VICKSBURG, MI
Community Profile
Location

- Fifteen miles south of Kalamazoo, MI
- Eleven miles direct from Interstate 94
- Six miles direct off US-131
- Ten miles direct from the Kalamazoo International Airport
- Two rail lines travel the heart of the Village
Village Incorporated in 1871 after Founder John Vickers
- Operated by a Council President, Six Elected Officials and a Village Manager
- Department of Public Works
- Police Department
- South County Fire Authority
- South County EMS
- Bronson Vicksburg Hospital
- South County Community Services
- District Library
- Historic Museum
Training & Education

- Job Training & Grant Support; Free Recruitment & Screening Services through MichiganWorks!
- Michigan Manufacturing Technical Center Programs
- STEM
- Education for Employment
  (Programs include Computerized Manufacturing, Drafting, Electrical Engineering, Electronics & Robotics, Engineering Design, Welding)
- Project “Lead The Way”
- Co-op, Apprenticeship & Internship Programs
- Industry & Academic Workforce Consortium
- Vicksburg Community Schools Ranked top 20% Nationally with Graduation Rate of 92.3%
- One High School, One Middle School, Three Elementary

Workforce training has been given a high priority in the area, and the Michigan Technical Education Center was created to provide such training to business and industry in southwest Michigan. The focus of the center is to develop employee skills that will prepare them for the future. In 2003, M-TEC trained over 3,500 individuals.
Manufacturing Workskills

INDUSTRY & ACADEMIC WORKFORCE CONSORTIUM

Collaboration between:
• Vicksburg Manufacturing Companies
• KRESA (Kalamazoo Regional Education Service Agency)
• Vicksburg Community Schools
• Village of Vicksburg

GOAL
Enhance the pipeline of skilled workers from area schools to work in area manufacturing companies.
Workforce

RESIDENTS: 2,906
- Growth Rate 25.26%
- State of Michigan - .55%
- U.S. Median 9.71%

MEDIAN AGE
- Vicksburg 33.0 years of age
- State of Michigan 38.9
- US. Median 37.2

GRADUATION LEVELS:
- Graduate or Professional Degree (5.7%)
- Bachelor's Degree or Higher (19.4%)
- High School or Higher (92.2%)
Industrial Base

- Diverse Industrial Base
- Over 20 manufacturing firms
- Steel & Metal Fabricators, Plastic Injection Molding, Tool & Die, Chemical, Machining Technologies, Chemical, Equipment Manufacturing

“Cision has been thrilled with our decision to move to Vicksburg. It has been two years this past St Patrick’s Day, and everyone at the Village level has been great to work with. Being part of a smaller community has many perks and one of my favorite is the ability to communicate directly to decision makers at the local government level. Their willingness to listen, their pro-business attitude, and their progressive actions have been apparent to us from the outset. In fact, as we continue to grow, they have already shown a willingness to help us as we consider expansion.”
--- Todd Pease, President, Cision

“AccroSeal has grown on average of 15% for the past 15 years and has grown an average of 25% the last 4 years. We have been able to hire many excellent people from the town of Vicksburg and the surrounding area who have excellent work ethic and a great attitude. Vicksburg has been a great place for us to grow our business and expand our facility in its current location without any delay in our manufacturing production. Vicksburg is just a great small town to have a business. Everyone’s idea of small town America looks just like Vicksburg..”
--- James Sertic, President, AccroSeal
Industrial Parks

HISTORIC OLD MILL
• 40 Acres, being converted for new business, and land for build-to-suit.

HENRY A. LEJA BUSINESS PARK
• 40 Acres
• A few parcels still available for build-to-suit development
Incentives

Tax Incentives and grants that may be available, subject to state and local government approval which include:

- Historic Tax Credit
- Brownfield
- MEDC (Community Block Development Grant)
- MEGA (Michigan Economic Growth Authority)
- Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption (PA 198)
- EDJT (Economic Development Job Training)
- Tax Exempt Bonds (Job attraction)
- Energy Rebate Programs
- DDA Programs (i.e., Façade Programs)
Utilities & Taxes

High Speed Fiber Optics:
A variety of services are available over an AT&T fiber optic network which can be customized for your specific needs.

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* Based on one month service with a usage of 6,000 gallons
** Cents per kWh using 21,600 kWh per month, July 2014
*** Total Millage for Principal Residence, 2013
AVERAGE HOUSING COST:
- Vicksburg, MI $125,300
- State of Michigan $128,600
- U.S. Median $181,400

OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING:
- Vicksburg, MI 66.75%
- State of Michigan 61.6%
- U.S. Median 57.7%

AVB Condo & Housing Development:
- Angels Crossing
- Maple Meadows
- Trillium
- Madison Heights
- Allen Edwin Homes
Recreation

• Six golf courses including the acclaimed Angels Crossing which has been named to the top 10 public access golf courses in the State of Michigan.
• 18-hole Disc Golf Course which will host the 2015 World Disc Championship
• Extensive park system
• Fishing, boating, swimming, winter sports, events, museums, arts, an historic village as well as walking and bike paths.
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