

2003 & 2004 Cool Cities Grants & Planning Programs Neighborhood Award Designees - Michigan Cool Cities – Cool Cities Collaborative Michigan State Housing Development Authority

2004 Cool Cities Neighborhoods in Progress

Alpena – Heritage Riverwalk: The grant will be used to develop a pedestrian-orientated walkway through downtown on both sides of the river, providing non-motorized linkage between the downtown and public and private development projects occurring along the river.

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Bay City – Waterfall Park: The project is Waterfall Park, to be located at the end of Third Street and extending to the first bridge to cross the Saginaw River. The project is innovative, educational, and incorporates the natural beauty of the river community.

Contact: Candace Bales, Executive Director, Downtown Management Board & Development Authority, 901 Saginaw St., Bay City, MI 48708, Phone (989) 893-3573, Fax (989) 893-3586, director@downtownbaycity.com, and Patty Stowell, Economic Development Marketing Manager, (989) 894-8227, PStowell@baycitymi.org

Detroit – Eastern Market: The Greater Downtown Partnership proposes to renovate Shed #2 which will allow an additional 50 vendors to conduct business. In addition, the project establishes the Eastern Market neighborhood as a link to the riverfront and downtown.

Contact: Jim Sutherland, Greater Downtown Partnership, 719 Griswold Street, Suite 270, Detroit, MI 48226, phone (313) 964-8500, fax (313) 964-8508, jsutherland@detroiteasternmarket.com

Detroit – Entertainment and Technology Incubator: The Jefferson East Business Association proposes to redevelop three dilapidated buildings into Entertainment and Technology Incubators. They will contain 28 residential loft apartments, a TV production studio, and a number of retail and food service establishments.

Contact: Joshua R. Ellins, Executive Director, Jefferson East Business Association, 14628 E. Jefferson, Detroit, MI 48215, Phone (313) 331-7939, Fax (313) 331-0311, jelling@jeffersoneast.org

Detroit – Odd Fellows Hall Rehab: The Southwest Detroit Business Association proposes the renovation of the Odd Fellows Hall located in the heart of the Springwells neighborhood. It will become a key anchor in this multicultural area.

Contact: Kathy Wendler, President, Southwest Detroit Business Association, 7752 W. Vernor Highway, Detroit MI 48209, (313) 842-0986, kathyw@southwestdetroit.com

Ferndale – BUILD Program: The Ferndale Downtown Development Authority would use the catalyst grant to expand the BUILD Program, which offers a 20 percent reimbursement for exterior building improvements to properties within the downtown area. Additional Cool City funding would enable up to five properties to be added to the program.

Contact: Cristina Sheppard-Decius, Executive Director, Ferndale Downtown Development Authority, 300 E. Nine Mile Rd., Ferndale, MI 48220, Phone (248) 546-1632, Fax (248) 591-7034, csdecius_dda@ameritech.net

Flint – Nonprofit Lofts on 1st Street: The grant will be used to restore the exterior of the Republic Bank Building which will become First Street Lofts, a 16-unit loft development in downtown Flint.

Contact: Tim Herman, President, Uptown Reinvestment Corp, 503 S. Saginaw St., Suite 810, Flint, MI 48502, Phone (810) 232-6420, Fax (810) 232-5277, twherm@aol.com

Grand Rapids – Dwelling Place of Grand Rapids, Inc. – Avenue for the Arts Project: The Avenue for the Arts Project includes the historic renovation of seven buildings, streetscape improvements along with the creation of public art, murals, and the development of 35 loft apartments.

Contact: Dennis Sturtevant, Chief Executive Officer, Dwelling Place of Grand Rapids, Inc., 101 Sheldon Blvd. SE, Suite 2, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, Phone (616) 454-0928, Fax (616) 454-5249, dsturtevant@dwellingplacegr.org

Grand Rapids – Uptown Revitalization: The Uptown Revitalization Project contains a new retail development utilizing green technology that is compatible with historic district standards; a façade improvement program for historic commercial structures; and a wayfinding design program to increase the walkability of the Uptown area.

Contact: Guy Bazzani, CEO, Uptown Advisory Council, 131 Eastern SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, Phone (616) 774-2002, guy@bazzani.com or Rachel Lee Rachel@bazzani.com

Jackson – Armory Arts Project: The Jackson Armory Arts Project will include the redevelopment of an abandoned industrial site into a center for the arts and culture, including 39 affordable loft apartments.

Contact: Debbie Weid, Economic Development Project Manager, Department of Community Development, City of Jackson, 161 W. Michigan Avenue, Jackson, MI 49201, Phone (517) 768-6433, Fax (517) 768-5832, dswei@cityofjackson.org

Kalamazoo – Smartshop Relocation: The City of Kalamazoo will use the grant monies to move Smartshop, a unique metalworking school, gallery, and sculpture garden to a new location on the city's north side.

Contact: Martha Aills, Special Projects Coordinator, City of Kalamazoo, 241 West South St., Kalamazoo, MI 49007, Phone (269) 337-8082, Fax (269) 337-8429, aillsm@kalamazoocity.org

Marquette – Commons Project: The Marquette Commons Project will consist of a groomed, refrigerated ice plaza with a skating rink, warming house, a non-motorized trail and a fountain located near the heart of the city on the site of an old parking lot and elevated railroad trestle.

Contact: Mona Lang, Executive Director of Downtown Development Authority, Marquette Downtown Development Authority, 220 W. Washington St., Suite 410, Marquette, MI 49855, Phone (906) 228-9475, Fax (906) 228-6288, mlang@downtownmarquette.org

Port Huron – Art Incubator in Relics Building Near Waterfront Development: The catalyst project is conversion of the Relic Building into an Art Incubator for artists. The neighborhood is a vibrant, traditional downtown neighborhood offering diverse arts and culture in the heart of this historic city.

