

Synopsis of Activities
Newaygo Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA)
Fiscal year 2022-23

1. Progress made on development plan and tax increment finance plan goals and objectives.
 - a. Aesthetic improvements to downtown: Funds granted for new pocket park/Town Square. Façade improvement program setup. Maintenance of landscaping beds and features. Replaced some light poles. Brighter lighting.
 - b. Visual entrance to City: Due diligence to plan for construction and installation of City Welcome sign.
 - c. Cultural support: Support of Library improvements.
 - d. Prevention of urban deterioration and encouragement of neighborhood revitalization: Funding of crime prevention and related equipment and materials.
 - e. Walkability improvements: New sidewalks to parking areas downtown. New crosswalks.
 - f. Enhancement of riverfront: Funds granted for enhancement and restoration of old powerhouse building on river for public recreation use.
 - g. 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. Sidewalk connections and crosswalks in downtown for enhanced walkability and access to businesses
 - ii. Paved several streets
 - iii. Disc golf: Seven holes installed (out of 18 planned).
 - iv. New dugouts for baseball fields constructed in Henning Park.
 - v. Housing: River Hills Estates plat. Many new homes. Subdivision nearly full.
 - b. Active:
 - i. Championship level disc golf course – Eleven holes yet to be completed.
 - ii. Town square project. Next step is architectural design.
 - iii. Water service line replacement project.
 - iv. Old powerhouse building rehabilitation for open air pavilion. Roof replacement underway. Structural assessment planned. Other physical improvements coming.
3. Events and promotional campaigns.
 - a. Collaboration with The Right Place to promote and work on ideas/projects.
 - b. Collaboration with Chamber of Commerce to promote/support businesses in district
 - c. Support of festivals to bring attention and focus to district.