



MARQUETTE COUNTY AMBASSADORS

INFRASTRUCTURE

GOAL

Ensure that our public infrastructure meets the needs of all citizens and keeps pace with advanced technologies.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

GOAL

Support the funding and appropriate regulatory oversight required to efficiently and effectively run local government

EDUCATION

GOAL

Advocate for changes necessary in P-20 education to prepare students for careers of the future and to provide a skilled workforce to support the region's employers.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

GOAL

To sustain, grow and diversify the Upper Peninsula's vibrant economy and outstanding quality of life.

CALL TO ACTION:

- ◆ Support utility corridor: Line 5 permitting and construction
- ◆ Expand high speed broadband
- ◆ Fund sustainable/permanent road funding
- ◆ Keep current Public Act 51 formula the same
- ◆ Support SB0026 and SB0039 addressing the "dark store" issue
- ◆ Sustain municipal finance and revenue sharing
- ◆ Oppose unfunded mandates
- ◆ Increase funding and awareness for CTE programming e.g. Placed students in careers including the military, and higher education programs
- ◆ Consider U.P.'s vast geographic distances for education e.g. Created Northern Promise (face-to-face university courses taught in high schools)
- ◆ Support investment in natural resource extraction industries i.e. Support HB 4227
- ◆ Support continuation of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) and flexible programming for rural areas
- ◆ Promote rural policies that move the U.P. forward e.g. Great Lakes Sports Commission

TAKE AWAYS:

- ◆ Consider statewide regional differences.
- ◆ Provide flexibility for local and regional solutions.
- ◆ Utilize local talent and expertise.



Marquette County Ambassadors

Fast Facts

Geographic Area: 3,425 sq. miles
Median Household Income: \$51,275
Median Home Sales Price: \$137,500
Largest County in Michigan
Most populous county in the U.P.

Our mission is to promote and foster economic vitality throughout Marquette County and the Upper Peninsula, to carry the story of the Marquette County area to others, and salute those who deserve recognition.



The Marquette County Ambassadors is a privately funded group of business, education, community and government leaders from across Marquette County. We work collaboratively with the Lake Superior Community Partnership, an accredited economic development organization, serving Marquette County and the Upper Peninsula. For over 50 years the Ambassadors have made an annual trip to Lansing to meet with legislators and state department personnel.

