



DDP ANNUAL MEETING



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THE CITY OF
DAVENPORT
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DDP Board Chair



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Dana Wilkinson

* Non-voting member

Kyle Carter

Executive Director, DDP



Place Management

Place Management Organizations deliver special services and activities within the boundaries of Business Improvement Tax Districts (SSMID).

DDP Mission Statement

“Administer and operate a program for the general improvement and redevelopment of Davenport’s Central Business District and to enhance its aesthetic appearance and economic future for the community and all the citizens of Davenport.”



DDP Pillars of Work – SSMID MGMT.

Business & Economic Growth

Business Retention & Recruitment

Grant Funding

Strategic Planning

Technical Assistance

Business Intelligence

Networking

Infrastructure & Livability

Clean & Safe

Property Improvements

Placemaking Projects

Complete Streets

Walkability

Riverfront Beautification

Public Art

Residential Support

Advocacy, Promotions & Events

Marketing & Communications

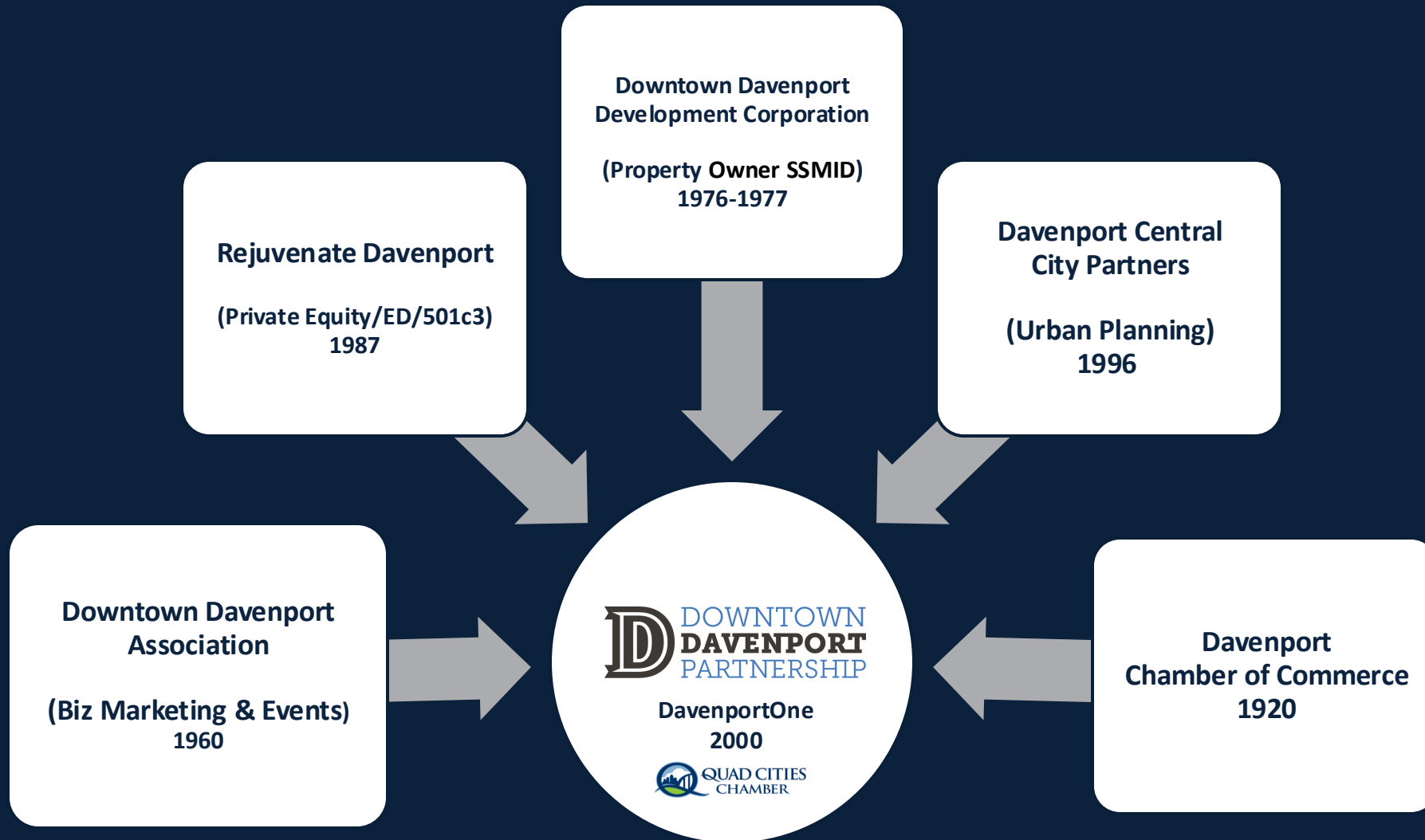
Events, Festivals & Place Activations

Government & Legislative Policy Advocacy

Small Business Promotions

Arts & Culture Activations

Why this scope of work?



Today DDP represents:

270+

Businesses

6,500

Extended Workforce Number
(3,800 Inbound Daily Commuters + 200 Residents)

\$434M

Total Taxable Value

460

Property Parcels

2,700

Residents

32

Board Members

LOCALLY OWNED & INVESTED

85%+

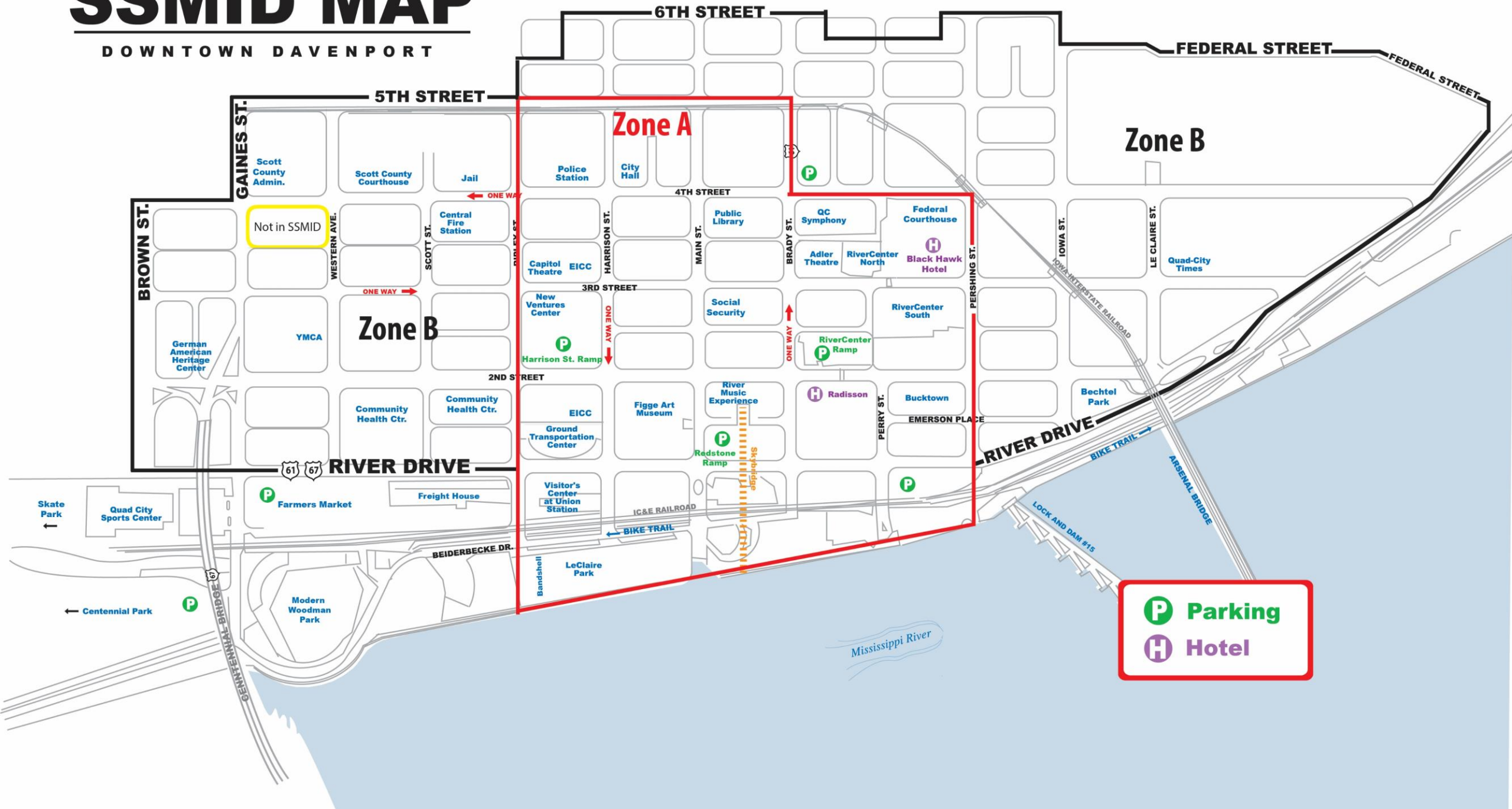
LOCAL

More than 85% of Downtown Davenport SSMID stakeholders are local business owners, property owners, developers, nonprofits and community organizations.

Fewer than 10% represent national corporations, chains or federal entities.