Contact: Randy Maiers, CFRE, President, Community Foundation of St. Clair County, 516 McMorrان Blvd., Port Huron, MI 48060, (810) 984-4761, cell (810) 934-1971, www.stclairfoundation.org, randy@stclairfoundation.org

Portland – Downtown Boardwalk Construction Project: The catalyst project is a boardwalk that will connect the pedestrian bridge over the confluence of the Grand and Looking Glass Rivers. The boardwalk will run along the back of the commercial buildings on the 100 block of Kent Street. The grant will leverage additional funding for the development of lofts in the buildings.

Contact: James E. Barnes, Mayor, City of Portland, 259 Kent Street, Portland, MI 48875, Phone (517) 647-3211, Fax (517) 647-2938, barnesje@michigan.gov

Saginaw – Aubry Cleaners and Federal Buildings Redevelopment: The catalyst grant will be used to redevelop two currently vacant buildings into first-floor commercial and second-floor residential uses. The two buildings are the former Aubry Cleaners building and the Federal Avenue Building.

Contact: Tom Miller, Sr., Interim DDA Director, City of Saginaw, 1315 S. Washington Ave., Saginaw, MI 48601, Phone: (989) 759-1776, Cell: (989) 737-5540, Fax: (989) 759-1607, tmiller@saginaw-mi.com and Amos O’Neal, City Council Member, amossam@charter.net, (989) 737-5563

Saugatuck – Center for Arts and Streetscape Project: The project involves the renovation of the old Pie Factory into the Saugatuck Center for the Arts and the enhancement of the adjacent city parking area, including streetscape improvements on Mason Street and Culver Street.

Contact: Felicia Fairchild, Executive Director, Saugatuck- Douglas Convention and Visitors Bureau, ffairchild@saugatuck.com and Kristin Armstrong, Executive Director of Center for Arts, Kristin@sc4a.org

Sault Ste. Marie – Soo Theatre Complex: The project proposes to restore and renovate the classic and historic Soo Theatre Complex to its original grandeur of the 1930's. This project is part of the downtown revitalization and will provide economic development and other economic benefits.

Contact: Lee Brown, Director, Downtown Development Authority, 105 Arlington St., Sault Ste. Marie, MI, 906.635.6973, saultdda@sault.com and Dianna Heinzelman George, President, Soo Theatre Project, Inc., PO Box 1435, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, Phone (906) 632-1930, Fax (906) 635-1906, diannageorge7@hotmail.com

Warren – Warren City Square: The City Square Project is a two-acre urban park that will contain a multipurpose improvement that is a fountain in the warmer months and an ice rink in the winter. The City Square will be bounded by the new City Hall/Library, high-density residential and commercial retail, and a childcare center.

Contact: Gina Cavaliere, DDA/TIFA Director, City of Warren, 29500 Van Dyke, Warren, MI 48093, (586) 574-4529, gcavaliere@cityofwarren.org

Ypsilanti – Riverside Arts Center Expansion: Downtown Ypsilanti plans facility improvements to the Riverside Arts Center and to partner with DTE to expand the project. The project will involve the reutilization of a vacant office structure for retail gallery, studio, office and theater set construction and other Arts Center uses in Ypsilanti's downtown historic neighborhood.

Contact: Brian Vosburg, DDA Director, City of Ypsilanti, 1 South Huron St., Ypsilanti, MI 48197, Phone (734) 482-1410, brian@ypsilantidda.org

2004 Cool Cities Michigan Main Streets

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Muskegon - Mr. Dan Rinsema-Sybenga, Main Area First, Main Street Manager, 900 Third Street, Suite200, Muskegon, MI 49440, 231.724.3180, drinsema-sybenga@muskegon.org

Niles - Ms. Lisa Croteau, DDA/Main Street Manager, 210 E. Main Street, Niles, MI 49120, 269.687.4332, nilesmainstreet@sbcglobal.net

2004 Cool Cities Blueprints for Michigan's Downtowns

Charlotte - Mr. Brian Myrkle, Economic Development Director, City of Charlotte, 111 E. Lawrence, Charlotte, MI 48813, 517.543.8853, bmyrkle@charlottemi.org

Fremont - Mr. Chris Yonker, City Manager, City of Fremont, 101 E. Main Street, Fremont, MI 49412, 231.924.2102, chris@cityoffremont.net

Highland Park - Ms. Harriet Saperstein, HP Devco [City of Highland Park], 12541 Second Avenue, Highland Park, MI 48203, 313.252.0353, ext. 12, hsaperstein@hpdevco.com

Houghton - Mr. Scott MacInnes, City Manager, City of Houghton, P.O. Box 606, Houghton, MI 49931, 906.483.4647, citymanager@cityofhoughton.com

Howard City - Mr. Mark E. Rambo, Village Manager, 125 E. Shaw Street, P.O. Box 510, Howard City, MI 49329, 231.937.4311, hcmanger@charterinternet.com

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Menominee - Mr. Eric Strahl, City Manager, City of Menominee, 2511 Tenth Street, Menominee, MI 49858, 906.863.2656, estrah@cityofmenominee.net, cc: Harry Ellery, Building Official, hellery@cityofmenominee.net

Saline - Mr. Larry Stoever, City Manager, City of Saline, 100 N. Harris, Saline, MI 48176, 734.429.3148, lstoever@ci.saline.mi.us, cc: Art Trapp, DDA Director, 734.429.4907 ext. 210, cell 734.604.0051, atrapp@ci.saline.mi.us

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