

## *Jackson - A Great Place to do Business!*

- Urban location directly on Interstate 94 and US 127 highways, strategically positioned to supply the automotive market and other industries.
- Corporate airport in Jackson, plus Detroit and Lansing airports are both within a 1-hour drive.
- Approximately 350 firms in Jackson, about 60% sell to the automotive market.
- Availability of workers skilled in automotive parts production and assembly.
- One of the lowest costs locations to do business in Michigan and the Midwest.
- Utility rates are competitive with other Midwest locations.
- The state and local tax burden is 13th lowest in the United States.
- An Economic Development staff poised to help your business succeed.

### **Incentives for Businesses:**

**Jackson has set up five tax-free areas within the County** in order to attract new business investment and job creation. These areas, known as “Renaissance Zones,” are free from all state and local taxes for up to 15 years. Most of these areas are former industrial sites, with good roads and services available.

These areas have the tax benefits already in place, and there is nothing necessary in order to qualify for the tax exemption, no application process, no forms to fill out, no fees to be paid, and no hassles. A company or individual simply needs to purchase some property in one of these areas and begin building. The only requirement is that the business or individual must not be delinquent in any state or local taxes in order to qualify for the tax-exempt status.

The Renaissance Zone is the most powerful market-based incentive available for businesses looking to relocate or expand their operations, but their designation does not last forever. All of the Zones in Jackson County were granted their tax-free status on January 1, 2000 and were designated for 12 years, with a buildup of 25% in each of the next three years, until the normal tax status is resumed after 2015. The clock is ticking on these Zones, and the maximum benefit continues to tick away.

### **Jackson Small Business Development Center**

**The Jackson Small Business Development Center** provides assistance to potential entrepreneurs and existing business owners to help them start or grow their businesses in Jackson.

## Economic Development Incentives/Services

- 100% personal property tax abatement in the City of Jackson, if eligible.
- 50% real and personal property tax abatement throughout Jackson County, if eligible.
- Renaissance Zone Availability i.e. No personal or real property taxes, no state taxes or local taxes through the year 2015 (note: phase-in of taxes occurs starting in year 2013).
- CDBG funds for infrastructure improvements, if eligible.
- State and federal employment and training dollars, if available and/or eligible.
- Identifying, securing and screening employees.
- Direct project management assistance to handle all permitting, site searches and relocation issues.
- Use of project office during new business start-up phase.

## Jackson Area Manufacturers Association (JAMA)

JAMA is a not-for-profit association of manufacturers and associate partner members in Jackson County. Our mission is to champion activities and create an environment that provides tools and resources to our manufacturers, assisting them in continuous improvement and success. We are devoted to finding solutions to help our members maintain and improve their bottom line.

We are a volunteer organization focused on helping improve business processes and practices by being a leader in technology information and training, offering state governmental help and guidance, educational assistance and workforce development. To achieve our goals, we provide an open forum atmosphere where members cooperate in developing and promoting solutions that enhance the prosperity of the manufacturing industry in Jackson County and its surrounding areas.

JAMA members work together because they believe there is strength in numbers and that critical issues facing Jackson manufacturing can be addressed that might otherwise be impossible to tackle by a single company. Through cooperation, we believe our efforts will result in the resounding success of all of our members, the manufacturing community, and the community as a whole. In the end, we all gain an improved quality of life.

JAMA represents the interests and needs of more than 200 members, ranging from small manufacturing companies to international corporations. In fact, manufacturers who are members of JAMA employ more than 24% percent of Jackson County's workforce.

## The Emerging Marketplace for High Tech, R & D

Jackson's industrial base has paved the way for growing technology and R&D sectors. More than ever, Jackson employees are developing products from conception to production. Jackson is creating a 1000-acre high-tech industrial park straddling two townships that will bring 2,000 + jobs over the next several years.

## Technical Assistance Center for South Central Michigan

The Technical Assistance Centers, (formerly The Centers for State and Federal Procurement), were established in Onaway, Michigan in 1981. The concept and benefits of selling to the governments were so well received by the economic development community that in 1984 grants to help fund the Technical Assistance Centers were made available by both the State (Michigan Jobs Commission) and the federal government (Department of Defense). There are now more than 100 Technical Assistance Centers located throughout the United States, 12 of which are located in Michigan. The Technical Assistance Center in Jackson was established in 1982.