SSMID MAP

DOWNTOWN DAVENPORT



OUR TEAM

Downtown Davenport Partnership Staff



Kyle Carter
Executive Director



Alisha Espey
Sr. Director, Programs & Events



Tony Behncke
Director, Operations



Haley Moore
Manager, Placemaking & Marketing



Additional support provided by QC Chamber Finance, Admin & Marketing teams



Downtown Davenport Ambassadors

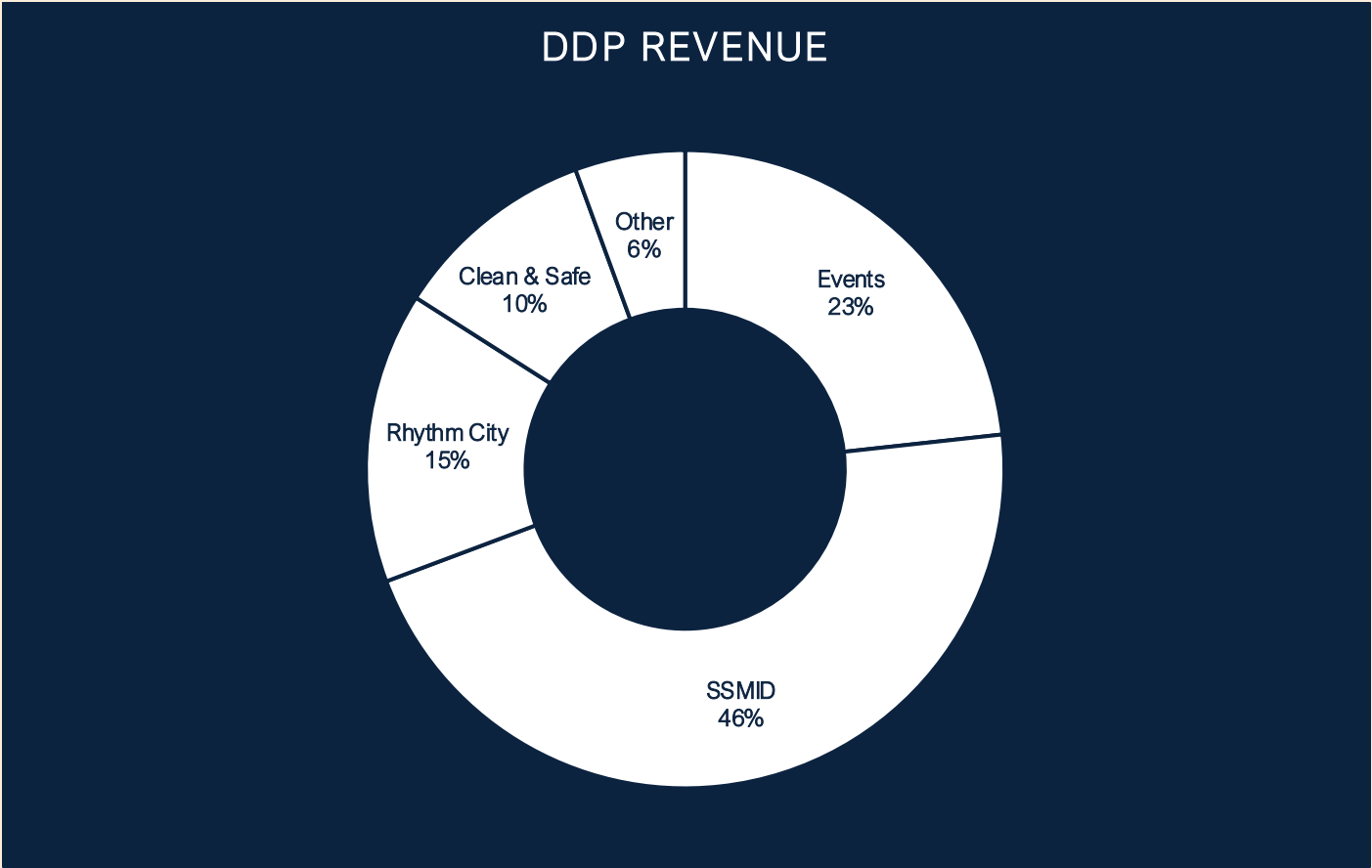
Clean & Safe Team

An aerial photograph of a city, likely Pittsburgh, showing a wide river (the Allegheny River) with several bridges. The city is densely packed with buildings of various heights and colors, including brick and modern glass structures. A large, multi-arched bridge spans the river in the background. In the foreground, there are parking lots, streets, and a bridge structure. The sky is clear and blue.

Business & Economic Growth

DDP FY26 Income

As of May 31, 2026



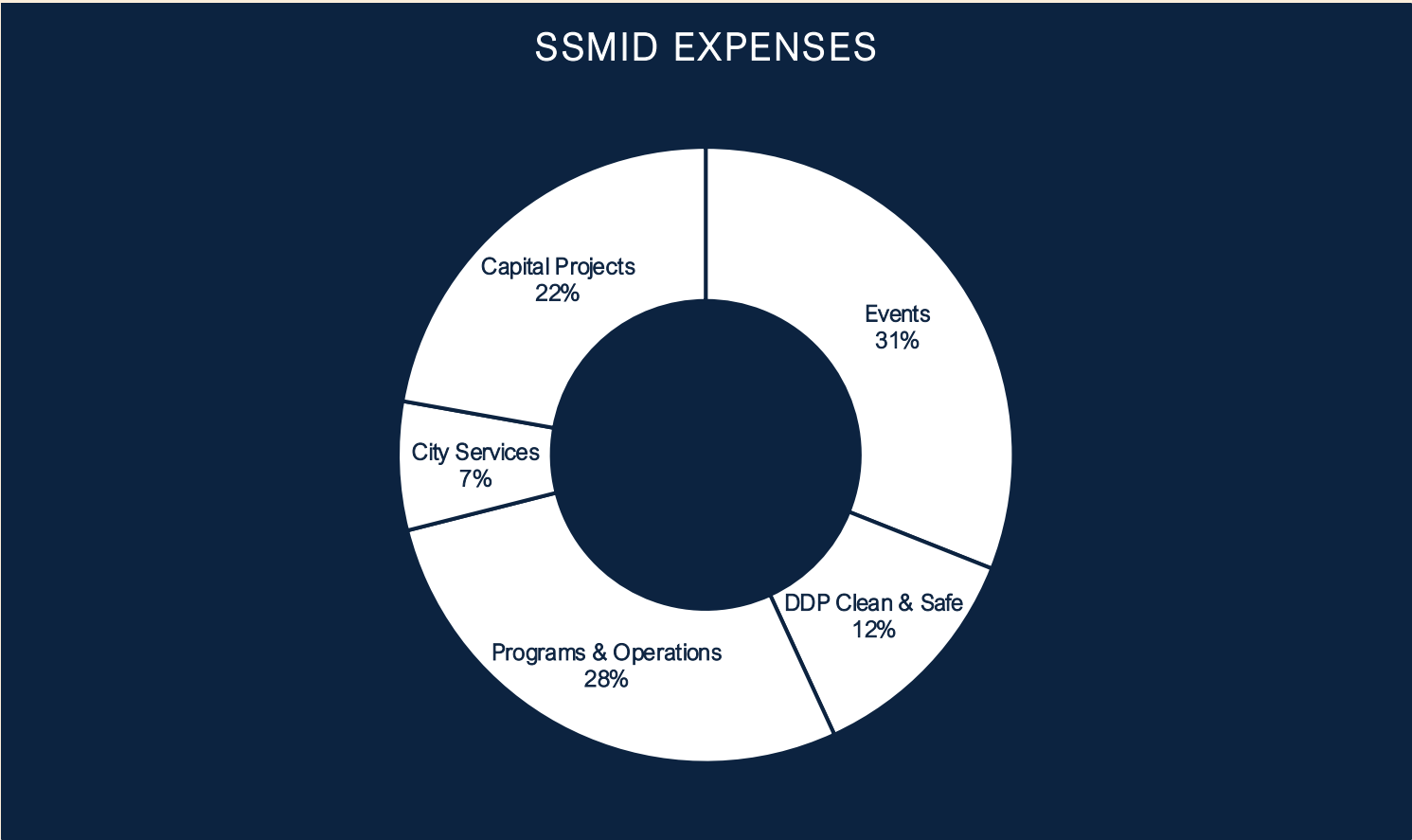
Total

\$1,637,726

SSMID Tax Receipts	\$753,692
Events	\$380,976
Rhythm City Casino Pilot	\$241,554
Clean & Safe	\$170,058
Other (Interest + Grants)	\$91,446

DDP FY26 Expenses

As of May 31, 2026



Total:

\$1,675,636

Events	\$519,783
Programs, Marketing & Operations	\$467,703
Capital Projects	\$372,031
DDP Clean & Safe	\$203,045
City Services	\$113,074

DDP Team Stats

1320

SSMID Business
Assists

193

Project Follow-Ups &
Entrepreneur Referrals

560

Government Advocacy
Calls

1484

Business Promotion
& Event Assistance

Average Out of Market Visitors (outside of 52801)

