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Westland receives \$1 million grant from State of Michigan for the "Annex at Nankin"



Westland, MI (October 10, 2023) - On Thursday, October 5th, 2023, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) and Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced the awarding of over \$100 million in grants as part of the Revitalization and Placemaking Program (RAP 2.0). The City of Westland's "Annex at Nankin" project was awarded \$1,000,000 (the maximum amount possible) as part of this program.

The RAP 2.0 program addresses the COVID-19 impacts and community revitalization needs in Michigan communities by investing in projects that enable population and tax revenue growth through rehabilitation of vacant and blighted buildings and historic structures, rehabilitation and development of vacant properties, and development of permanent place-based infrastructure associated with social zones and traditional downtowns, outdoor dining, and place-based public spaces.

"Today's grants underscore our commitment to the people, places, and projects that are integral to the growth of Michigan's economy," Whitmer said. "These investments will help create vibrant places that attract and retain talent, add new housing options, enable business creation and attraction, and provide resources for Michiganders and our communities."

The "Annex at Nankin" will activate vacant property and act as a catalyst for spurring

redevelopment and creating a more traditional downtown area for the community. Some key features of the project include both nature and adventure play areas, a pavilion and great lawn area, gardens and boardwalks, which will allow for many users to interact with the space. Walking trails, an events plaza, and a play space that doubles as a sledding hill in the winter, are all amenities that have been worked into this design. You can view a current rendering of the project [here](#).

"I am thrilled that the MEDC believes in the vision that we have for the City of Westland's future and has committed to helping make it a reality," commented Mayor Michael P. Londeau. "I'm proud of the work that my Economic Development Team, led by Chief Business Development Officer Aubrey Merhib, has put in on this project and this grant. I believe that bright futures are built on bold actions, and this project is one of those great, bold actions that will deliver a brighter future for the City of Westland."

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