The Technical Assistance Center of South Central Michigan is housed with The Enterprise Group, a non-profit organization. The procurement program is administered by The Enterprise Group and executed by the Technical Assistance Center staff. The Technical Assistance Center assists businesses, in a seven county area, in acquiring federal and state government contracts. The Center also helps identify international product and service markets for companies wanting to export. The TAC's budget is composed of grants from both the state and federal government as well as in-kind services ( i.e.; use of office equipment, furniture, computers, bookkeeping services, etc.) provided by The Enterprise Group of Jackson, Inc.

### The TAC's services include but are not limited to:

- Orientation to the procurement system
- One-on-one counseling
- Bid preparation assistance
- Targeting government markets
- Daily listings of government bids
- Subcontracting opportunities
- Government specifications for bidding
- Training seminars and conferences
- Procurement resource library
- Bid history and contract award results
- Placement of firm on vendor lists
- Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) assistance
- Export counseling and market planning
- Analysis of firms readiness to export
- Identifying countries that buy products or service
- Listings of export trade leads
- Assistance preparing export documents
- Payment and finance options
- Government regulations necessary for exporting
- Training seminars and trade show opportunities
- Extensive export resource library

### TAC MISSION STATEMENT:

*The Michigan Economic Development Corporation provides support to the Michigan Technical Assistance Centers located throughout the state. This network of 12 locally-based offices provides government contract assistance. Highly skilled professionals assist businesses in acquiring federal and state government contracts*

## The Enterprise Group of Jackson, Inc.

### MISSION STATEMENT:

*To Champion The Diverse Economic Development and Vitality of Jackson County.*

### A Vision for the Future

Jackson County is a state-of-the-art community where business and government work to encourage new diverse business development, further the success of existing businesses, and revitalize the urban core while maintaining the area's high standard for quality of life.

*As a state-of-the-art community, the goals are for Jackson to enjoy:*

- World-class industrial facilities
- Technological driven manufacturing processes
- World-class education, health and recreation
- Proactive, innovative and collaborative leadership from both the private and public sectors
- A commercially thriving downtown area that is the envy of every city in Michigan
- A friendly environment that embraces a balanced land use plan

### Who we are

The Enterprise Group of Jackson, Inc. is a partnership between the principal economic development entities in Jackson County, local units of government and our business leadership. Our economic development agency, chamber, tourist bureau, manufacturer's association and business development organizations are all conveniently located in a one-stop shop that provides businesses and visitors alike easy access to information about our community and the resources that are available in Jackson County to help business succeed.

### What we do

*Manage and provide single-point access to the combined resources and talents of the:*

- Economic Development Division, which includes The Jackson County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and The County Economic Development Corporation
- The Greater Jackson Chamber of Commerce
- The Jackson Area Manufacturers Association
- The Jackson County Convention and Visitors Bureau
- The Jackson Small Business Development Center
- The Technical Assistance Center

*Combined, these organizations serve to:*

- Provide customized business services and solutions to entrepreneurs, start-up companies, and businesses looking to relocate, expand or contract operations;
- Market and sell Jackson County as a great place to locate and expand businesses to industrial, commercial and retail businesses that we wish to bring to Jackson.
- Serve as project managers for companies looking to move to Jackson County.
- Redevelop or reuse existing industrial infrastructure for the betterment of the community and help put in place new infrastructure to respond to market opportunities.
- Help build and promote consensus between local units of government to create a better environment for the economic growth of Jackson County
- Champion and/or support initiatives that advance or preserve Jackson County's ability to compete nationally and globally for new investment, technology and jobs.
- Enhance the economic vitality and diversity of the community through targeted recruitment activities.