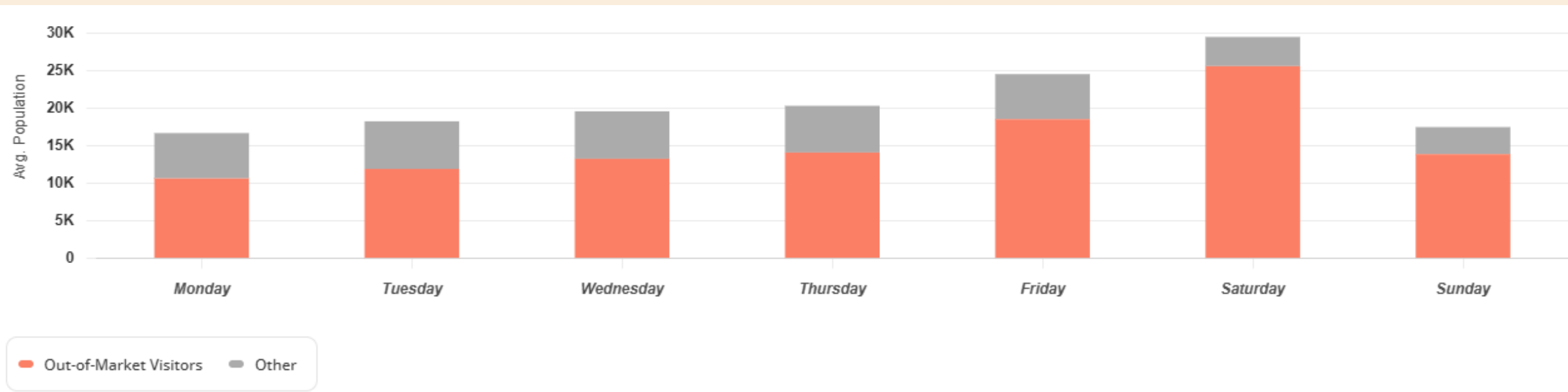
13,785

Average Estimate of Out of Market
Visitors on a Weekday

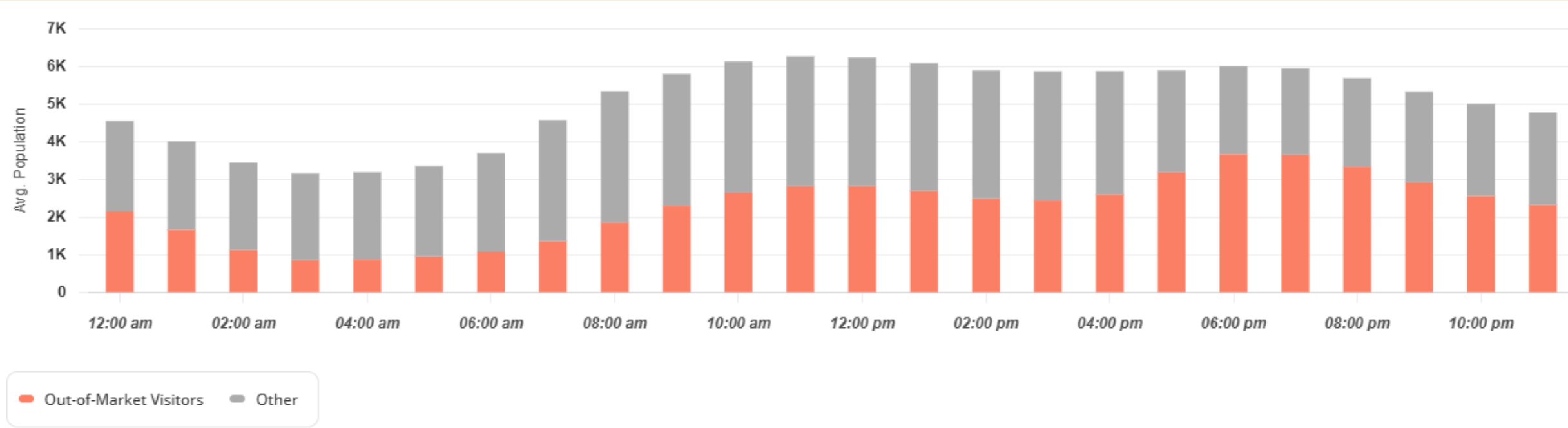
25,600

Average Out of Market Visitors on
a Saturday

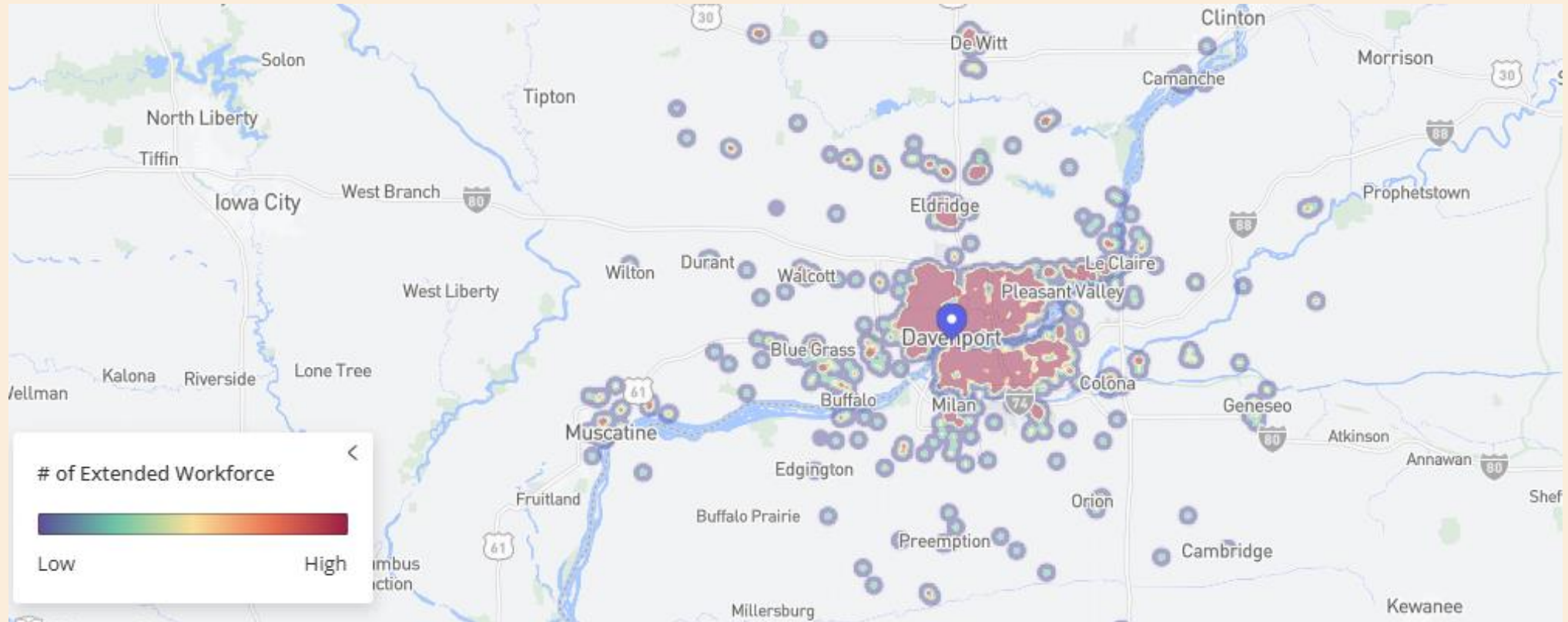
Foot Traffic Trends by Day



Foot Traffic Trends by Time

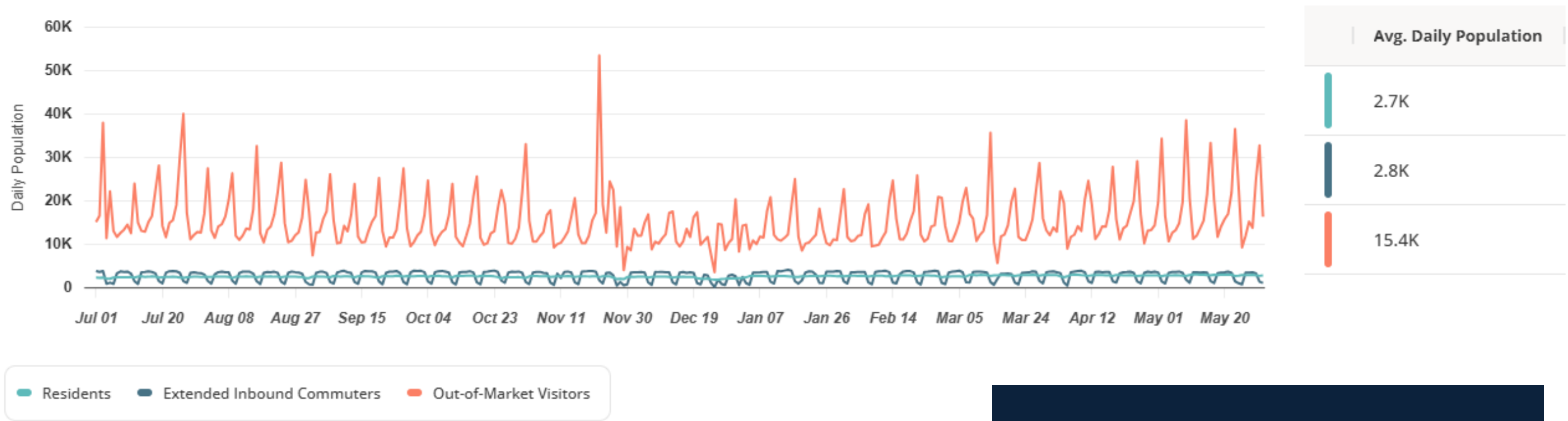


Downtown Employees Home Locations



- Nearly 67% employees live between 1 and 7 miles of downtown
- While 25% live more than 7 miles from downtown
- Only 8% live within 1 mile of downtown itself

Total Annual Population



* Extended Inbound Commuters overlaps Out-of-Market Visitors.

18,900

Annual Average
Daytime Population

Downtown Total Investment

\$13.9M

Completed Projects
'25-'26

\$35.3M

Under Construction
'25-'26

\$68M+

Planned Projects

\$416M+

Invested past 10 years

14 Completed Projects - \$13.9M



Redband Coffee



Boozie's Bar & Grill



Soul Ties



206 E. 5th St.



217 N. Brady

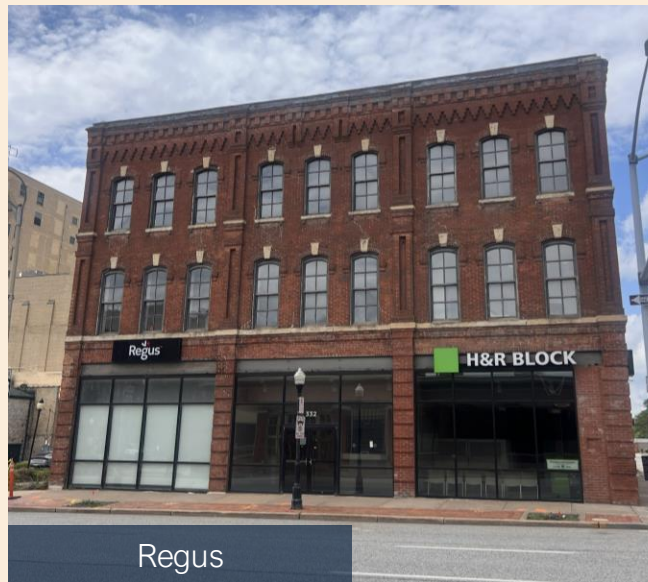


Completed Projects | \$13.9M

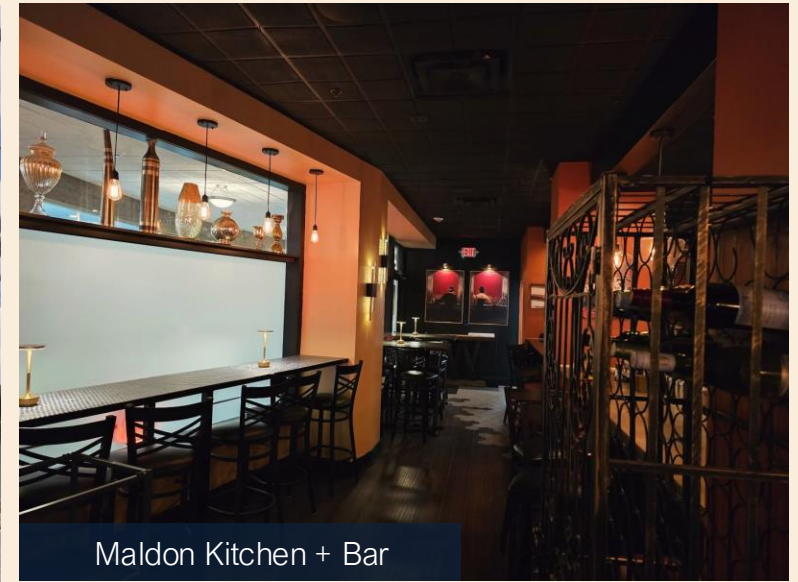
112 W. 3rd St.



