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## Upcoming CEDS

Every five years the regional economic development district (EDD) must submit an updated planning document, referred to as a “Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy” or CEDS. The EPEDC receives its planning funds from the Economic Development Administration (EDA) based on demographic information compiled within our CEDS. The priorities identified and outlined in the document by communities within our region shape the EPEDC’s ability to assist with projects in the area. Beginning this fall, EPEDC will commence work on the 2017-2022 CEDS.

### Next EPEDC Quarterly Board Meeting

Wednesday  
January, 25, 2017  
Glendive Courthouse  
Community meeting room  
At 9:30 AM

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## Local Project Updates

Prairie Community Hospital has begun construction on its upgrades and renovations. The project is on track to be completed this spring. Rob Latimer from TransCanada came to Terry to present the hospital with a check for the emergency lighting system, which is one aspect of the renovation. (Pictured above.)

The Dawson Sewer Project has made gains in the last quarter. The assessor was able to come to establish fair offers for easements. Crisafulli has agreed to the assessment, leaving only one easement to be acquired.

The Terry Wastewater Project continues to gather information and monitoring of the increased infiltration and inflow (I&I) in the town’s wastewater system. Stahly Engineering is creating plans to correct the I&I issue before construction begins and so that DEQ can sign off on the work.

## Makoshika Project

Eastern Plains EDC has been contracted to write a business plan for the Makoshika Water and Campground Project. The community of Glendive and the staff of the Makoshika State Park have identified the need for

significant improvements to be made to the park, specifically to extend the water main from the current visitor center to Cains Campground and to develop the old rifle range into a fully serviced campground. The water main extension would bring water to three locations: the new campground, the Kiwanis Group Use Shelter and to Cains Campground. The old rifle range is not currently in use and would provide the closest available access to the City of Glendive’s water system. After years of consistently turning away willing campers because there were no hook ups, showers or flush toilets, Makoshika State Park will finally be able to provide its visitors with the experience that is worthy of the park.

It is absolutely vital to the growth and self-sustainability of the park to have campgrounds that provide clean and reliable facilities for showering, restrooms and potable water access. It is estimated by park staff the water access and newly developed campgrounds will double park attendance. The implications of this project are not limited to the park; it will greatly impact the city of Glendive, as well as the Southeastern Montana tourism region.

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“The fundamental idea behind the parks is native. It is, in brief, that the country belongs to the people, that it is in process of making for the enrichment of the lives of all of us. The parks stand as the outward symbol of the great human principle.”  
— Franklin D. Roosevelt

The EPEDC serves the following participating counties and municipalities:  
Carter County, Dawson County, Fallon County, Prairie County, and Wibaux County,  
as well as the City of Baker, the Town of Elkalaka, the City of Glendive, the Town of Plevna,  
the Town of Richey, the Town of Terry, and the Town of Wibaux.



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