## Quality of Life in Jackson County

- Jackson was originally the hub of the county's railroad, and for over a century it has been known as the crossroads of Michigan. In this modern time, Jackson is accessible from Interstate 94, US 127, M-50, and M-60 as well as the rail lines, making Jackson County a great location for both businesses and residents.
- Jackson County has plenty of options for recreational activities. From golf to shopping, to festivals, there's plenty to do. The Jackson Symphony Orchestra and the Potter Center offer shows; summers light up with all sorts of contests, tournaments, festivals and parades. The Michigan Space and Science Center also attracts over 30,000 visitors a year.
- NASCAR Winston Cup and Busch Series races occur regularly at nearby Michigan International Speedway. During the summer, The Speedway is host for the U.S. 500 and the K-Mart 400, both popular races for the two-mile track, which has reserved seating for over 125,000 race fans. The track also hosts an IRL race in July.
- Restaurants in Jackson are strong, too. Greater Jackson offers over 88 full-service restaurants, more than 55 fast food restaurants, 13 ethnic restaurants, over 18 pizzerias and nearly 20 bakeries. Jackson has been designated as one of America's best markets in which to open a restaurant.
- Jackson County has consistently been rated as one of the ten most affordable housing markets in the United States. In a county of 707 square miles and more than 150,000 residents, there's plenty of room for privacy or estate living. The land is rolling with farms, meadows, lakes, woods and small communities.
- Just about every weekend during the summer you can find a festival in the area, from the Rose Festival during the month of June, to the Hot Air Jubilee and Race Week in July, the four-week-long Michigan Shakespeare Festival and the Midwest's largest Civil War Muster in August. Jackson has all the action, whether for couples, families or groups of many. Outdoor events are easy to enjoy. Jackson County is host to over 500 holes of golf, 188 lakes and 27 public parks covering 17,000 acres. With the third largest number of public golf courses per capita in the United States and the second oldest harness racing track in the nation, there is year 'round fun indoor and out.
- Jackson is a community steeped in history. In 1830, the community that was settled a year earlier was given the name of Jacksonburgh in honor of Andrew Jackson. That name was changed to the tongue-twisting "Jacksonopolis" and then ultimately (and mercifully) shortened to Jackson in 1833. On July 6, 1854, the Republican Party was founded in Jackson in order to help fight the spread of slavery. Six years later, Abraham Lincoln became the first Republican president. Jackson became an important player in the Civil War as home to the main Union training camp in the state of Michigan. Jackson was also home to the state's first prison, a stop on the "Underground Railroad" used by slaves to escape to freedom, and a pioneer in the automobile industry.
- Traditional shoppers seeking large retailers are in luck, as are those who enjoy seeking out specialty shops and antique collections. Jackson County is strong in collectibles and you can always take a break at Gramer's Candies, a Jackson tradition for over 75 years. Antique treasures can be found in small boutiques throughout Jackson County and during November, January February and March, Jackson hosts a regional antique show and sale. At the other end of the spectrum, Jackson offers exceptional hunting and fishing opportunities including rocker Ted Nugent's hunting preserve. Visit some of America's most extensive outfitters including, Schupbach's and Knutson's.

## Quality of Life Extras

- Jackson County has two state-of-the-art hospitals with a total of 535 beds.
- Jackson County houses the City of Jackson Police Department, Sheriff's Department, a State Police Post and National Guard Armory.
- There are 43 firefighters with three stations in the City. Jackson has a Class IV Fire Rating; there are more volunteer and professional stations throughout the County.
- One district library with 13 branches throughout the County with 300,000 volumes.
- Over 250 Churches
- 20 hotels with a total of 1,110 beds.
- Average temperature range: January, 15-29° F and in July, 61-83° F
- Average annual snowfall is 39" and average annual rainfall is 29"
- Altitude 900-1100 ft. above sea level for Jackson County and 920-925 ft. above sea level for the City of Jackson.
- 707 Square miles

## Education

**Jackson County has 12 school districts consisting of:** Columbia, Concord, East Jackson, Grass Lake, Hanover Horton, Jackson Public Schools, Michigan Center, Napoleon, Northwest, Springport, Vandercook Lake and Western along with two Charter schools with a total enrollment of 29,531. In addition, Jackson County has 15 private or parochial schools with approximately 3,500 students.

**Colleges in Jackson County:** Jackson Community College, Baker College, Spring Arbor University, Michigan State University Extension—Jackson County, Sienna Heights Extension, and Michigan Virtual University.

**Colleges within one hour of Jackson include:** Adrian College, Albion College, Eastern Michigan University, Western Michigan University, Hillsdale College, Michigan State University, University of Michigan, Concordia College, Great Lakes Bible College, Sienna Heights College, Kellogg Community College, Lansing Community College, Washtenaw Community College, Olivet College and Cooley Law School.

## Educational Attainment

Percentage with high school diploma .....	78.0%
Percentage with some college or Associates Degree .....	30.7%
Percentage with Bachelor's degree .....	27.4%

\*Source: U.S. Census Bureau—2000 Census/Michigan Department of Career Development 2003, Jackson County.

## In Closing:

To get information about Jackson, or for help with moving to, or starting a business in Jackson, it only takes one phone call to The Enterprise Group of Jackson, Inc (EG). The EG was established in 1997 to lead business recruitment and retention in our area.