Regus



Maldon Kitchen + Bar



The Berg



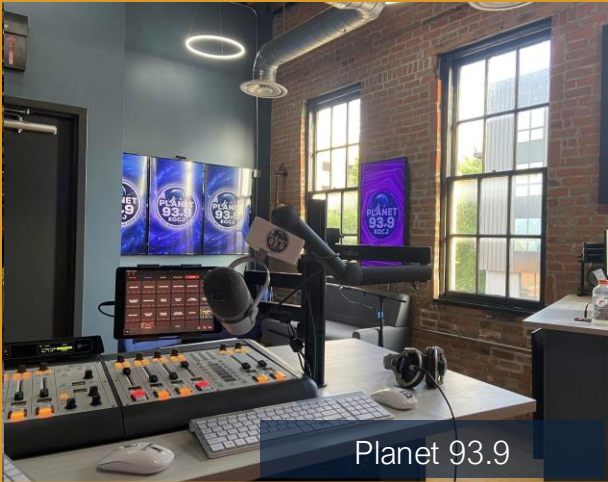
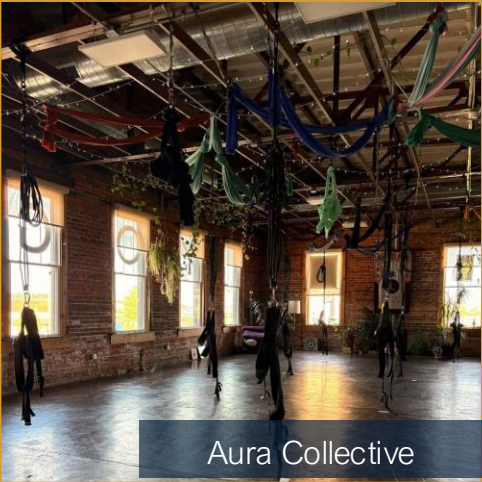
Bix Jazz Museum



New, Retained, Expanded Businesses

Aura Collective Bungee Fitness	Collette’s Piano Bar	Greyhound Lounge	Oasis Wellness
Bix Jazz Museum*	Cute Glow	Kush Hair Studio*	Planet 93.9
Bootleg Hill Honey Meads*	Eden’s Envy Pet Grooming & Apothecary	Lozo’s Bar	Regus
Boozie’s Bar & Grill*	Emily Gordon Counseling	LUNA Therapeutic Massage	Sisters in Bloom*
Bucktown Social	Freight House Farmer’s Market*	Maldon Kitchen + Bar	The Loft Downtown

**Business Expansions/Relocations*



Property Improvement Grants

Façade Improvement Grants

- 112/114 W. 3rd Street
- 217 Brady Street
- 210 W. 4th Street
- 220 Emerson Place
- 246 W. 3rd Street
- 332 Harrison Street
- 400 Main Street
- 118 4th Street (Soul Ties)

Total Awarded: \$105,241

Interior Improvement Grants

- 206 E. 5th Street
- 217 Brady Street
- 225 E. 2nd Street (Wild Roots Hair Studio)
- 226 W. 3rd Street (Bootleg Hill Honey Meads)
- 246 W. 3rd Street
- 601 W. 2nd Street

Total Awarded: \$27,380

Total Leveraged: \$869,796



\$15.9M+

Total private investment
leveraged since 2008

DDP's contributions towards these projects total: \$2M

FY26 ENTREPRENEUR GRANT RECIPIENT

Sisters in Bloom

Kiana and Bianca Norville opened at 221 E. 2nd St in August. DDP awarded an entrepreneur grant to help get their business idea off the ground. They quickly found success and are already expanding into a larger space at 108 E. 2nd Street and acquiring Isa Balloon.



8 Projects Under Construction | \$35.3M



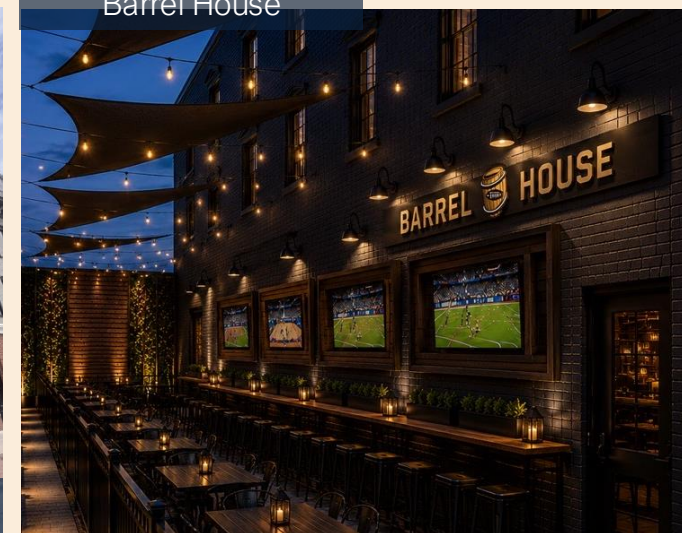
Executive Square



Barrel House



114 W. 3rd St.



Common Chord Redstone Room



CULTURE BRIGHT SUMMER SERIES



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**ROBERT
RANDOLPH**

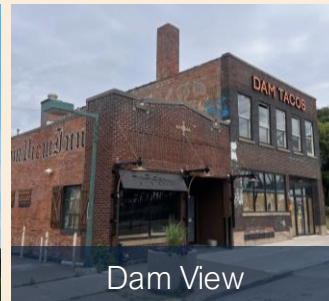
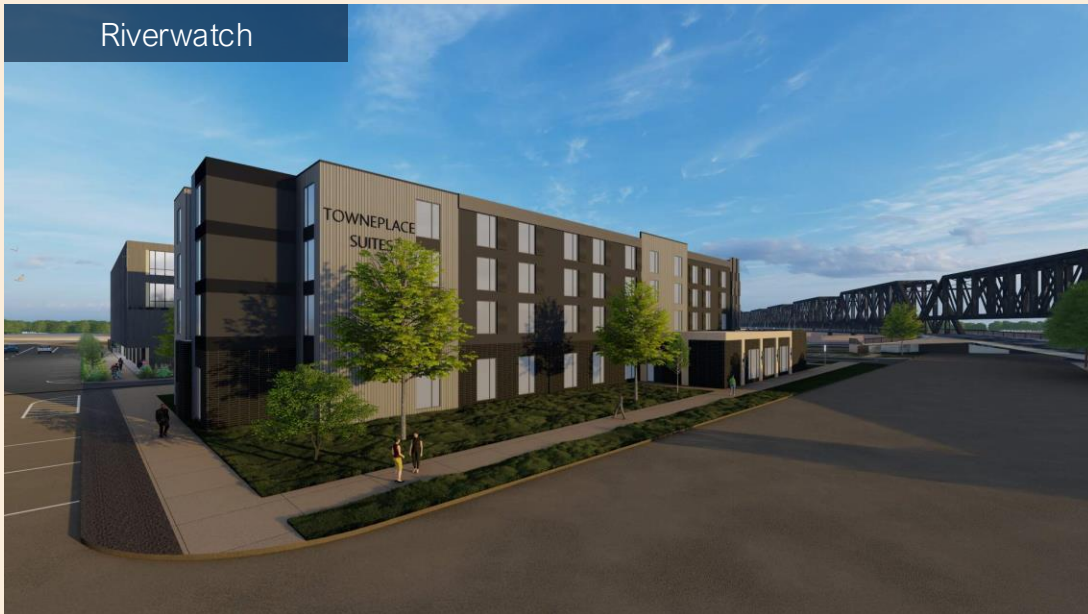
**COMMON CHORD
REDSTONE ROOM OPENING NIGHT**

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The Core

9 Planned Projects | \$68M+ | Gateway Transformations



500 E. 3rd Street Project Concepts



An aerial photograph of a city waterfront. In the background, a wide river flows under a series of steel arch bridges. The middle ground features a green park area with a paved path and a parking lot. In the foreground, there are several brick buildings. One prominent building has a large sign that reads "PETERSON PAPER CO.". To the right, a multi-lane street is filled with cars, and a row of parked cars lines the sidewalk. A dark blue semi-transparent box with white text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Infrastructure & Livability



Clean & Safe

DDP Ambassador Program

BY THE NUMBERS

Ambassador Program Stats

936

Cubic Yards
Litter Removed

82

Graffiti Tags & Stickers
Removed

182

Snow Removal
Hours

114

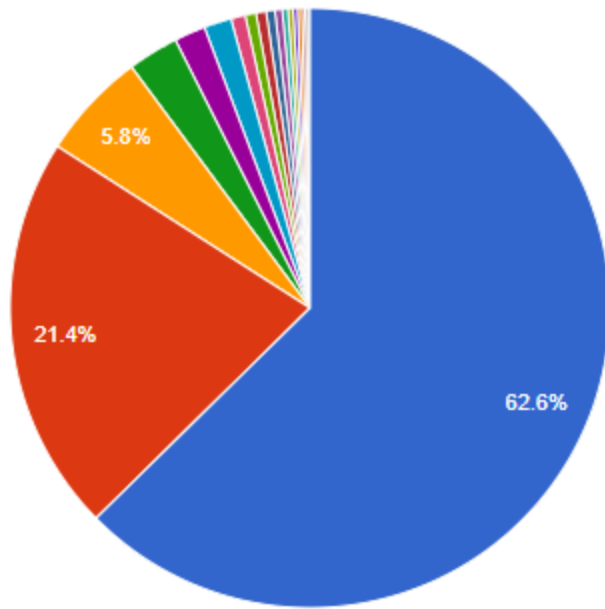
Dog Waste
Cleanups

805

Flower Baskets, Pots & Ground Planters
Watered

10,142

Total Hours
Logged

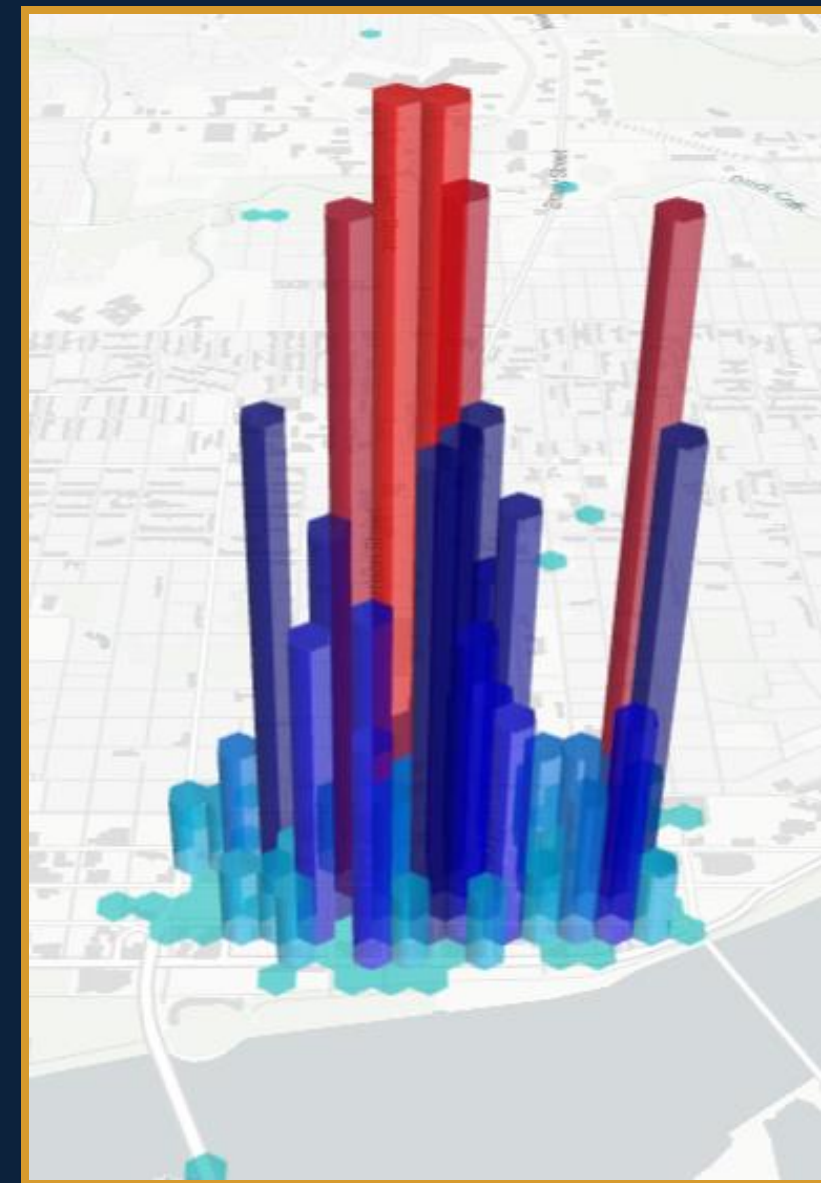


Trash Can Serviced	31195
Ramp Cleaning	10669
Street Litter	2884
Skybridge Cleaning	1364
Nuisance Interruption	837
Human Waste	737
Equipment Maintenance	386
Snow/Ice Removal	291
Misc. Shop Work	272
Flower Watering	233
Park Cleaning	196
Special Projects	150
Weed Abatement	137
Pet Waste Station Service	121
Pet Waste Clean-Up	114
Graffiti/Sticker Removal	82
_Self Watering Baskets	43
MLK Park	41
Encampment Cleanup	23
Tree Maintenance	17
Power Washing (non-graffiti)	9
Business Cleanup	1

