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CITY OF PLAINWELL AWARDED 1.3 MILLION DOLLARS IN GRANT FUNDING FOR THE PLAINWELL MILL REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Since the spring of 2010, the City of Plainwell has received $2,939,000 in grant funding

The Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE) has awarded a $1,000,000 Clean Michigan Initiative Brownfield Redevelopment Grant and a $300,000 Site Reclamation Grant to the City of Plainwell towards its redevelopment efforts related to the decommissioning of the former Plainwell Paper Mill site.

This funding will be used in conjunction with earlier CDBG grant awards administered by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) which include:

► $1,000,000 Blight Elimination Grant that will be used for clearance/demolition of several mill buildings

► $639,000 Downtown Infrastructure Grant that will be used on property adjacent to the mill helping to link the historic mill buildings to the Central Business District through additional parking and a new pedestrian bridge

City Manager Erik Wilson credits the numerous partners, both public and private, for the success. "I cannot stress enough how much the State of Michigan, through the MEDC and MDNRE has helped propel these projects forward."

The City continues to work with its private sector development partner Conestoga-Rovers & Associates (CRA). Mayor Richard Brooks stated that "CRA is the type of private sector partner that helps open doors to the viability of this project."

Mayor Brooks further stated that "this is a transformational moment in our community's history that will be felt for generations."

Mill Concept Plan, additional information can be found at:
www.plainwell.org/development