The Alliance has continued its involvement with the Mid-Michigan District Health Department to support its efforts in creating a Food Hub in Montcalm County. If achieved, this would allow smaller farms to utilize the Food Hub to assist with the production, distribution, and marketing of their locally produced foods. The Alliance continues to attend meetings, coordinate conversations with the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) and write letters of support for grants. The Alliance has also opened conversations with the Village of Edmore regarding potential year-round use of the Four Seasons Market.

Informational resources have been developed by the Alliance on the two federally designated Opportunity Zones in Montcalm County, which include portions of Greenville and Eureka Township, as well as Stanton, Sheridan and surrounding areas. An Alliance representative recently attended a collaborative investor event held at Varnum LLP in Grand Rapids, where they were able to connect with potential Opportunity Zone investors and discuss possible projects in Montcalm County.

This year, Howard City applied for and was awarded a $1.8 million federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), which will go towards much needed upgrades to water infrastructure in the Village. To assist Howard City with the grant application process, the Alliance designated a representative to become a Certified Grant Administrator (CGA) through a series of training courses and testing.

### 2014-2019 METRICS

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