RiverCenter/Midam Ramp	1,550
Harrison Ramp	1,261
Trash Can Service	1,200
Redstone Ramp	991
Skybridge	758
K-Square Park	192
Davenport Public Library	129
Lady G Park	66
Freight House Farmers Market	60
Central Grocery	57
392 Caffè LLC - DAVENPORT	53
Great River Brewery	52
MidAmerican Energy Company	45
St. Anthony Church	43
Me & Billy (Kitchen and Bar)	42
Black & Brave Wrestling Acade...	39
Antonella's Il Sicilian Pizzeria	38
Redband Coffee	30
LoPiez Pizza	29
DoubleTree by Hilton	28
Symmetry Beauty Lounge	28
YMCA of the Iowa Mississippi V...	28
Front Street Brewery Tap Room	27
Burlington Trailways	26
The Last Picture House	24

Overview [Total Logs](#) | [Time Spent](#)

TYPE	TOTAL
Call for Service	52
Cleaning & Maintenance	49826
Hospitality	93
Repair or Report	340
Safety/Security	1740
Social Service Referral	67
Time Clock In/Out	9293
TOTAL	61411



Eponic Stats

City Services Cleaning Partnership

Responsibilities:

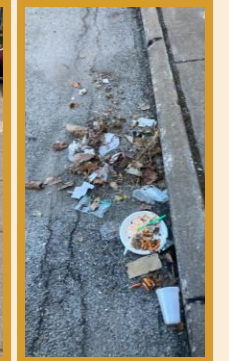
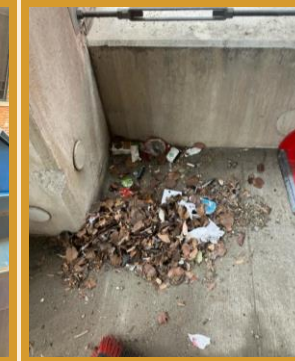
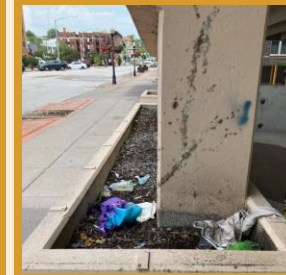
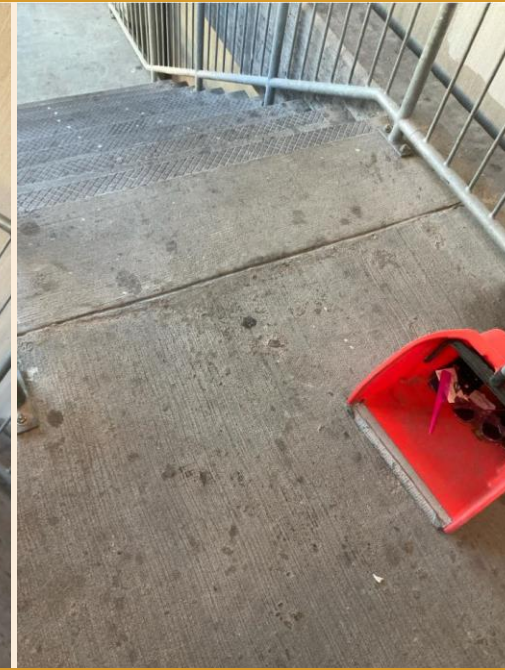
- Parking ramp cleaning
- Daily trash pickup
- Skybridge cleaning
- Pocket park maintenance
- Graffiti removal
- Sidewalk cleaning
- Curb and parking lane snow removal



Responsibilities beyond City service contract:

- Street litter
- Weed abatement
- Pet waste cleanup
- Human waste cleanup
- Graffiti removal
- Social service referrals
- Encampment resolution
- Park cleaning (Non-city owned: MLK Park, Bechtel)
- Power washing (non-graffiti)
- Equipment maintenance
- And... FLOWERS!

Day in the Life of a DDP Cleaning Ambassador



Infrastructure & Livability

DDP Flower Basket & Beautification Program

805 flower baskets, pots and ground planters watered





Mary Ellen Chamberlin

February 7, 1935 – March 17, 2026

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- Riverboat gambling pioneer and community visionary
 - President, Riverboat Development Authority for 20 years
 - Directed millions in grants to Quad Cities organizations
 - Champion of Downtown Davenport revitalization
 - Helped launch Downtown Davenport's flower basket program
 - Key supporter of Red, White & Boom and countless community initiatives



DPD/DDP Public Safety Program

Launched Spring of 2025

HUBBELL-WATERMAN
FOUNDATION

Harold R. Bechtel
Charitable Trust

humility
HOMES & SERVICES

VF VERA FRENCH
Mental Health for Healthy Living

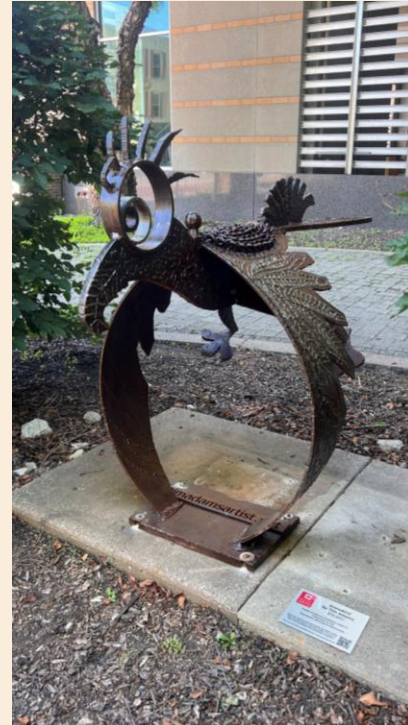


DDP Safety Program & Social Service Stats

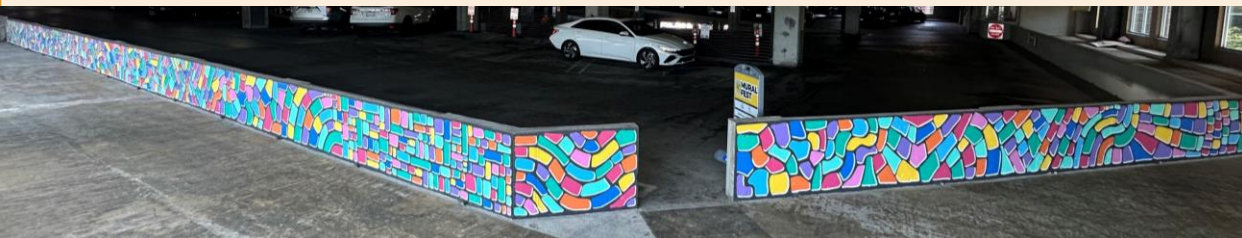


1,641	Business Assistance/ Building Checks	15	Loitering
42	Citizen Engagement/ Hospitality Encounters	4	Theft
14	Social Service Referrals	7	Wellness Checks
17	Trespassing	6	Publix Intoxication
		22	Arrests

Public Art | Rotating Sculpture Program



Public Art | New Murals



Complete Streets & Beautification

FY26 Completed/In Progress

- 3rd & Main Engineering
- Mac's Tavern Vault
- Self-Water Flower Basket Pilot
- Motor Row Alley Dumpster Co-Op

FY27 Planned

- Pedestrian Wayfinding Signage
- Kaiserslautern Square Alley Lighting

Wayfinding Planning Underway



Quiet Zones

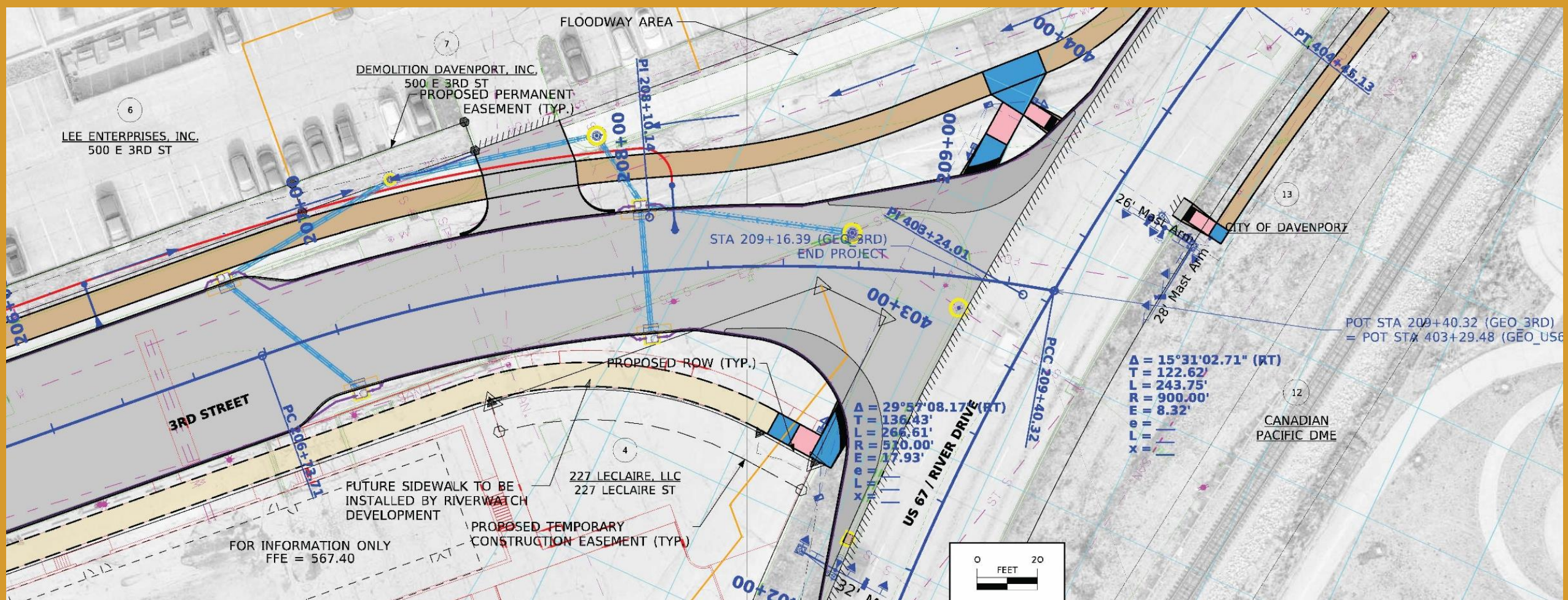
From Mound to Marquette Street, the project includes:

- Nine public vehicle crossings
- Four private crossings
- Two pedestrian crossings along the riverfront

Estimated to be complete August 2026.

