



City Manager/Municipal Executive's Biography

Adam Smith currently serves as the city manager/municipal executive for the City of Grand Ledge. Since 2003, he has had the opportunity to work in village, city, and county government.

Smith is a full member of the International City-County Management Association (ICMA) and an active member of the Michigan Municipal Executives (MME). He has served many years as MME association's Advocacy Chairperson, on the Board of Directors from 2013-2016, and has worked to place MPA student interns and fellows in communities throughout Michigan for many years.

In addition to his service with MME, he served as chair of the Michigan Municipal League's (MML) Municipal Services Committee and currently serves on the Board of Trustees for the Worker's Compensation Fund as Chairperson. Smith served as the MML's City Manager Representative on the Elected Officials Academy Board of Directors for six years and received the League's Special Award of Merit in 2013.

Smith has a bachelor's degree majoring in both Public Administration and Sociology, a Master of Administrative Leadership from Central Michigan University; a Certificate in Strategic Foresight from the University of Houston; is a graduate of the Disney Institute for Leadership Excellence, and the Gettysburg Leadership Institute; and holds the designation of a Certified Labor Relations Leader from Michigan State University.

Over the past several years, Smith has spoken through an array of workshops with hundreds of elected and appointed officials, as well as municipal management personnel, regarding effective Council-Manager relationships, municipal partnerships, innovation, and leadership. Adam remains committed to life-long learning.