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## *Lenawee - Your County with a Vision*

### **Quality of Life in Lenawee**

Lenawee County is not only a great place to do business, but also the perfect place to live. We have the “small town atmosphere” with our own local cultural and business opportunities, but we are located close to Dundee, Jackson and Ann Arbor Michigan as well as Toledo, Ohio, giving ample opportunity to “get away” for the day, or “hook-up” with business prospects easily. The desire to live in Lenawee County is evidenced by the growth in residential housing just in the last two years. No matter where you are in the county, you will see new homes, condominiums and apartment complexes being built.

Herrick Memorial Hospital and the Bixby Medical Center are local healthcare partners with Promedica and offer full health care for both in-patient and out-patient services.

### **Business Friendly**

Economic Development is a high priority in Lenawee County. We have several multi-million dollar projects underway in 2003. A new Jaytec (manufacturing) plant in the Britton Industrial Park will be breaking ground soon and the future Kroger grocery (retail) shopping center has plans to locate North of Adrian’s downtown district. Numerous expansion projects have also taken place within our industrial and retail sectors.

Through a well-established, multifaceted transportation network, Lenawee County’s commercial, manufacturing and agricultural producers have quick access to major international markets. Five major highways and three railroads provide convenient access. Area industrial parks offer sites to fit the needs of growing manufacturers. Sites are available in the Adrian, Blissfield, Hudson, Morenci and Tecumseh industrial parks, as well as in nearly every other Lenawee community including Clinton. A new industrial park in the extreme northwest part of the county offers a rural setting on US 127.

Lenawee County has 2 Renaissance Zones. Renaissance zones work by granting virtually tax-free status to any business or resident presently in a zone or moving into a zone.

The zones are designed to provide selected communities with the most powerful market-based incentive, virtually no state or local taxes, to spur new jobs and investment. Since the tax benefits are already in place there is no application process and no fee requirement. The City of Hudson has a 17.10-acre parcel and the City of Morenci has a 20-acre parcel, both located in industrial districts.

## Lots of Things to See and Do Including:

**Adrian Blissfield Railroad** located in Blissfield. The first railroad west of the Allegany Mountains offers excursion and murder mystery dinner trains.

**Irish Hills Family Fun Attractions** located in the Irish Hills near Onsted. While visiting in the spring and summer months enjoy the lakes, beaches, miniature golf, go-karts and waterslides. Stagecoach Stop USA has a variety of things to see and do taking you back to the 1800's era.

**Hidden Lake Gardens** located in Tipton has 755 acres of arboretum, maintained by Michigan State University, is a beautifully landscaped garden, complete with a green house/conservatory featuring tropical, arid and temperate houses. Visitors may take advantage of 5 miles of hiking trails or drive the paved roads that wind through the property.

**Michigan International Speedway** is home to some of the nation's most exciting NASCAR Racing.

**Museums** located in the City of Adrian, Village of Blissfield, City of Hudson, City of Tecumseh as well as the Southern Michigan Railroad Museum in Clinton will fill you in on the history and past cultures of those communities.

**Croswell Opera House** located in Adrian, is the oldest continuously operated theatre in Michigan and one of the oldest in the country. It is a premiere community theatre and offers the best available talent in live theatre.

**Adrian Symphony Orchestra** located in Adrian offers a varied season of professional entertainment. Their season includes Classics, Pops and Jazz, Discovery Concerts for the family as well as Candlelight Classics during the holiday seasons.

**Tecumseh Civic Auditorium** is the cultural and entertainment center of Tecumseh. Its mission is to present performing arts events to the people of the region in a diverse and interesting manner.

**Antiquing** can be found in just about every city and village of Lenawee. There are over 60 antique shops and 900 dealers.

The above information can be found in the "Look To Lenawee" brochure produced by the Lenawee Conference and Visitors Bureau.

To obtain information about Lenawee, call the Lenawee County Chamber of Commerce at (517) 265-5141 or the Lenawee Conference and Visitors Bureau at 800-536-2933

## The Lenawee County Chamber of Commerce

*"A business and professional partnership that works."*

### **Our mission guides our work.**

*"The Lenawee County Chamber of Commerce is a member-driven organization which stimulates community development and economic growth to achieve individual opportunity for a higher quality of life."*

Established in 1916, the Lenawee County Chamber of Commerce serves greater Adrian, Tecumseh, Hudson, Blissfield, Clinton, Deerfield, Britton, Onsted, Morenci, Addison and Manitou Beach as well as individual townships. The Chamber specializes in economic, business and community development initiatives and offers a variety of training, marketing and networking opportunities to its members.

Our mission serves as the starting point for three organizational focuses: Economic development, workforce development, and acting as a catalyst for the solving of complex community issues.

