## DRAFT - Village of Calumet Downtown Development Authority FY2023 Annual Synopsis of Authority Accomplishments

- 1. TIF REVENUES NOT EXPENDED WITHIN 5 YEARS OF RECEIPT None, all funds have been expended within 5 years of receipt.
- 2. LIST OF AUTHORITY ACCOMPLISHMENTS
  - Saw completion of the work on three Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) Community Revitalization Program (CRP) grant projects (100 5th Street, 104 5th Street, 201 5th Street), two of which the DDA supported with local financial match.
  - Supported the community garden with water service for resident gardeners. The
    community garden activates a previously underutilized vacant lot in the downtown
    district, encouraging participation in the nearby businesses.

## 3. LIST OF AUTHORITY PROJECTS AND INVESTMENTS

- Applied for a Community Places CDBG Grant through MEDC for \$311k to create a public greenspace next to the Calumet Theatre and adjacent property on 5th Street, utilizing the concept plan created by the public input process undertaken in FY2021. Final grant agreement documents and construction is expected in FY2024.
- Promotion of DDA properties and Houghton County Land Bank properties within the DDA District via the Village website to encourage redevelopment.
- Purchase of flowers for downtown street pole baskets and paid for watering services, beautification in the district is key attracting visitors and residents downtown.
- Partnered with the Village of Calumet HDC on a Keweenaw National Historical Park
  Advisory Commission grant to replace the brackets and street signs on the poles in the
  historic district to be executed in 2024.
- Provided financial support to the Village of Calumet Historic District Commission.
- Supported equipment purchases for the Village Streets Department that are used to maintain the district; grader/loader and bulldozer.
- Supported DDA district sidewalk and street sweeping

## 4. LIST OF AUTHORITY EVENTS AND PROMOTIONAL CAMPAIGNS

- The DDA supported the Main Street Calumet dba From the Ground Farmers Market
   Collective to continue running the Farmers Market held in downtown Calumet
   throughout the summer. The market brought considerable foot traffic to the district on
   the weekends and provided additional interest for visitors to the community. The market
   participates in many food access programs allowing residents of all income levels to
   access fresh local food.
- The DDA hosted horse drawn wagon rides in December, 2022 for Christmas in Calumet, a series of promotional events organized by partner Main Street Calumet, featuring family friendly activities that draw shoppers downtown during the holiday season to enjoy the district's traditional architecture and small town atmosphere.