MUSKEGON

SAPPI PAPER MILL – Pure Muskegon is leading the effort to transform this contaminated site into residential and commercial development on the waterfront. The mill closed in 2009 after being an industrial operation for more than 100 years. The project would bring tremendous economic benefits for the area - including new jobs, residents, and tourists – and remake the Muskegon waterfront.

GRAND RAPIDS

GRAND RIVER RAPIDS RESTORATION – Restoring the Grand River and promoting the redevelopment of underutilized waterfront property – old industrial sites, obsolete public facilities and surface parking lots – is the game-changer for Michigan’s second largest city. The legislation can play a critical role catalyzing investment in new mixed-use development, high quality public spaces and new recreational amenities as well as modern infrastructure that will better protect the city from flood risks.

KALAMAZOO

ARCADIA COMMONS WEST – The redevelopment of a four-block area in downtown Kalamazoo has long been one the city’s top priorities and a key part of its strategy to build a vibrant downtown environment that attracts talent and businesses. While there have been various plans over the past decade, none have been able to overcome the financial gap and move forward.

JACKSON

THE HAYES HOTEL – This iconic 10-story structure in the heart of downtown Jackson has been vacant since 2003. The city and its partner, HRS Communities, have plans to transform it to a mixed-use development that will be a catalyst for revitalizing the area. The project is part of the broader Anchor Initiative focused on making downtown Jackson a vibrant “live-work-play” destination.
GRATIOT COUNTY

DOWNTOWN ALMA WATERFRONT – In 2007, the city moved a metal scrap yard and railroad off the riverfront to create the possibility of a revitalized waterfront district with housing, dining, shopping, and recreational opportunities. Given the significant cost of cleanup, infrastructure and redevelopment challenges, the vision has yet to be realized.

SAGINAW

Local leaders are working on a comprehensive, multi-project vision to revitalize downtown Saginaw that will take advantage of the city’s key economic anchors and attract 21st century, knowledge-based businesses. This legislation is critical to overcoming the economic challenges and making the vision a reality.

LANSING

RED CEDAR RENAISSANCE – A proposed $380 million mixed-use village project on Michigan Avenue will connect Michigan State University and the downtowns of Lansing and East Lansing. The city-owned brownfield site requires over $75 million in infrastructure improvements, and the project has stalled for years due to a lack of tools to bridge the funding gap.

PONTIAC

THE SILVERDOME – The legislation would support the transformation of the vacant complex into a major mixed-use development that brings jobs, businesses and economic activity to Pontiac.
SOUTHFIELD

NORTHLAND MALL – The largest shopping mall in the world when it opened in 1954, the 125-acre mall is now vacant and slated for demolition. The city hopes to redevelop the area as a master-planned district that creates an exciting destination for businesses and residents and enhances the value of communities all around it. More information on the city’s transformational vision can be found at www.imaginenorthland.com.

STERLING HEIGHTS

LAKESIDE MALL – This 1.5-million square-foot shopping center built in 1976 is still in business, but has experienced economic challenges for years and is now being marketed for sale. The city hopes to reimagine and revitalize the entire district so that it remains vibrant and relevant for the next 40 years.

MARYSVILLE

DTE POWER PLANT – The City of Marysville is working on concepts to redevelop the former DTE power plant along the St. Clair River into a thriving riverfront destination. The initial development concepts would transform the 30-acre site into a new public marina, hotel, dining, and shopping destination within an hour drive from millions of Michigan residents.
SAULT ST. MARIE

The city has developed a broad vision for new mixed-use and tourism-oriented development downtown and has identified a number of target sites, many of which have been vacant for decades. Combined with the modernization of the Soo Locks, these projects represent the future of Sault Ste. Marie – one of the most economically significant cities in all of Michigan.

DETROIT

Rock Ventures has announced this legislation would pave the way for $2.5 billion in transformational new development that would put Detroit on a path to being one of the most exciting and vibrant cities in the nation to live, work, and locate a business.

THE FISHER BUILDING – The Fisher Building, located in Detroit’s New Center district, is one of the most iconic buildings in Michigan. Designed by Albert Kahn, it is often referred to as “Detroit’s Largest Art Object.” The building, which has suffered from years of neglect, is now under the ownership of a civic minded group that is committed to restoring it to its former glory. The Michigan Thrive Initiative is critical to making this happen.

PETOSKEY

THE HOLE – In downtown Petoskey there is a vacant block locally known as “The Hole.” Since 2005, several developers have looked at the site and presented plans and renderings. However, none has been able to put a deal together. This legislation represents a new hope to finally build a vibrant development that will bring new jobs, growth and activity to downtown Petoskey.