 31, 2016; Wexford County ceased providing planning and zoning services for it’s townships. Clam Lake Township now administers its own zoning ordinance in house. For zoning questions in Clam Lake Township as well as in the DDA, contact Cindy Warda at [zoningadmin@clamlaketownship.org](mailto:zoningadmin@clamlaketownship.org) or 231.775.5401 ext. 6.

Clam Lake Township will be in the process soon of developing a “Master Plan”, which is a document by which the community determines the character it wants and makes plans for achieving or maintaining that character. Planning enables communities to take charge of their future, rather than react to events and changes that come their way. After Master Plan completion comes updating the Zoning Ordinance as per the Master Plan.

The community will be invited to participate. Watch for more information in the Cadillac News.

**DDA ESTABLISHED 1992**

**CALL FOR PROJECTS**

With Spring comes construction projects. The Clam Lake DDA would like input/ ideas for any infrastructure projects in the DDA District such as an extension/ installation/connection of sidewalks, paths, trails, trail head, etc. Please contact DDA Director Cindy Warda with your thoughts at [director@clamlakedda.org](mailto:director@clamlakedda.org) or 231.775.5401 ext. 6

The Clam Lake DDA was established in 1992 for a term of thirty (30) years.

DDA (Public Act 197 of 1975) is designed to be a stimulus in the development of a communities downtown district.

The DDA provides for a variety funding options, which can be used to fund public improvements in the district.

The DDA tax increment financing mechanism allows for the capture of the local property tax growth over a period of time to fund public infrastructure improvements.

Basis of DDA creation is to halt property value deterioration, increase property tax valuation, eliminate causes of deterioration and to promote economic growth.



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