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GRADD Seeks Input on Economic Development Plan

A draft of the 2017 Green River Area Development District (GRADD) Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) is now available for review.

The plan can be viewed online at http://www.gradd.com/files/ced_media/pdf_files/2017_ceds.pdf or at the GRADD office at 300 GRADD Way, Owensboro, KY 42301.

The CEDS report provides an in-depth examination of the region's current economic climate, as well as a forecast for future growth. Topics addressed include:

- Public/private partnerships;
- Economic analyses;
- Economic clusters;
- Goals, objectives, and strategies;
- Project list and prioritization; and
- Evaluation/performance measures.

This document, required by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA), is designed to bring together the public and private sectors in the creation of an economic roadmap to diversify and strengthen regional economies.

GRADD will submit a copy of the CEDS to EDA in October, so public comments must be received no later than September 13, 2017.

Please direct comments to Joanna Shake, Associate Director for Community & Economic Development, via mail (300 GRADD Way, Owensboro, KY 42301), telephone (270-926-4433), or email (jdshake@gradd.com).

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The Green River Area Development District (GRADD) is a regional planning agency serving the communities of Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, McLean, Ohio, Union, and Webster Counties. GRADD offers assistance in the fields of aging, health, and social services; community and economic development; transportation planning; and workforce development. Our mission is to afford local governments and citizens a regional forum to identify issues and opportunities, and to provide leadership in planning and implementing programs to improve the quality of life in our district.