



## Redevelopment Ready Communities® (RRC) Application

The RRC program measures, and then certifies communities that integrate transparency, predictability and efficiency into their daily development practices. The RRC certification is a formal recognition that the community has a vision for the future and the fundamental practices in place to get there. RRC certified communities better position themselves to attract private investment and create jobs.

An evaluation through the RRC program measures a community against the six [best practices](#). Through this evaluation, a community will receive specific recommendations on how their procedures and processes can be made more redevelopment friendly. Once threshold requirements have been met, a community will be awarded RRC certification.

To apply to receive a formal RRC evaluation, complete and submit this form including all required materials by **5:00pm, February 8, 2013**. Please thoroughly answer all questions. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Completed applications including required materials should be submitted to [RRC@michigan.org](mailto:RRC@michigan.org) by the stated deadline. Any questions regarding this application or the RRC program should also be directed to [RRC@michigan.org](mailto:RRC@michigan.org).

Applicants will be notified by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 if their application has been identified for an RRC evaluation. Selected communities are expected to sign a Memorandum of Understanding and submit all pre-evaluation materials by the deadline outlined in the MOU.

Please complete the following:

<b>Community Name:</b> City of Ann Arbor	
<b>Primary Contact's Name:</b> Wendy Rampson	
<b>Primary Contact's Role:</b> Planning Manager	<b>Primary Contact's Phone:</b> 734.794.6000 x 42606
<b>Primary Contact's E-mail:</b> wrampson@a2gov.org	

### 1. In 150 words or less describe why your community wants to participate in the RRC program.

The City of Ann Arbor's recently adopted sustainability goals call for a resilient local economy to support the community's economic vitality. To this end, the Ann Arbor City Council has identified economic development as one of its priorities for the upcoming year. As a largely built-out community, Ann Arbor's economic vitality depends on infill and redevelopment of existing commercial corridors and the downtown. It is critical that we have tools in place to guide this redevelopment in a way that provides new economic opportunities, such as jobs and tax base, while contributing to the city's unique character and sense of place. We hope participation in the RRD program will help us identify these tools and provide case studies for us to learn from. We also hope to create benchmarks for the city's planning and redevelopment initiatives.

### 2. Master plan:

X Was last updated/amended on: 1/15/2013

X Is in the process of being updated/ amended and will be complete on: 5/1/2013

### 3. Does your master plan identify a strategy for redevelopment?

X Yes (If yes, please include as an attachment or upload a link to the strategy here: (See attachment))

No



**4. Capital improvement plan:**

X Was last updated/amended on: 1/3/2013

- Is in the process of being updated/ amended and will be complete on: [Click here to enter text.](#)
- The community does not have a Capital improvement plan.

**5. Does your community have a public participation plan?**

X Yes (If yes, please include as an attachment or upload a link to the plan here: (See attachment)

- No

**6. Does your community have an up to date list of prioritized redevelopment sites?**

X Yes (If yes, please include as an attachment or upload a link to the list here: As noted in Question 3, the Connecting William Street initiative is in the process of prioritizing five city-owned sites for redevelopment. See

[http://www.a2dda.org/current\\_projects/a2p5/](http://www.a2dda.org/current_projects/a2p5/).)

- No

**If yes, was the public involved in the selection and visioning process for the priority sites?**

X Yes

- No

**7. Does your community have an economic development strategy?**

X Yes (If yes, please include as an attachment or upload a link to the strategy here: The City's economic development strategy is incorporated as part of the Washtenaw County plan:

<http://www.ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/community-and-economic-development/workforce-development/economic-development-programs/comprehensive-economic-development-strategy/washtenaw-county-ceds-july-2010/>.)

- No

**8. Does your community have a website with a dedicated section for community development information?**

X Yes (If yes, upload the link to the website information here: The City's Planning Unit has a webpage dedicated to the development review process, [www.a2gov.org/development](http://www.a2gov.org/development), and the City's master plan and Planning Commission information can be found at [www.a2gov.org/planning](http://www.a2gov.org/planning). Since the City is a member of the Washtenaw County Brownfield Authority, brownfield redevelopment information is provided at

<http://www.ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/community-and-economic-development/housing-and-community-infrastructure/wcbra/>.)

- No

**9. Please select the following designations that apply to your community:**

X Core Community

- Main Street

X SHPO Certified Local Government



**10. Involvement in this program will require staff and/or governing body time and support for the following activities:**

- Meetings with the RRC team
- Signing an MOU to participate
- Providing data, documents and information required for evaluation purposes
- Reviewing program recommendations
- Adoption of a resolution of support to proceed with recommendations
- Implementation of recommendations for certification

**Does your community have the capacity and willingness to participate in the RRC program?**

Yes

No