

2022 GREDA 2023 GOAL SCORING RANKING

Action Item	Community Impact							Chance of Success							Resource Availability							EDA Ownership							Total							Preliminary Ranking	Potential Tasks											
	Connelly	S. Blake	R. Blake	Jackson	Bruns	Hodnik	Korte	Average	Connelly	S. Blake	R. Blake	Jackson	Bruns	Hodnik	Korte	Average	Connelly	S. Blake	R. Blake	Jackson	Bruns	Hodnik	Korte	Average	Connelly	S. Blake	R. Blake	Jackson	Bruns	Hodnik	Korte	Average	Standard Deviation															
1 Support the development or redevelopment/infill of strategic commercial sites to achieve growth in the retail sales and service sector.	5	5			5	4	5	4.800	4	3			4	3	4	3	4	3.600	4	3			5	3	5	4	3	5	4	4.000	5	5			5	3	5	4.600	18	16	0	0	13	19	11.00	8.76	7	Promote the sale and development of GREDA sites in the Downtown (Block 5, Block 20-21, VFW/Rose) Welcome and support investment interest in the redevelopment of infill sites such as the former K-Mart site, former Ray's Sport and Marine, and former Sawmill Inn site. Identify retail gaps and more actively recruit businesses and developers.
2 Ensure an adequate inventory of industrial sites and facilities exist to accommodate full industrial, warehousing & distribution business expansion and relocation potential.	5	5			5	5	3	4.600	3	3			3	3	3	3	3	3.000	4	2			2	3	3	4	5	4	3	3.000	5	5			3	4	5	4.400	17	15	0	0	15	15	10.33	8.04	8	Continue to explore funding opportunities that would support the development of a speculative, flexible, industrial/warehousing building in Grand Rapids. Recruit a developer.
3 Continue to work with Voyageur Capital on current and future development.	5	5			3	5	5	4.600	4	4			4	4	4	5	5	4.200	4	4			3	3	5	4	5	5	4	3.800	4	5			3	4	5	4.200	17	18	0	0	16	20	11.83	9.26	3	Implement grants and other incentives to complete the Arbor Wood buildout and startup, work actively with Voyageur Capital to promote the site to prospective new tenants. Complete the public infrastructure buildout.
4 Continue to advocate for highway transportation route improvements to improve linkages between Grand Rapids and the interstate, the Duluth port.	5	5			5	4	5	4.800	3	2			2	2	2	3	3	2.400	3	3			1	4	3	5	5	3	2.800	4	4			4	5	5	4.200	15	14	0	0	15	16	10.00	7.77	10	Discuss with appropriate agencies, government and elected officials the prioritization of divided highways between Grand Rapids and Duluth via Highway 2 as well as completion of the Cross Range Expressway between Taconite and Pengilly.	
5 Begin implementation of the updated Downtown Plan.	5	5			5	4	4	4.600	5	4			3	4	4	4	4	4.000	4	3			2	4	3	4	4	4	3.400	5	5			4	4	4	4.200	19	17	0	0	15	16	11.17	8.75	6	Review strategies within the completed Downtown Plan update. Explore strategies for a sustainable Central School, Seek a Blandin Foundation grant to establish a Downtown Entertainment revolving loan program to provide short-term loans for entertainment at Downtown festivals. Consider a Blandin Foundation grant for the purpose of hiring a consultant to lead downtown business and property owners through steps to establish a downtown program and organization using the Main Street Approach.	
6 Continue to find ways to market GREDA Services	5	3			1	4	5	3.600	5	3			2	4	5	5	5	3.800	5	2			4	5	5	5	5	5	4	4.200	5	5			5	5	5	5.000	20	13	0	0	18	20	11.83	9.52	3	Communicate the many GREDA successes and raise awareness of GREDA programs. Consider comprehensive updates to the GREDA website under a new platform.
7 Assist with the redevelopment of the Boswell site.	5	5			5	5	5	5.000	3	3			3	4	4	4	4	3.400	3	2			2	4	4	4	4	4	3.000	3	1			2	5	5	2.600	14	11	0	0	15	18	9.67	7.81	11	Support County efforts to implement energy transition strategies. Identify energy transition funding state and federal programs that may be applicable to GREDA efforts toward economic diversification.	
8 Pursue initiatives that would support existing and new wood product industries/advocate for U.S. EPA rule changes.	5	5			2	4	4	4.000	3	2			2	3	4	4	4	2.800	2	3			2	3	4	5	4	4	2.800	2	4			2	5	5	3.000	12	14	0	0	12	17	9.17	7.33	13	Support any efforts by Northstar Pellets to re-introduce legislation to establish production incentives for wood pellet production. Research and consider advocacy for U.S. EPA rule changes that would define wood as carbon neutral so it can be used as an alternative fuel source applicable to a future conversion of MP Unit from coal.	
9 Consider ways to diversify the membership of the Commission and amend the meeting format to include updates from local partners/organizations.	4	3			3	3	4	3.400	5	3			4	4	4	4	4	4.000	4	3			4	4	4	4	4	4	3.800	5	3			5	4	4	4.400	18	12	0	0	16	16	10.33	8.24	8	Invite local partner organizations to provide updates, one presentation per quarter. As membership opportunities arise, recruit applicants that further a diverse board.	
10 .Continue support of the ASV/Yanmar expansion.	5	5			5	5	5	5.000	4	4			4	5	5	5	5	4.400	4	4			4	3	5	5	5	5	4	4.000	4	5			5	5	5	4.400	17	18	0	0	16	20	11.83	9.26	3	Provide a recommendation to the City regarding ASV/Yanmar's request for Tax Abatement, Coordinate the request to Itasca County for Tax Abatement, continue to work on supportive workforce housing development.
11 Continue to support our medical service providers to ensure that Grand Rapids maintains and grows its position as a regional hub.	5	5			5	4	5	4.800	3	3			3	3	3	4	4	3.200	3	3			3	3	4	4	4	4	3.200	2	3			3	4	4	2.800	13	14	0	0	12	17	9.33	7.42	12	Communicate with major providers, Grand Itasca and Essentia, about trends toward a stay at home rural health care model and the buildout of services and jobs to support that growth potential.	
12 Consider ways to support the relocation/renovation of local small businesses and provide assistance with ADA compliance.	4	3			3	3	4	3.400	5	3			3	3	4	4	4	3.600	4	3			4	3	4	4	4	4	3.600	4	2			4	4	4	3.400	17	11	0	0	11	16	9.17	7.52	13	Consider submitting a grant request to the Blandin Foundation to establish a loan program, possibly with some forgivable terms, to address ADA and Minnesota Accessibility Code deficiencies. This type of program would help address the most common additional cost experienced when new classifications of building occupancy are proposed for a commercial building. Request recapitalization of the Redevelopment Fund PRI. Review local design standards.	
12 Provide support for the Huber project.	5	5			5	5	5	5.000	4	3			3	3	5	5	5	3.600	3	2			2	3	5	5	5	5	3.000	2	1			4	5	5	3.400	14	11			16	20	15.25	3.77	1	Participate in developing and implementing a coordinated group effort of area and regional entities to support the successful advancement of the project.	
4 Pursue and support initiatives addressing the local workforce/childcare and housing shortages.	5	5			5	4	5	4.800	4	3			4	2	5	5	5	3.600	4	2			4	2	5	5	5	5	3.400	4	2			4	5	5	3.200	17	12			10	20	14.75	4.57	2	Continue to support private development interest in housing projects by reviewing proposed Housing TIF Districts, and through development agreements on GREDA parcels. Work with childcare facility developers and IRRR to incentivize/remove financial barriers for projects.	