The project is estimated at \$4.3M, funded through a federal railroad grant (awarded in 2023), a state Destination Iowa grant (part of the Main Street Landing project) and railroad community investment funds.

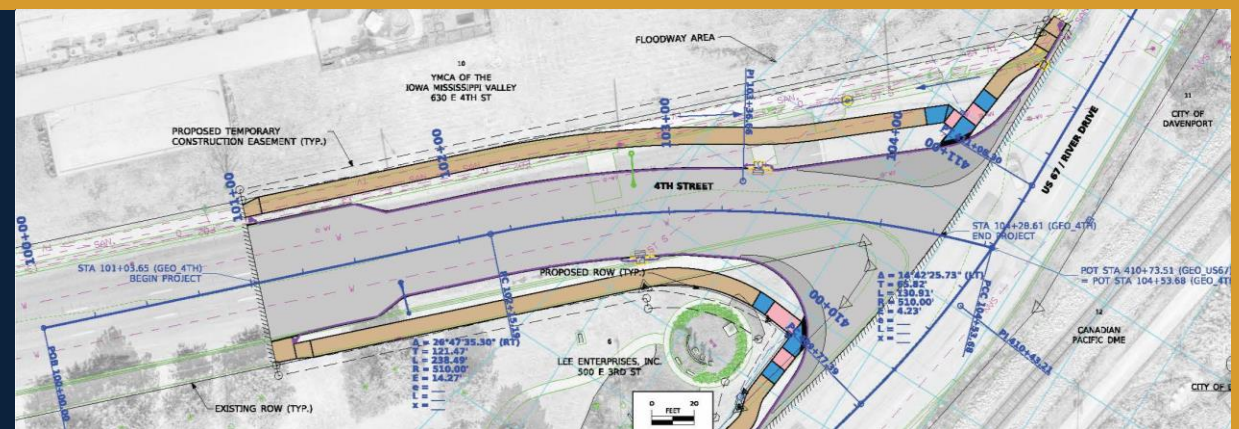




3rd & River
4th & River

3rd & LeClaire
2nd & Gaines

Redesigns for flood mitigation & DOT safety standards





Infrastructure & Livability

3rd & 4th Street Improvements



Fall 2026 – 4th Street Completion

Ongoing discussions regarding additional intersection safety improvements

2027 – 2028 – River Drive intersection rebuilds

Westward Development



Abarrotes



La Finca



Together on 2nd

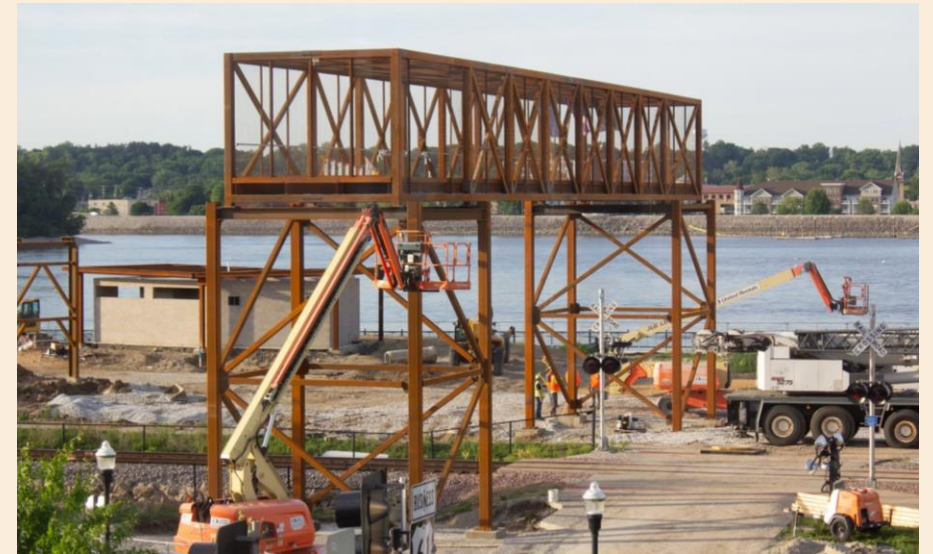


The Sound Factory



Parcel, Inc

Main Street Landing





Advocacy, Promotions & Events

A Safe & Welcoming Downtown

Cleanliness, safety, social services and economic vitality are interconnected.

Public safety

We work with DPD, ambassadors and partners to help ensure downtown is a safe place to live, work, visit and invest.

Clean & well maintained

Our Clean & Safe team keeps downtown beautiful through daily cleaning, landscaping, snow removal and maintenance.

Compassionate support

We connect individuals experiencing homelessness to services and resources that support stability, health and dignity.

Welcoming for all

From residents to visitors, families to entrepreneurs, everyone is welcome here. We celebrate diversity and building inclusive spaces.

Strong partnerships

We collaborate with businesses, city departments, nonprofits, and community partners to create a stronger downtown for all.





Quad Cities Regional Initiative to End Unsheltered Homelessness

In April, more than 100 local leaders attended a regional momentum building event led by nationally recognized Clutch Consulting, focused on accelerating progress toward reducing unsheltered homelessness.

Using a More Targeted Strategy

From waiting rooms to an emergency rehousing and stabilization system

- > Target long-stayers for urgent deep interventions.
- > Complex Case Team for those who need higher levels of care.
- > Manage public spaces to redirect individuals to shelters resourced for rapid resolutions.
- > Early interventions to quickly springboard households back to housing and connected to community supports that help stabilize (employment, benefits, healthcare, etc.).

Community Feedback

Clutch – National Community Responses

Business Owner

"You finally did the right thing for these individuals. And we benefit from it too."

Program Participant

"Even when it was hard, even when it was fast, I needed you to push me—because this is where I needed to be."

Police Chief

"Now we're part of a team, with outreach and housing experts. It's better for everyone—and frees officers to focus elsewhere."

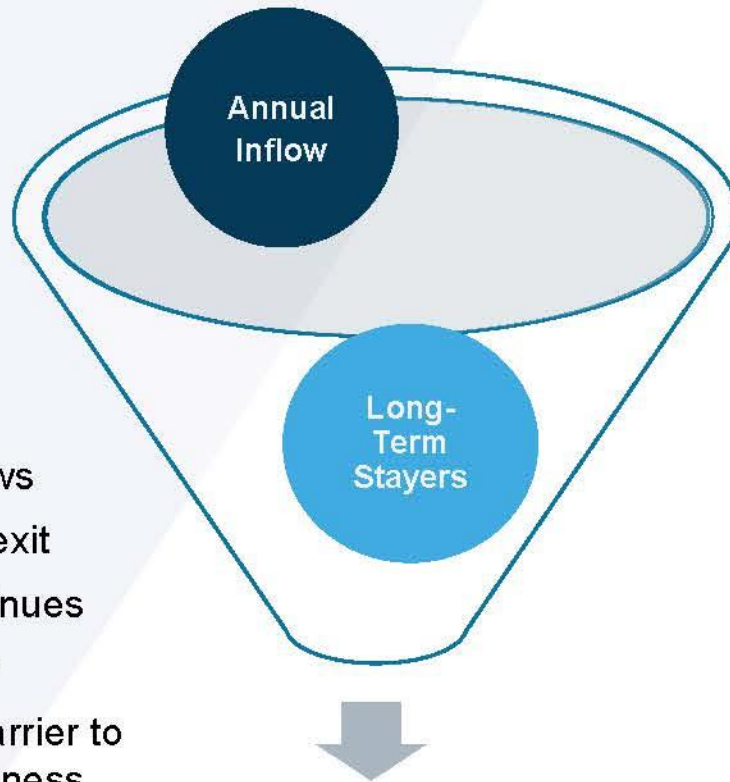
Outreach Worker

"It used to take months to house someone. Now we're doing it in days or weeks."

How Did These Communities Do This?

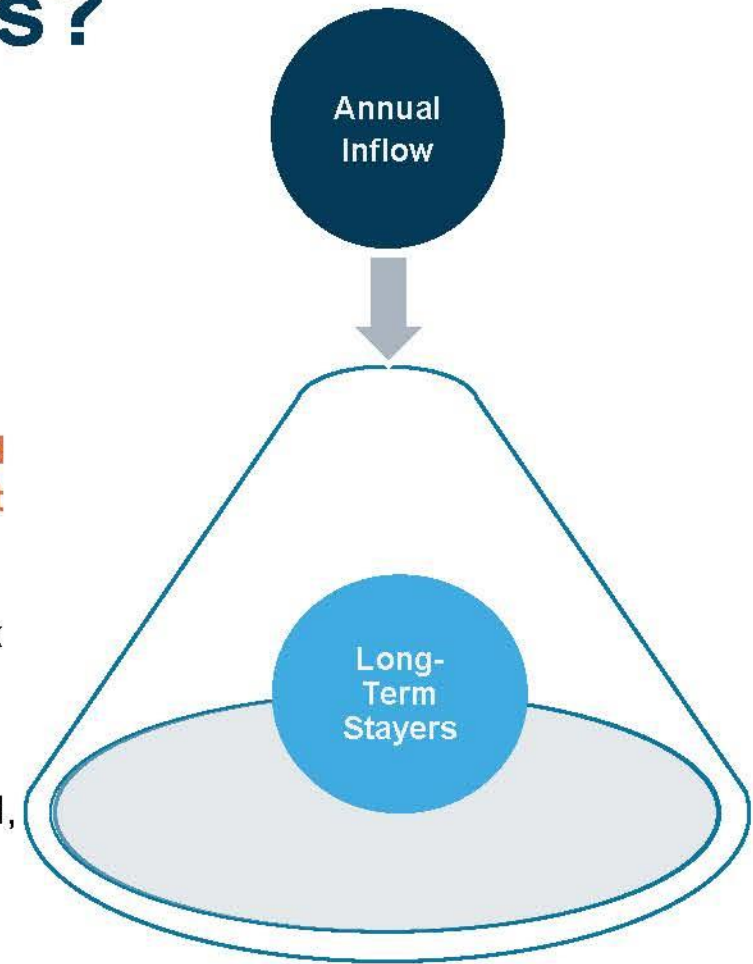
Instinct is to grow a big funnel to catch and hold (crisis and shelter system)

