

Joe Meyers

Community Development Director



Joe Meyers is Community Development Director for the Detroit Regional Partnership (DRP), a leading economic development nonprofit that serves as the single point of contact for out-of-state and international companies looking to expand or locate in the 11-county Detroit Region. He is responsible for the megasites pillar of the DRP's Verified Industrial Properties (VIP) program, which simplifies the site selection process providing corporate decision makers with an easily accessible online inventory of vacant industrial properties vetted by third-party civil engineers. In this capacity he engages the Detroit Region's real estate community, public partners, site owners, civil engineers, and brokers to promote awareness of the program and secure new, large agricultural sites for rezoning and readying for

industrial users.

Prior to joining the DRP, Meyers spent nearly 20 years as an economic development professional in Michigan working at various levels of state and municipal government. For the city of Ypsilanti, he oversaw economic development while managing planning, zoning, building, code enforcement, downtown development and historic preservation. He also oversaw a program to return residential and commercial parcels to active, taxable properties while developing a Neighborhood Enterprise Zone for an underperforming residential district. At the Michigan Economic Development Corp., Meyers has also evaluated master plans, zoning ordinances and strategies throughout Michigan and helped cities earn certification as Redevelopment Ready Communities.

PAST EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION

- Director, Administrative Services and Economic Development, City of Ypsilanti
- Redevelopment Ready Communities Planner, Michigan Economic Development Corp.
- Associate Planner, Antrim County
- Bachelor of Science, Urban and Regional Planning, Eastern Michigan University

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Board Member, Washtenaw County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
- Member, Urban Land Institute
- Member, Michigan Association of Planning