The Lenawee Chamber is firmly committed to providing the highest quality of business, community and economic development services to all parts of Lenawee County. This county is one of the fastest growing in Michigan and the tri-state region. The Lenawee County Chamber of Commerce and its economic development and workforce divisions, Lenawee Tomorrow and LTEC, are major factors in the area's economic success.

The Chamber is a membership organization. Its income is primarily derived from our members' investment in our work. Although the Chamber's economic development program receives some funding from local units of government (in the form of contracted services), the Chamber is not a government agency and is not dependent on public funding.

The staff of the Chamber's Lenawee Tomorrow Division leads countywide economic and industrial development including retention, expansion and attraction of industry. Lenawee Tomorrow and Chamber staff make regular visits to industries, retail, and service businesses, professional offices and community non-profit organizations to identify ways to support their organizations' specific needs and to make sure that their individual views are incorporated into community decisions.

Small business development is another primary emphasis of the Lenawee County Chamber of Commerce and is evidenced by partnerships with **S**ervice **C**orps **o**f **R**etired **E**xecutives, S.C.O.R.E. and other organizations providing consulting services to small business at no cost.

## The Lenawee County Chamber of Commerce (continued)

The Lenawee Chamber Foundation is yet another entity affiliated with the Chamber. The Foundations' primary mission is to raise funds for economic development activities. This year their mission includes taking a lead role in fund raising for our University of Michigan Economic Development Study. This study is our best opportunity to understand economic trends and our local capacity so the county is aligned with the future, and our local citizens can work and live in a healthy local economy. The Lenawee County Chamber of Commerce realizes that with the changing business trends, there is a definite need to find out where we will be in the next 5-10 years. Will manufacturing, agriculture and recreation still be our main source of business and attraction? If so, what are the changes we need to be in tune to, to "keep up with the times"? Therefore, we have contacted the University of Michigan Business School to conduct an assessment for Lenawee and nearby counties.

The Chamber serves as the voice of business in the Lenawee County area and as an advocate for a quality community. The Chamber has been a leader in identifying alternatives and a solution to a number of challenges faced by business owners and residents of Lenawee County and continues to seek collaborative approaches to community development and problem solving.

### Some issues currently being addressed by the Lenawee County Chamber include:

- Comprehensive land-use planning
- Lenawee County Airport expansion
- Transportation issues
- Infrastructure needs
- Education issues
- Workforce development
- Local health care delivery systems

## Location, Location, Location...

- US 12, US 23, US 223, M-50 and US 127 are accessible in Lenawee and can get you to Ann Arbor, Saline, Toledo, Jackson or Dundee within 30-40 minutes.
- Corporate and private aircraft can be serviced through Lenawee County Airport near Adrian and Meyers Airport in Tecumseh.
- In nearby Detroit and Toledo, two international airports and two major seaports give Lenawee businesses an open door to lucrative markets all over the world.

## Education

Educational opportunities are available at every level in Lenawee County. Lenawee has 12 K through 12 school districts and a new Jackson Community College campus located with the Lenawee Vocational Technical Center.

Private education is also available in Lenawee County. Berean Baptist Academy, Lenawee Christian School, Sacred Heart, St. John's Lutheran School and St. Joseph Montessori Academy offer instruction at various grade levels.

Adrian College and Siena Heights University are both private 4-year institutions offering exceptional education experiences.

83.4% of Lenawee residents have a high school diploma or higher level of educational background. (Source: US Census 2000 Language, School Enrollment and Educational Attainment table)

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## *Hillsdale County*

*Right in the middle of it.  
A special blend of yesterday and tomorrow.  
What more could you want?  
Visit us often.  
Chances are you'll want to make us your home.*

### **Welcome to Hillsdale County**

Hillsdale County is a rural oasis in Michigan at the bottom of the mitten, bordering Ohio and Indiana. A community rich in tradition and hometown hospitality, family owned and corporate businesses, Hillsdale County is proud of its past and building for the future.

Centrally located in the middle a network of major highways (US 127, I-94, I-69, and the I-80/90 toll road), only a short drive from major cities like, Lansing, Detroit, Kalamazoo, Toledo, Ohio and Fort Wayne, Indiana. A municipal airport and a locally owned freight and railroad are added connections to broad markets.

Settled by Potawatomi Indians in 1821, the county soon welcomed white settlers in towns like Allen and Jonesville and became a fur trading center, with the first hotel, general store and grist mill. Travelers made the county a popular overnight stop along the great Sauk Trail (US-12) between Chicago & Detroit.

