



# Downtown Development Authority

**INFORMATIONAL MEETING AGENDA  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.  
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL,  
310 GREENWOOD ST., GRAND LEDGE MI 48837**

- I. ROLL CALL OF DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY –**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –** Any person(s) attending may participate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. The Chairman may choose to designate, with their consent, a Board Member or a person attending to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. The Downtown Development Authority shall not require any Board Member(s) or person(s) attending to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –** Any persons attending may comment on any subject. All presentations before the Downtown Development Authority shall be limited to five minutes per individual presentation. The Rules of Local Development Finance Authority prohibit the Downtown Development Authority from debating or discussing issues with the public.
- IV. INFORMATIONAL MEETING –** In compliance with Public Act 57 of 2018.

This meeting will be held in person, per the Open Meetings Act, and will also be livestreamed via Zoom for informational purposes only. The public is invited to attend in person to participate and offer comments. Written comments can also be submitted to the City Clerk at 310 Greenwood St., Grand Ledge MI 48837, or [cityhall@cityofgrandledge.com](mailto:cityhall@cityofgrandledge.com).

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## **2026/2027 PRIORITIES**

### **Tier 1**

#### **Continued Development of Jaycee Park and Public Spaces**

Multi-purpose structure at Jaycee Park, additional bathrooms and amenities

#### **Mast Arms at Bridge and Jefferson Intersection/Enhanced Pedestrian Safety**

#### **DDA Plan Update – (expires December 2027)**

#### **Preservation of District Amenities**

Riverwalk repaving, seal stamped concrete, bollard replacement in Log Jam Lot

### **Tier 2**

#### **Public/Private Partnership for Infill Development of Bridge Street Plaza**

#### **Redevelopment of 300 Block of N. Bridge Street**

#### **Strategic Property Acquisition**

#### **Façade/Renovation Programs**

Revise façade and renovation grants policies and evaluate signature building program

#### **Entryway signage**

Signage at corner of M-43/M-100 and CSX property

**DDA**  
**Completed Projects**  
**Updated April 3, 2026**

- Removed blighted canopy behind Fortino's
- Demolished houses along E. River Street
- E. River Street reconstruction and parking
- Parking Lot #7 Preston's reconstruction and entrances rebuilt
- Parking Lot #3 Log Jam resurfacing
- Parking Lot #4 Library reconstruction
- Parking Lot #1 Cugino's reconstruction of NE portion
- Parking Lot #2 Flour Child reconstruction
- 300 & 400 blocks of S. Bridge reconstruction, pedestrian & parking enhancements, traffic calming/flow improvements
- Petoskey Drive development (Arcadia Apartments)
- Jaycee Park development - public bathrooms, hillside public seating, and performance shelter
- Signage throughout downtown
- New GL banners throughout downtown
- Enhanced snow removal in the District in partnership with the City
- Promotions/Marketing partnership with GL Chamber which includes Music in the Park and Movies in the Park
- Multiple public art pieces within the district
- Best of Grand Ledge 2017 Photo Contest
- Best of Grand Ledge 2022 Photo Contest
- Memorial benches throughout district to date we have 14
- Holiday decorations and Christmas tree each year in partnership with GL Chamber
- Created and installed Santa Box Christmas 2021 – enhancements Christmas of 2024
- Purchased waste receptacles for district and continue adding where needed
- Purchased and placed 5 picnic tables in Bridge Street Plaza and Jaycee Park

- Provided numerous façade and renovation grants to downtown businesses
- Enhanced use of pots downtown to include fall and winter décor and coordinated painting of the pots with Love My City group
- Crosswalk at Midblock (100) W. Jefferson, enhanced crosswalk for E. Jefferson
- Majority of the district sidewalk connectivity project is complete
- Morley Street and Orchard Street reconstruction in partnership with the City
- Fire Department parking lot resurfacing
- Police vehicle acquisition (2)
- Increased district taxable value
- Since 2014 the DDA has paid \$5,517,043 in bond debt with a remaining \$6,129,663.
- Public/Private agreement with First United Methodist Church for additional parking downtown
- Public/Private agreement with Mills Funeral Home for additional parking downtown
- Annual crack filling of parking lots throughout district
- Installed two (2) umbrella picnic tables by splash pad in Jaycee Park
- Streetscape improvements including planter boxes with enhanced seating, stamped concrete, pervious pavement around street trees, and the addition of recycling receptacles throughout district
- Painting of light poles throughout district
- Brick pavement replacement in Log Jam parking lot
- Created West River Street public space which includes umbrella tables
- West River Street closure bollards, enabling community events from Bridge Street to Harrison Street.
- West River Street tiered hillside seating
- Island Parking Lot pavement and enhanced parking design
- West River Street reconstruction in partnership with the City
- Sewer enhancements on West River Street in partnership with the City
- Deck expansion in Riverfront Park including solar charging stations, planter boxes, benches, and year-round fireplace

- Bathroom installation (year-round) in Riverfront Park
- Reconstruction of North Bridge Street in partnership with MDOT
- Addition of mid-block crossing on North Bridge Street for enhanced pedestrian safety
- Veteran banner program, started in 2025 with 12 banners, 2026 will have approximately 37 banners
- Major contributor of the Jaycee Park Playground
- Lighting repairs at Fitzgerald Field
- Repairs and new doors installed on two dumpster enclosures
- Jaycee Park ADA Observation Platform