

**Ravalli County Targeted Economic Development District (TEDD)  
and North Hamilton Urban Renewal District (NH-URD)**

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These Districts share a border and work closely with one another on infrastructure projects. Both Districts have Volunteer Advisory Boards. The Boards meet quarterly, or as needed. The TEDD has a Board member from the NH-URD and vice versa.

The NH-URD Board has two city staff, the planner and the public works director, two elected officials; a city counselor and a county commissioner, two members from the two school districts that are affected, and the economic development director.

The TEDD Board has one county commissioner, the county planner, the city's public works director, a member from the affected school district, an airport business owner, the airport board chair, a large land owner in the District, a private citizen and business owner, and the economic development director.

Both boards draft annual work plans and budgets that are provided to the elected bodies. Both boards make recommendations on projects; the boards have no financial authority.

Both districts are young, the TEDD 2015 and the NH-URD 2018. The Districts have always operated with Advisory Boards and in general the makeup described.

The TEDD has had the main goal of constructing sewer main line to connect to the city's treatment facility. This was a \$3.4 million project and is now a \$5.3 million project that is 60% complete.

The NH-URD was formed to provide the city with some ability to finance infrastructure that was lagging behind a quarter century due to prior leadership wanting to avoid growth.

The city and the county have a very strong working relationship that is beneficial for projects and highly beneficial for citizens. This includes letters of support for projects, expertise sharing, and assistance with review of grants and other funding when needed, and some project cost share.

All meetings are open to the public and noticed. Projects for both Districts are placed on the agenda of the local government and noticed; this begins early on with the preliminary consideration. If a project wishes to be considered for financial support from the District the

projects' financials will be discussed in public. Depending on the project, meetings are well attended.

Our Districts operate smoothly and we get things done. Due to the cross membership, the transparency of what projects or planning activities are in the pipeline, we don't have communication issues. Our Districts benefit one another and the success of one project and the intended outcomes depend greatly on the other local government's support. The work being accomplished is also mutually beneficial.

The RCEDA Director manages the Advisory Board and its tasks for the county and is the Chair of the NH-URD. This work frequently includes grant writing, project management, and assisting with financial structuring. Although RCEDA could charge something and the County could also hire someone there is no need. The ability to pay for admin is in the TEDD work plan but it has never been budgeted or used. The same is true for the NH-URD. *\*The city and the county contribute to support the RCEDA's annual budget; this has been true for the county since 2000 and the city since 2006; well before either District was formed.*

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