



Grand Rapids Planner's Gathering: Breakfast!
February 27, 2014 | 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
The Omelette Shoppe, 545 Michigan Street NE, Grand Rapids

The Michigan Association of Planning (MAP) is launching a brand new **network and learn event series for Grand Rapids and Southwest Michigan planners and land use professionals.** Modeled after MAP's successful Metro Detroit Breakfast! Beverages! and Bright Ideas! series, we are now organizing in the Grand Rapids area.

The purpose of the quarterly gatherings is to provide an informal opportunity to come together, connect with other planners, hear from a speaker or two, and secure an AICP CM credit in the process. Our debut event is a "breakfast on your own", where you'll hear from a panel of Grand Rapids Area AICP Planners. Panel participants will discuss unique planning issues facing Southwest Michigan/Grand Rapids, and include **Susan Becker**, AICP Planning Director Alpine Township | **Tim Cochrane**, AICP City Planner, City of Wyoming | **Chris Larson**, AICP Executive Director Grand Rapids Development Authority | **Mark Miller**, AICP Nederveld.

We'll also provide survey participants about programming for upcoming events (topics, speakers), preferred format (breakfast, lunch, after-work beverages), and recommend venues. Return to your office inspired to advance meaningful change... or at least sated until lunch. No registration, no fees, the experience encourages casual connections in a localized learning setting.

Everyone is welcome: Invite your colleagues and others with a passion for enhancing our communities including city managers, engineers, landscape architects and architects, and community and business leaders. Come on out and help us make this event a big success and contribute your ideas about the content, location, and planning for future Grand Rapids Gatherings.

Registration not required, but RSVP's are appreciated to help us plan for attendance, handouts, and space requirements. Email mprindle@planningmi.org to reserve your spot.