

**Village of Calumet Downtown Development Authority  
FY2022 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
  - Completed the update of the DDA & TIF Plans
  - Updated the DDA fiscal year to match the Village fiscal year
3. LIST OF AUTHORITY PROJECTS AND INVESTMENTS
  - Worked with Main Street Calumet and Village to apply for a grant from Portage Health Foundation to establish a community garden in the 400 block of 5th Street, activating underutilized vacant lots. In FY 2022 the community garden was created but beds were not ready until near the end of the growing season. To execute the creation of sixteen 4'x8' raised beds, seven 4'x4' raised bed fruit tree planters, and a garden shed, the DDA coordinated with YouthWork. YouthWork is an AmeriCorp program based in Northwestern Michigan that also serves the Upper Peninsula, that teaches conservation and preservation skills to youth while compensating them for their time.
  - Engaged with YouthWork to repaint the Agassiz Park Pavillion and repair picnic tables in Agassiz Park.
  - Hired a local contractor to further stabilize the DDA property at 427 5th Street by removing a deteriorated rear entrance porch and debris from the alley at the back of the property. YouthWork crews then secured two basement entrances and then removed a non-historic pent roof on the facade of the building. YouthWork crews also replaced a door on the front of the building and painted the facade. The appearance and security of the property was greatly improved by this work.
  - Engaged with YouthWork to have sand removed from the basement of the DDA property at 512 Portland Street, that entered the building as a result of the large amount of water that was used to put out a large fire at a nearby property.
  - Committed \$20,000 to serve as local match funding for three Community Revitalization Program grant applications that if successful will result in the redevelopment of 3 buildings within the district.
  - In the wake of a devastating fire within the DDA district that destroyed 3 buildings, badly damaged a 4th and displaced 41 people, the DDA worked with local and regional agencies to attract the help of EPA/EGLE to conduct site clean-up and secure a Michigan Enhancement Grant for \$250,000 which will aid in redevelopment of the site.
  - 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.
  - Continued support of Village of Calumet Historic District Commission
  - Support of equipment purchases for the Village Streets Department that are used to maintain the district; grader/loader and bulldozer.
  - Continued support of DDA district sidewalk snow removal
  - Continued support of 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.