

North Madison County Economic Development Council

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Madison County Board of Supervisors
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Board of Supervisors:

The North Madison County Economic Development Council (NMED) submits this request to the Madison County Board of Supervisors for your consideration to be appointed the standing Advisory Council for the Sulphur Springs Urban Renewal Plan (Sulphur Springs Lake Project). NMED is a 501c3 community-based organization, formed in 2016, to promote economic development in the rural, unincorporated communities of north Madison County, District 5 (See enclosed Brochure).

The Advisory Council shall serve on a voluntary basis. Following are the primary purpose and responsibilities of the Advisory Council:

Purpose: To serve as the voice and channel of communication for the Sulphur Springs Urban Renewal Plan between the Board of Supervisors (BOS) and the north Madison County community at large.

- Meet with the BOS and/or the board's designee(s) and project developers at various stages to be kept abreast of and to comment on projects and project development within the urban renewal area, regardless of funding source.
- Make recommendations to the BOS for such project design issues as layout, signage, pathways, and spacing specific to the development of the park and other redevelopment projects described in the Urban Renewal Plan.
- Provide recommendations for the development of policies, rules and guidelines for effective use and operation of park areas and other recreational services and facilities, as specified in EXHIBIT A, number III, of the Urban Renewal Plan.

- Make recommendations and advise the BOS pertaining to park areas and facilities (present and future) in determining how to maintain and operate them at acceptable standards to best serve the community.
- Stimulate community interest in park and recreation services.
- Engage various community groups to solicit input and feedback in making recommendations to the BOS.
- Organize and work with individuals, groups, and committees to acquire resources and to plan for present and future needs for facilities and recreation to support the community.
- Serve as gatekeeper for the scheduling and acceptance/approval of recreational events for recommendation to the BOS.
- Support and promote the good-will and integrity of the Board of Supervisors in the community.

Respectfully,

Polia F. Griffin, Ed.D., Board Chair
North Madison County Economic Development Council

Vision

The vision of the North Madison County Economic Development Council is to provide leadership, excellence, and sustainability in progressive economic development for individuals and families to enjoy a good quality of life and to build a positive future for youth.

Mission

The mission of North Madison County Economic Development Council is to develop, promote, and maintain a multi-faceted, community-based plan for economic development in the community. This shall be done by (1) identifying and expediting priorities that demonstrate the greatest potential for economic development in the community; (2) emphasizing and building on the strengths and uniqueness of the community; (3) harnessing local expertise and resources; (4) empowering the community through clear communication, opportunities for personal growth, and an established means to give voice to the community, and (5) working with the Madison County Economic Development Foundation and other local, state, and federal entities to access and align resource, eliminate barriers, and promote the delivery of services, programs, housing, and jobs in the north Madison County community.

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**“Improving the Quality
of Life for Residents
of North Madison County”**

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Background

The North Madison County Economic Development Council (NMED) was formed in April 2016, for the purpose of addressing concerns of limited opportunities and the lack of economic growth and development in the rural, unincorporated community of north Madison County, District 5. NMED serves as the representing entity for the North Madison County community economic development initiative.

Membership

The membership of this Organization shall consist of the members of the Board of Directors only. The Board shall consist of a minimum of eight and a maximum of eleven voting members. At its discretion, the Board may appoint Ex Officio members to serve on the Board of Directors. Ex Officio members do not have voting rights.

Tax Exempt Status

NMED is a nonprofit organization with an exemption from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501 (c)(3).

NMED is qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers of gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522 with a Public Charity Status. Effective date of exemption: June 13, 2016.

Governance

NMED is governed by Bylaws and the Board of Directors, which assumes responsibility for all management, disbursements, property, and business of the Organization.

Nonprofit Purpose

The North Madison County Economic Development Council is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, business and industry, and scientific purposes, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations and other entities that provide services and opportunities that support social and economic development within north Madison County.

Core Values

NMED embraces the following core values which continue to reflect our mission and guide our decisions, actions, and provisions of service:

- Progressive leadership and social responsibility for community members and community partners
- Steadily improving quality of life for all citizens
- Commitment and dedication to equality, diversity, and tolerance
- Community prosperity and the development of community uniqueness
- Retaining, expanding, and recruiting community businesses, business professionals, and other social, health, job, and housing opportunities