

### **Demolition of abandoned and deteriorated buildings**

Over 12 buildings were demolished within the DDA Boundaries (I-275 and Huron River Dr. to the Goddard and Wayne Roads intersection area) since 2001.

### **Ornamental Streetlights in 2002**

52 Ornamental street lights were installed along Goddard Road from 5-Points to Romaine and from RR Tracks to Wayne Road at an approximate cost of \$356,000.

### **Property purchase for redevelopment**

The DDA has purchased over three quarters of a million dollars in property within the DDA district in an effort to redevelop and promote our downtown and expand the Romulus Historical Park.

### **Expansion of Romulus Historical Park**

17 lots were purchased north of Romulus Historical Park on Hunt and Goddard Roads and deeded to the City of Romulus in order to expand the park. We have a conceptual park design plan which studies land use, site circulation, recreation, lighting, landscaping and image.

### **Goddard Road Joint Repair**

The DDA contributed approximately \$150,000 to the Goddard Road joint repair project in 2003.

### **Streetlight Banners in 2005**

The DDA has purchased custom-designed banners for the new streetlights. (52, 8-ft. banners for each season.) Festival Street banner for the 2 new Strain Poles across Goddard Road at Gabriel, was ordered.

### **Senior Center Construction - \$3.4 million in combined DDA bonds & CDBG grants - 2005**

The DDA bonded for the construction of a new Senior Center. Community Development Block Grant funds contributes 2/3 of the bond repayment for the construction until 2013 and the DDA pays for approximately 1/3 of the bond payment.

### **Shook Road Public Parking Lot – 2005**

The DDA purchased property on Shook Road across from Comerica Bank in 2005, with plans to construct a new parking lot. A Historic home on this site was successfully moved to another area of the DDA district and this lot has been cleared.

### **Purchase of 11189 Shook Road at auction**

This building, purchased in 2006, houses the Romulus Chamber of Commerce and the remainder is leased to the City of Romulus for the storage of records.

### **Facade Enhancement Grant Program 2007**

In an effort to promote our downtown the DDA adopted a Façade Enhancement Program. We have awarded four downtown businesses matching funds to construct new facades for their buildings. This loan program becomes a grant at the end of five years if all the contract specifications have been met.

### **Monument and Other Signage – 2009**

The DDA has completed the construction of 2 LED digital display monument signs at City Hall and Romulus Historical Park. A new sign has been constructed and installed at the NW corner of Wayne and Goddard Roads and 14 new directional signs, used as way-finding to our downtown.

### **Street Clock at 5-Points – 2009**

With the help of the Romulus Wesleyan Church and their easement to the City of Romulus, the DDA purchased and installed a 4-faced street clock at the 5-points intersection, including landscape improvements.

### **Parking lot construction at MaryAnn Banks Park – 2009**

DDA paved the city parking lot adjacent to Mary Ann Banks Park and the area west of the Wesleyan Church. Landscaping in the southern part of the park was also included.

### **Restoration of downtown historical buildings**

In the summer of 2009, the DDA restored the exterior of the Samuel L. Kingsley historic home in Romulus Historical Park.

### **Restoration of Historical Park Gazebo and CSX Caboose- – Sept. 2010**

These structures were in desperate need of restoration. The DDA had the sandblasting and painting of these structures done. Restoration completed in September of this year.

### **Property Purchase/Seniors Community Garden**

The DDA purchased two lots adjacent to the Romulus Senior Center to build a community garden for our seniors to maintain. Ten 3x8 foot raised boxes were constructed for the seniors, by the DPW, with a \$200 grant from Home Depot. The Romulus Boy Scout Troop #872 provided 3 benches for seniors and built a cement pad and constructed 2 raised beds for handicapped seniors. Romulus Boy Scout Troop #872 built 6 additional garden boxes and later constructed a mulch walkway around the garden boxes. The Eagle Scouts help to maintain the gardens for any senior that needs help. Blocks greenhouses donate plants for garden and DDA assists with supplies.

### **Romulus Historical Park and Mary Ann Banks Park in the DDA District.**

The DDA helps to maintain the parks throughout the year, including providing mulch for the landscape beds and flowers for the planters. They also provide portable toilets for the seasons.

### **Goddard Road Reconstruction Grant-2011/2012-\$200,000 DDA matching funds for \$2mil STIP road reconstruction grant** for Goddard Road - 5 Points intersection north to Romaine Street.

### **Goddard Road Reconstruction began in May 2014, completed the \$4 mil grant**

Goddard Road - Romaine Street to Wayne Road. Goddard Road - \$1mil portion of bond for DDA for street enhancements to remove ADA barriers, Historical Park enhancements, a parking lot on Shook near Goddard and LED conversion of DDA streetlights has been completed.

### **Historical Park Pavilion Grant- 2010/2011 – completed in August 2011**

The City of Romulus received \$130,000 in grants from Wayne County Parks millage for a new park pavilion. DDA managed the project and contributed additional funding for the pavilion. (The City contracted in August 2010)

### **Street lights in Romulus Historical Park were converted to LED lighting- Oct.2011**

16 light fixtures were refitted with LED bulbs from Ledtronics, Inc., to reduce energy costs. An additional fixture was purchased from LEDOS, Inc. in Dec. 2010. Our DTE bill realized a 66% reduction in the first month.

### **Property Purchase / 36542 Goddard Road-from the City of Romulus.** The DDA purchased this from the City of Romulus through tax reversion in Aug. 2012. It is the intent of the DDA to make facade enhancements and offer for lease/sale.

### **Partner with the Romulus Arts Council Public Art Project 2015** to Place winning art pieces in the Downtown, reproductions of the top ten winners in the national contest have been placed outdoors in area businesses.

**“Downtown Romulus” Facebook** page, developed in 2013, is updated regularly and we currently have over 2,264 friends. Added a link to the listing of all Romulus properties for sale.

### **Updated Plan/Ordinance & Studies**

DDA updated their project list in the DDA Plan Master Plan update for the DDA section Residential Target Market Analysis Economic Development & Marketing Plan

### **DDA Sponsored Park Maintenance**

The DDA provides dedicated funding for both the Historical Park and MaryAnn Banks park maintenance including: Mulch for the landscaping, portable bathrooms, the purchase of permanent trash cans, electrical for the Christmas Tree and the installation of security cameras.

### **DDA Sponsored/Co-Sponsored Events**

The DDA provides dedicated funding for several events that are held within the district. The Curling Royale, Farmers Market, Sounds in Downtown, Easter Egg Hunt, Clean Sweep, Spring Fling, Movies in the Park, Pumpkin Festival, Family Fall Fest, Gobble Wobble Turkey Trot, Tree Lighting.

### **PLANS FOR THE FUTURE:**

- Solicit new businesses for Downtown
- Work with Community Services/Recreation to research funding to update and convert the ice rink to Splash Park in summer.
- Additional business façade enhancements
- Replace banners and holiday decorations
- Order new Street Banner for the new Strain Poles at Goddard and Gabriel
- LED conversion at Senior Center and municipal complex light poles
- Promote Redevelopment Liquor Licenses to potential tenants/owners. Community Art