## Business Expansion

Several of the over 1500 businesses here enjoy state and national prominence. The many family-owned businesses combine with corporate and international establishments in a diverse and pleasing blend. The Hillsdale County Chamber of Commerce supports and promotes business through its network of members. Hillsdale County Industrial Development Commission provides full time service for established, expanding and emerging industries.

As reported in the 2002 Annual Report, industrial growth in Hillsdale County has been greater than expected; most of the growth accrued by expansion of existing industries. There was also growth in the commercial sector with both retail and service business increases noted. Much of this growth is related directly to the payroll of the sustained growth of the industrial sector.

Industry invested more than \$25 million in buildings and equipment. Growth occurred everywhere in the county, but Litchfield led with \$15 million, Hillsdale had \$1 million, Reading \$7.2 million and Jonesville \$1 million with the remainder scattered throughout the county. According to employment data, there was a net gain of 55 new industrial jobs in the county for 2002. One-third of Hillsdale County's workforce is employed by industry, which is significantly higher than the national or state average.

The heart of the promotion and advancement of the economic environment of Hillsdale County rests with the Hillsdale County Industrial Development Commission and The Hillsdale County Chamber of Commerce. Both entities have a comprehensive website showcasing Hillsdale County's opportunities. HCIDC is computer-linked with the state, Jackson Community College and our development equivalents in Jackson and Lenawee counties. The HCIDC is also part of the National Association of Manufacturers site selection program. The industrial parks and business community are constantly transforming to accommodate the growing needs of the contemporary markets and those business as well as industries adapting to meet the challenge.

### Power of the People

Eighteen townships, six villages and three cities comprise the governmental structure of our county. Citizen's concerns are also addressed through a board of seven commissioners at the county level. A pioneering community information service/geographic information system computer site is a unique link to the world for this county's 48,000 residents and for its businesses, schools and agencies.

### Making a Difference

The spiritual needs of Hillsdale County residents are met by an array of religious opportunities of various denominations throughout the community. Culture is nestled within the community including theater, genealogy, history, arts, music and museums. Many non-profit agencies and service clubs awardendow Hillsdale County with a better quality of life.

### Helping Hands

Health care is second to none. The Hillsdale Community Health Center is a hospital providing 24 hour emergency medicine, urgent care, medical/surgical services, a critical care unit, orthopedic specialists, joint replacement, a birthing center and a full range of outpatient services. This state-of-the-art medical center is home to over 50 physicians and specialists. Other health care amenities are a county medical care facility, community health agency, nursing homes, assisted living, adult foster care, home health care and a county senior citizens service center. Many dentists, orthodontists, optometrists, chiropractors, massage therapists, audiologists, and physical therapists provide care within our community.

### Game Time

An abundance of natural beauty and scenery can be found in this serene setting. Hillsdale County offers acres of parks, lakes, outdoor recreational land, picnic facilities, tennis courts, golf courses, softball & baseball diamonds, biking & hiking trails, frisbee golf, hundreds of acres of state hunting grounds, soccer fields, playgrounds, wildlife observatories and a dazzling array of lakes for fishing, boating and swimming.

### Places To Go & Things To Do

Choose from over a dozen hotels, motels, campgrounds, bed & breakfast locations, and enjoy local festivals and special programs, events at Hillsdale College that are open to the public and every September “The Most Popular Fair on Earth” – the Hillsdale County Fair.

### In The Line Of Duty

Local law enforcement agencies work with the sheriff’s department and Michigan State Police with a united committed to serve and protect. Integrity and devotion and a spirit of cooperation are equally evident in local fire departments, ambulance services and 9-1-1 central dispatch services.

### From The Beginning

Hillsdale County takes pride in its diverse business community. Since its “unofficial” founding in 1827 and formally recognized by the state in 1835, Hillsdale County has grown from primarily agricultural to a diverse economic base.



### Putting You in Touch

For more information, please feel free to visit any of the following websites:

- [www.co.hillsdale.mi.us](http://www.co.hillsdale.mi.us) Information regarding Hillsdale County
- [www.hillsdalecounty.info](http://www.hillsdalecounty.info) Information regarding Hillsdale County
- [www.hillsdalecountychamber.com](http://www.hillsdalecountychamber.com) Hillsdale County Chamber of Commerce
- [www.hillsdale-isd.org](http://www.hillsdale-isd.org) Hillsdale County Intermediate School District
- [www.hcinddev.org](http://www.hcinddev.org) Hillsdale County Industrial Development Commission