- Crisis System Grows
- But same amount exit
- Annual inflow continues
- Long-stayers grow
- Pressure grows, barrier to reducing homelessness



Data shows that we actually need an inverted funnel to move more out (housing + services)

- Prevent/Divert to Shrink Inflow
- Expand Housing Exits
- Long-stayers eliminated, free up shelter space
- Over time, system can shrink to match annual inflow, reaching equilibrium



Quad Cities Momentum Building Report Out Available Soon



Government Policy & Advocacy

IDA Federal Advocacy

- Revitalizing Downtowns & Main Streets Act (HR 2410)
- Homelessness Assistance Grant Funding
- Byrne JAG Funding (Public Safety/PD)

Local & State

- Iowa Property Tax Reform
 - Multi-Residential Tax Classification & Tax Rate
 - TIF
 - 2% Cap
- Subacute Mental Health Facilities (HF 2543)



Downtown Marketing & Promo



Social Media & Web Stats

22,547

Downtown Davenport
Facebook Followers

9,991

Downtown Davenport
Instagram Followers

84,839

DowntownDavenport.com
Web Sessions

33,300

#DowntownDavenport
Hashtag Impressions

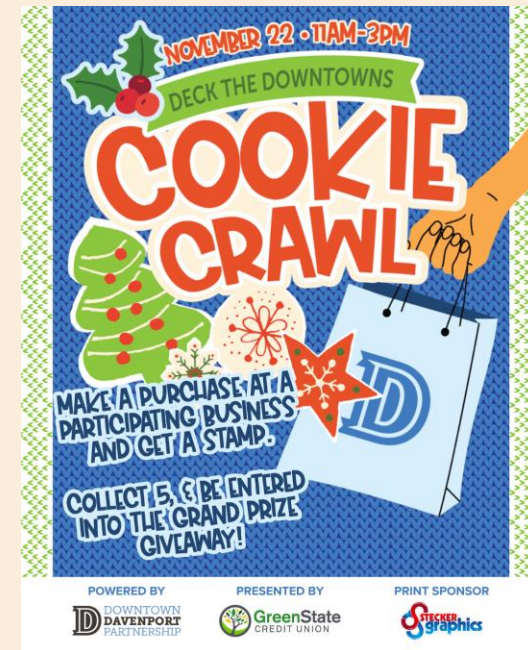
Placemaking Activations





Advocacy, Promotions & Events

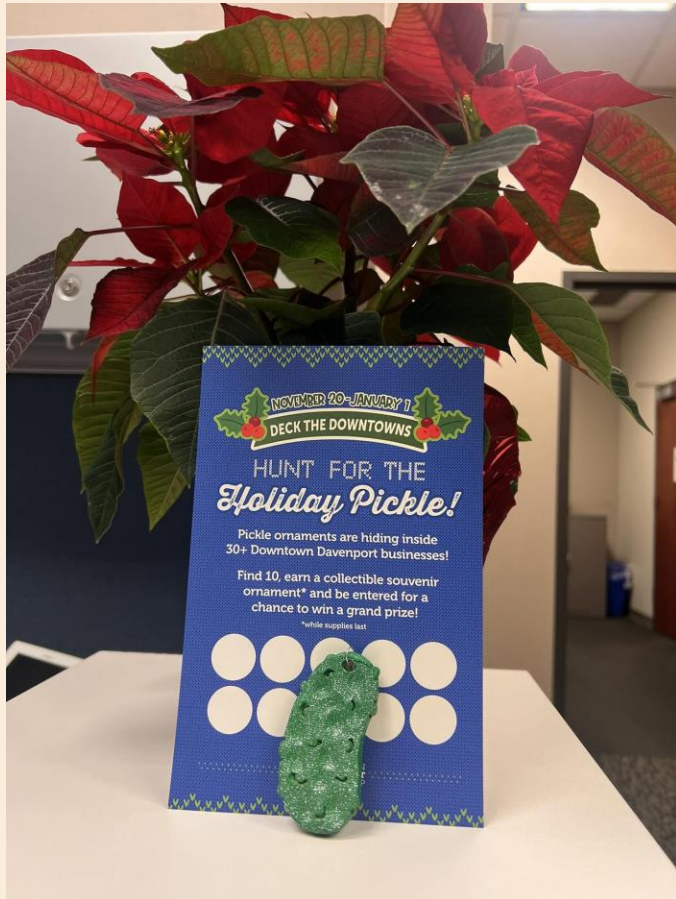
Deck the Downtowns



Holiday Display Challenge



Pickle Hunt & Small Business Saturday Giveback



Icestravaganza



Red, White & Boom



Bix Weekend



Alternating Currents Festival



CULTURE MATTERS HERE

The Cultural Trust



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CULTURE BRIGHT SUMMER SERIES

AUG.16

RAILROAD EARTH & YONDER MOUNTAIN STRING BAND

QC BOTANICAL CENTER | BLUEGRASS ON THE GRASS

AUG.19

MARLEE MATLIN & FRESH FILMS DOCUMENTARY

PUTNAM MUSEUM | KEYNOTE: INCLUSION IN THE ARTS

AUG.20

ROBERT RANDOLPH

COMMON CHORD | REDSTONE ROOM OPENING NIGHT

AUG.21

LORRIE MORGAN SUZY BOGUSS

FIGGE ART MUSEUM | ART OF THE BREW

AUG.22

QCBT RIVERFRONT POPS

Performed by the QCSO

LECLAIRE PARK | THE BEST OF THE WHO

AUG.23

RUFUS WAINWRIGHT

COMMON CHORD | A NIGHT OF GRATITUDE

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Good News Vibes

Keeping downtown Davenport clean: Before dawn, downtown ambassadors beautify the city

Nina Baker Oct 6, 2025 0



Festival of Trees turns 40 with the theme 'Tinsel & Tradition'

QC Arts is putting out a call to volunteers to bring holiday magic to life



Quad City Arts
Festival of Trees
Nov. 22 - 30 | RiverCenter, Davenport, IA
QUAD CITIES LIVE

Festival of Trees turns 40 with the theme 'Tinsel & Tradition'

Blues Fest is back for its 40th Anniversary



BLUES FEST RETURNS IN DOWNTOWN DAVENPORT 6 KWQC

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Blues fans crowded downtown Davenport to listen to live music at the 40th Annual Mississippi Valley Blues Festival on Friday and Saturday.

Skybridge features new lights, more intense colors

Lighting part of Main Street Landing project

By: QCBJ News Staff | December 18, 2025 | 3 min read



Photos: 18 images of the CPKC Holiday Train stopping in Davenport with Smash Mouth & JJ Wilde

LOCAL NEWS

Take a spooky spectacular candy crawl in Davenport

by: Brian Weckerly
Posted: Oct 17, 2025 / 11:00 PM CDT
Updated: Oct 23, 2025 / 04:17 PM CDT



EICC returns with kid's summer camps featuring cooking, STEM, art, personal growth



EICC Summer Camps | June - August
eicc.edu/summercamps

Good News Vibes

July 15, 2025

Sierra Ferrell Takes Show to the Street After Fire Scare

Trigger / News / 24 Comments



Restaurant Where The Reuben Is Practically A Local Legend

Hugh Callaway June 6, 2025 0

Two photographs: the left one shows the interior of a restaurant with a bar and neon lights; the right one shows a Reuben sandwich on a plate with a bowl of soup and pickles.

Some Iowa restaurants are easy to forget by the time you reach the parking lot. This Davenport classic is not one of them.

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RADIO IOWA

NEWS

Davenport book store sees Gen Z and Millennials flocking to VHS tapes

by Matt Kellley | Apr 10, 2025

A photograph of a man with a beard and a green cap standing in a book store, surrounded by shelves of books.

Stephen Zornik (Photo by Shane Sage)

Last Picture House debuts two-day 35mm Kung Fu Film Festival

Nina Baker Apr 16, 2025 0

A photograph of the marquee for The Last Picture House, which reads "THE LAST PICTURE HOUSE".

Groundbreaking African-American Filmmaker Featured At Last Picture House In Davenport

An Illinois-born pioneer independent filmmaker and former Iowa resident's story will be revealed onscreen in the feature-length documentary "Oscar Micheaux: The Superhero of Black Filmmaking" on Sunday, March 22 at 2 p.m. at The Last Picture House in Davenport, IA.

A post-screening discussion follows with special guest historian Jordan Bell, from Roanoke, Virginia. Micheaux's 1920 silent film "Within our Gates" will screen at 4:15 p.m. Admittance to this special event is FREE. Seating for both shows is limited.

Sponsored by Truth First Film Alliance, Inc., Azubuke African American Council for the Arts, Friends of MLK, Inc., the Rock Island County NAACP Chapter 3268B, the Q-C Film Office and the Northwest Illinois Film Office.

A black and white photograph of a man in a suit and hat, likely Oscar Micheaux.

Updated: Phoebe Bridgers fans line up in downtown Davenport ahead of pop-up show

Nina Baker May 28, 2025 0

A photograph of a large crowd of people, mostly young women, lined up on a city street, waiting for a pop-up show.

DAVENPORT, IOWA

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Two photographs: the left one shows John Cena and a man smiling; the right one shows a man in a kitchen, likely John Cena.

JOHN CENA STOPS IN THE QUAD CITIES

ALERT TOP STORY

COMMUNITY

Hundreds gather in Davenport to mark 41st Juneteenth celebration

Thomas Geyer Jun 21, 2025 0

A photograph of a large crowd of people gathered outdoors for a Juneteenth celebration, with people standing around a table with food and drinks.

An aerial photograph of a city waterfront development project. On the left, a river flows past a green park area with a paved walkway and some small structures. A modern glass-enclosed pedestrian bridge spans across the middle of the image, supported by white pylons. Below the bridge, there's a construction site with exposed earth and some infrastructure. To the right of the bridge, a large, multi-story building with a distinctive clock tower stands prominently. In the foreground, a large, open area with a red and white checkered pattern is visible, possibly a plaza or a parking lot. The background shows a dense urban landscape with various buildings and a forested hill under a blue sky with scattered clouds.

What's Next

New Brand Loading . . .



A history of new ideas.

Our rally cry.

Downtown Davenport is where small-town charm meets big-city energy with a **history of new ideas**. It's a place where our rich past inspires the present, and residents, businesses and visitors connect to help write the future.



A history of new ideas.

Primary Logo – Stroke



Primary Logo



Secondary Logo



1836

Quilted tiles.

- Honor Downtown Davenport's past while celebrating the future.
- Reflect nearly 200 years of history, growth and community.
- Represent the unique pieces of downtown.
- Individual elements come together to create something stronger.
- Symbolize a connected, vibrant and proud community.



