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Community Meeting Set to Help Plan for Kalkaska's Future

KALKASKA, MI – Kalkaska residents and business owners can help plan for the future of the community at a special *Speak Up Kalkaska!* meeting February 1. The meeting is part of a collaborative effort involving the Village of Kalkaska, Kalkaska Downtown Development Authority (DDA), Kalkaska County, and Kalkaska County Library as they work to plan for the future vision of the Kalkaska community and the role each entity will play in making that vision a reality. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Kalkaska High School Auditorium, 109 N. Birch Street.

At the meeting Kalkaska residents, business owners, and other stakeholders will learn about the planning process and share ideas and opinions about the local economy, housing, land use, education, parks, transportation, arts & culture, village services, and quality of life.

The February 1 meeting is part of a year-long process that will result in the creation of a new Library Master Plan and updates to the existing Village Master Plan, Village Recreation Plan, DDA Plan, and County Recreation Plan. The process and resulting documents will guide local land use and other community decisions, and will prepare the Kalkaska community to work together in responding to changing needs and making informed decisions about managing resources, building the economy, and directing growth.

The meeting is open to the public. If you are planning to attend and have a disability requiring any special assistance, or for more information, contact Networks Northwest at 231-929-5057 or elise.crafts@networksnorthwest.org. If you cannot attend the workshop you can participate in an online survey at this address: surveymonkey.com/r/Kalkaska2016.

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