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## Traxler directs McKenna's community development service

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A familiar Garden City planner has earned a new title and promotion with her company.

Michigan's largest community planning and design firm, McKenna Associates, has promoted Ann Arbor native Sarah Traxler to director of Community Development.



Traxler

the company's expansion of helping municipalities maximize the benefits of federal

Traxler, who in six years at McKenna has provided planning and redevelopment services to several Michigan communities, will oversee

programs while continuing to provide community planning and design services to dozens of community clients.

"Sarah Traxler is the force behind major successful redevelopment projects that are changing the future of communities by replacing blight and obsolescence with hope and opportunity," said Phillip C. McKenna, president and owner of McKenna

Associates. "Her work in Saginaw and Wayne County has made Sarah one of the state's preeminent community development specialists, with a gift for navigating the sometimes complex world of state and federal programs to ensure communities see maximum value for their citizens."

Nothing will change in Garden City.

"Sarah will be serving

Garden City as before, just with a different title," said Christina McKenna, communication director.

Traxler received a bachelor's degree from the University of California at Santa Cruz and a master's degree in urban and regional planning from the University of Michigan. She also is a board member of the Michigan Community Development Association.

McKenna Associates provides community planning, landscape architecture, urban design, zoning, economic development, community relations, public participation, and municipal wireless services to more than 150 cities, counties, townships, villages and select private firms across the Midwest.

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