

Synopsis of Activities
Newaygo Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA)
Fiscal year 2018-19

1. Progress made on development plan and tax increment finance plan goals and objectives.
 - a. Improved entrances to downtown parking: Archway rehab.
 - b. Aesthetic improvements to downtown: Conversion and maintenance of landscaping beds and features – South parking lot.
 - c. Visual entrance to City: Rehab and installation of PSD sign – north entrance.
 - d. Prevention of urban deterioration and encouragement of neighborhood revitalization: Funding of crime prevention officer and related equipment and materials.
 - e. Exploration of walkability improvements.
 - f. Drafting of an Economic Development Plan.
 - g. Concepts for key development sites: Uptown business district, old elementary school site, west Wood Street properties.
 - h. Operation of a community business center: The Stream, 1 State Rd – Business incubation, co-working space, meeting rooms, and business skills training.
2. Projects – Completed and Active.
 - a. Completed:
 - i. Hired Economic Development Coordinator to help assist with project coordination.
 - ii. Paved several streets
 - iii. Water tower rehabilitation and painting
 - iv. Contribution to storm water system creation - Scott St
 - v. On-street parking next to Brooks Park
 - b. Active:
 - i. Pedestrian bridge to connect downtown to Henning Park: Concept, cost estimates, seek funding sources, promotion/education.
 - ii. Wood St properties: pursuit of developers to improve properties
 - iii. Exploration of a medical facility for Community.
 - iv. Museum rehabilitation and expansion.
3. Events and promotional campaigns.
 - a. Hired Economic Development Coordinator to promote ideas/projects.
 - b. Support of festivals to bring attention and focus to district.
 - c. “IamNEWaygo” public engagement meetings.