

City of Alpena

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Cool Cities Blueprints for Michigan Master Plan Presentation Workshop

After eighteen months of planning, the final draft of the City of Alpena's Upper East Side Neighborhood Revitalization Action Plan will be presented at a public forum on Thursday, June 12, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the Alpena County Library. This forum will provide an opportunity for the public to hear the findings and recommendations of the consultant team and provide comment.

Residents are encouraged to attend. A copy of the plan's Executive Summary is available for public review at the Office of the City Clerk, Alpena City Hall, 208 N. First Avenue.

This plan is being developed as part of the City's 2005 *Cool Cities Blueprints for Michigan Neighborhoods* program for the Old Town/North Side neighborhoods. The City's target neighborhood is the residential areas between the Thunder Bay River and McRae Park and from Ford Avenue to Elm Street.

The *Blueprints for Michigan Neighborhoods* program is a local/state partnership in which a state-selected consultant will work with the City of Alpena to identify a vision and priorities for a targeted neighborhood adjacent to the City's downtown district. Through an extensive public visioning process, a specific neighborhood strategy for revitalization, including a market plan and action plan, will be developed. This action plan will then qualify the City of Alpena to receive Community Development Block Grant funds to implement the developed action items. The City of Alpena was 1 of 3 communities in the state so designated a Cool City under this program.

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