
John W. Weiss

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Grand Valley Metropolitan Council, Executive Director

GVMC is an organization of 38 governmental units in West Michigan representing 750,000 people. The agency is also the Metropolitan Planning Organization and is responsible for \$150 million per year in transportation funding and REGIS, the Regional Geographic Information System. It is also the home of the Lower Grand River Organization of Watersheds covering over 2,900 square miles. GVMC is focused on intergovernmental cooperation and collaboration as well as helping to facilitate public/private cooperation and partnerships. John chaired the Michigan Infrastructure Council. He has also chaired the West Michigan Prosperity Alliance representing 13 counties in West Michigan and served on the Governor's Regional Reinvention Task Force and the 21st Century Infrastructure Asset Management Pilot.

Design Plus Inc.:

As President/CEO and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Design Plus, John was involved in the leadership and management of the firm as well as Principal-in-Charge of many projects. He also served as President of D.P. Investors LLC a product development company. Design Plus is full-service architecture, engineering, planning and interior design firm. In 2008, the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce honored Design Plus with the "Excellence in Business Award".

Kent County Road Commission:

John was a member of the KCRC for 15 years, 12 as Chairman. The Commission is responsible for over 1,900 miles of public streets and highways. The Commission has an annual budget of over \$50 million and 220 employees. For over 10 years of his service, the Road Commission was also responsible for all Kent County Parks.

Cannon Township Supervisor:

An elected township official from 1992-1996, John was supervisor of this community located in northeast Kent County. At the time Cannon Township was the second fastest growing township in Michigan with a growth rate of almost 80%.

Adjunct Instructor of Management, Davenport College:

John taught courses in state and local government, business, and personnel management for 3 years.

The WBDC Group:

John was Vice President of The WBDC Group, a large architectural, engineering, interior design and community planning firm. His focus was leadership of Public Sector Projects.

Director of Economic Development / Assistant to the City Manager, Wyoming, Michigan:

In this position, John was involved in over \$1.2 billion in industrial development projects. Directly responsible to the City Manager and Economic Development Corporation, his responsibilities also included assisting with the management of all city departments

City Manager, Coopersville, Michigan:

At the time of his appointment, John was the "Youngest City Manager in America". During his tenure, General Motors developed a \$100 million production facility in Coopersville.

EDUCATION:

Hope College, *cum laude*
B.A.
(Completed in 3 years)

Western Michigan University
with honors (4.0 G.P.A.)
M.P.A., Master of Public Administration

Grand Valley State University
Graduate Courses in Public Administration

PAST AND PRESENT: COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Michigan Infrastructure Council, Chairman	Redco Development Corporation (US Small Business Administration Regional Development Corporation in Wyoming Michigan)
Michigan 21 st Century Infrastructure Asset Management Pilot, West Michigan Chair	Easter Seals VIP Fund Raising Committee
Governor's Regional Reinvention Task Force	Grand Rapids Transit Authority, Board of Directors
West Michigan Prosperity Alliance (RPI Region 4), Chairman	Wyoming Economic Development Corporation, Board of Directors
Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors/Executive Committee Governmental Affairs Chair Political Action Committee/President's Club Leadership Grand Rapids Program, Class of 1985	American Society of Public Administrators
Kent County Road Commission, Chairman	West Michigan Chalk Art Festival, Board of Directors
Michigan State Chamber of Commerce Leadership Michigan Program, Class of 1991	Silent Observer of Kent County, Board of Directors
Grand Rapids Sustainable Streets Task Force Grand Rapids Vital Streets Oversight Commission	Northeast Ottawa Association of Governments, Founder and President
Kent County Fire Commission, Board of Directors	International, Michigan, West Michigan City Management Associations, Full Member
City of Grand Rapids-Smart Zone Development Financing Authority, Board of Directors	World Trade Week Association of Kent County, Board of Directors
Irwin Union Bank a division of Irwin Financial Corp. Advisory Board of Directors	United County Officers Association, Affiliate Member
Holland Police Community Relations Commission, Board of Directors	West Michigan Health Systems Agency, Business Advisory Group
West Michigan Policy Forum, Board of Directors	Rotary Club, President
Kendall College of Art and Design Foundation, Board	Greater Grand Rapids Economic Area Team, Technical Committee
Michigan Industrial Developers Association	Michigan Municipal League, Region 5 Officer
Michigan Townships Association, Kent County Vice Chairman	Michigan Municipal League Legislative Affairs Committee, Board of Directors
	Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police