Historical

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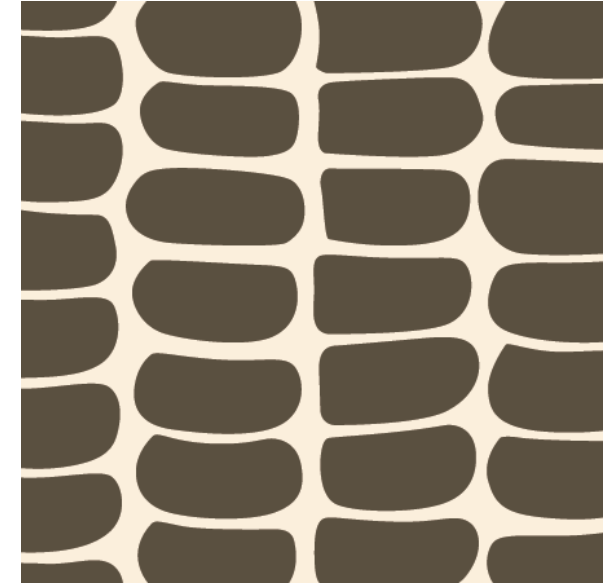
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Events

The fabric
of who we are.





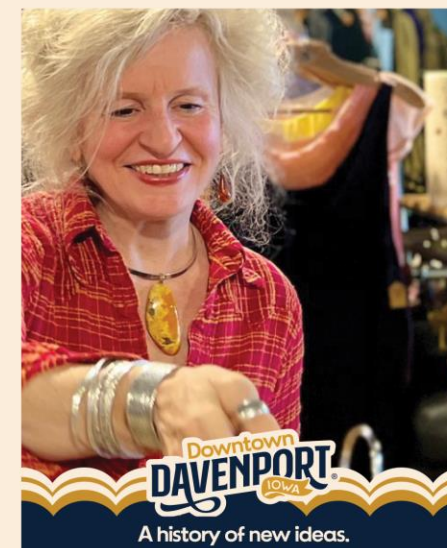
Together, our tiles tell our
(never-ending) story.

- Our story is still being written.
- Built on people, places and moments.
- Evolves with new opportunities.
- Connected by one shared fabric.





Putting it all
together.





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Our brand is a love letter to a history of new ideas.

- Where innovation meets tradition.
- Reinventing ourselves since 1836.
- Historic roots. Modern energy.
- Old spaces. New possibilities.
- Inspired by the past.
- A downtown built by dreamers and doers.
- Always evolving. Always authentic.



It's about believing
in who we are.

- We connect people, businesses and community.
- A Quad Cities' hub for culture and connection.
- Where historic charm meets modern energy.
- Walkable, welcoming and full of discovery.
- Inspired by the river. Driven by innovation.
- Always flowing forward.



You're part of the fabric that
makes us who we are.

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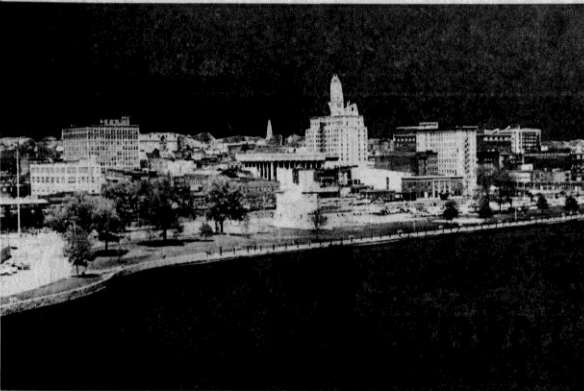
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Issues in the Times



Davenport Merchants Find New Optimism

By City Thompson

Steve and Julie Peters are putting up money that says downtown Davenport is still alive.

"Right in the heart of the downtown," said Julie Peters, who owns the Peters'.

"We picked downtown Davenport after studying business possibilities because we think downtown is the center of retail business and it's the best place for future development of retail business in the Quad-Cities."

"Mr. Peters, president of the new operation, said, 'We have a lot of money to be a part of it.'"

THE DOWNTOWN'S problems are not being solved, they say, and the only way to go is up.

"I don't see where the downtown is going," Richard Van Mar Jr., said in response to a question. Van Mar is a vice president of downtown's largest retailer, the Peters, Harriet, Van Mar department store.

"I probably got a pot from the shopping centers but I think it's back to me," said Van Mar.

"I don't see a great future in the downtown in the next 10 years, if things like the Peters center store in the Quad-Cities don't come back on the map," he said. "I have to say back on the map because I don't think it's ever been gone. I think it's coming back."

(Major Robert Davis has appointed a special committee to begin putting together plans for a proposed downtown city center.)

MORTIMER LEVY, owner of the downtown's largest store, said, "I think the downtown is going to be a success. I think it's going to be a success. I think it's going to be a success."

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"We are seeing activity that is starting to take place and even if it is not a major step, people are saying things are looking up," said Tom Devine, general manager of the Davenport Chamber of Commerce.

"There has been enthusiasm in the last six or seven months. People are starting to kind of get together," said Sylvester Mitchell, owner of Lee's Clothing and Jewelry.

thing is up at this time," Warren Schalk, vice president of Schalk's Jewelers and Silversmith, said.

"Basically, we are at the bottom now and the only way to go is up," said Devine.

THE MIND is the same among many other businessmen, large and small. After several years of talk and major steps and some promising competition from shopping centers, there is a growing feeling that things are about to begin happening in downtown Davenport.

The optimism does have some basis in fact. In the recent months, the downtown area has seen, at least, the closing of the Hills building, the completion of the new Civic Center and Northwestern high school buildings and the addition of three new restaurants.

It is the former site of the J.C. Penney and Montgomery Ward's downtown store now occupied and there is talk of further reduction in price for the former Peters' store.

A COMMITTEE of public and private businessmen has been formed to

Sunday, May 9, 1976
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Youth Survey
How Commission Answers Criticism

By Mike Berry

Members of the Downtown Youth Commission and its staff say they know much of the criticism leveled recently at a youth needs assessment survey was a lack of information and misunderstanding about the survey.

The survey, which the youth commission wants to conduct at the city's downtown, has been criticized for its effects and others in the community.

Critics have said the questionnaire used in the survey is too "negative," and that the survey is too "biased" in favor of the downtown area.

But commission members and staff say they want to see the survey as a survey of the downtown area.

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James Conway, coordinator of the Downtown Development Corporation, stands in front of the downtown Davenport Corp. building. (Photo by David Haines)

Dialogue
By Joe Sheridan

James Conway
Downtown Davenport's Advocate

Q. We hear remarks that the downtown is dying and that it's too late to save it. What about that?

A. Well, there are representatives of a certain segment of the community. The downtown really has got everything that the city as a whole has. It's got open space, commercial, financial, professional, housing, jobs of every shape and size, retail, recreation and leisure, and the riverfront.

Whenever you get all these that comprise, you're going to find almost every attitude contained within it.

The people who have been in the community a longer time who remember the downtown flourishing have a strong feeling for the downtown. They are aware of the fact that the downtown is the heart of the city.

But again, coming from inside a municipal government, you're dealing largely with a negative attitude. Because, from your point of view, you're not going to deal with all of these issues.

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Downtown group rises out of adversity

Downtown Davenport Development Corp. leader is ready for new course of action

By Ray Thompson

QUAD-CITY TIMES

June 7, 1980

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The board of directors

Here are the six new directors of the Downtown Development Corporation: Harold H. Hines, president; James Conway, vice president; and branch manager of Piper, Jeffrey and Conway.

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OFFICIAL NOTICE

*New rate change from June

MARSHALL E. SPRINGER
Treasurer of State for

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WHEREAS, the City of Davenport, Iowa did on the 28th day of March, 1977, adopt an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance making appropriations, adopting a budget and establishing financial controls for the expenditures of the City of Davenport, Iowa for fiscal year 1977-78", (hereinafter referred to as the "Budget Ordinance");

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the best interest of the City that such Budget Ordinance be amended; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DAVENPORT, IOWA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That Section 1 of the Budget Ordinance referred to in the preamble hereof is hereby amended to add the following funds and amounts appropriated to the table appearing therein:

	Amount Appropriated
Downtown Davenport Development Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District Operations Fund, the sum of	\$52,400.00 (18,320)
Employee Expense	(4,330.00)
Supplies & Services	(1,750.00)
Capital Expenditure	
Downtown Davenport Development Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District Capital Improvement Fund, the sum of	\$47,800.00
Section 2. That all other provisions of the aforementioned Budget Ordinance are hereby confirmed and remain in full force and effect.	

Passed and approved this 30th day of June, 1977.

ROBERT J. DUAX, Mayor

ATTEST: ALLYN WIESE, City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

To Whom It May Concern:
Notice is hereby given that there will be a public hearing on the proposed amendment, establishing the Downtown Davenport Development Self-Supported Municipal Improvements District, to the appropriations ordinance of the City of Davenport for Fiscal Year 1977-78, said public hearing to be held at 4:30 p.m. on May 31, 1977, in the Council Chambers of the City of Davenport, Iowa.

Dated at Davenport, Iowa, this 18th day of May, 1977.

ALLYN WIESE, City Clerk

DOWNTOWN DAVENPORT DEVELOPMENT SELF-SUPPORTED MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENTS DISTRICT

Proposed Uses

Funds

Operations

Capital Improvement

TOTAL BUDGET

TAXES LEVIED

ALLOWABLE GROWTH PERCENTAGES

AS ESTABLISHED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1976/1977

Certified/Amended

1977/78

Over (Under)

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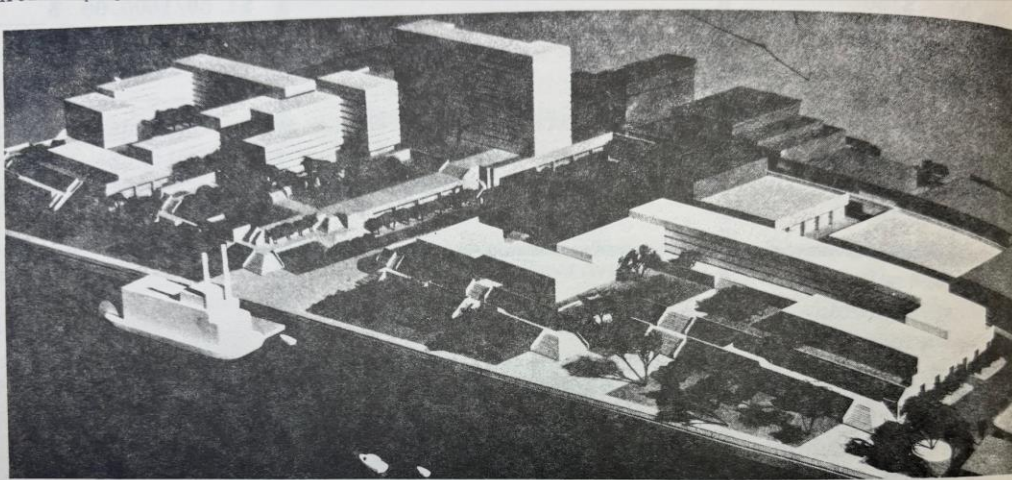
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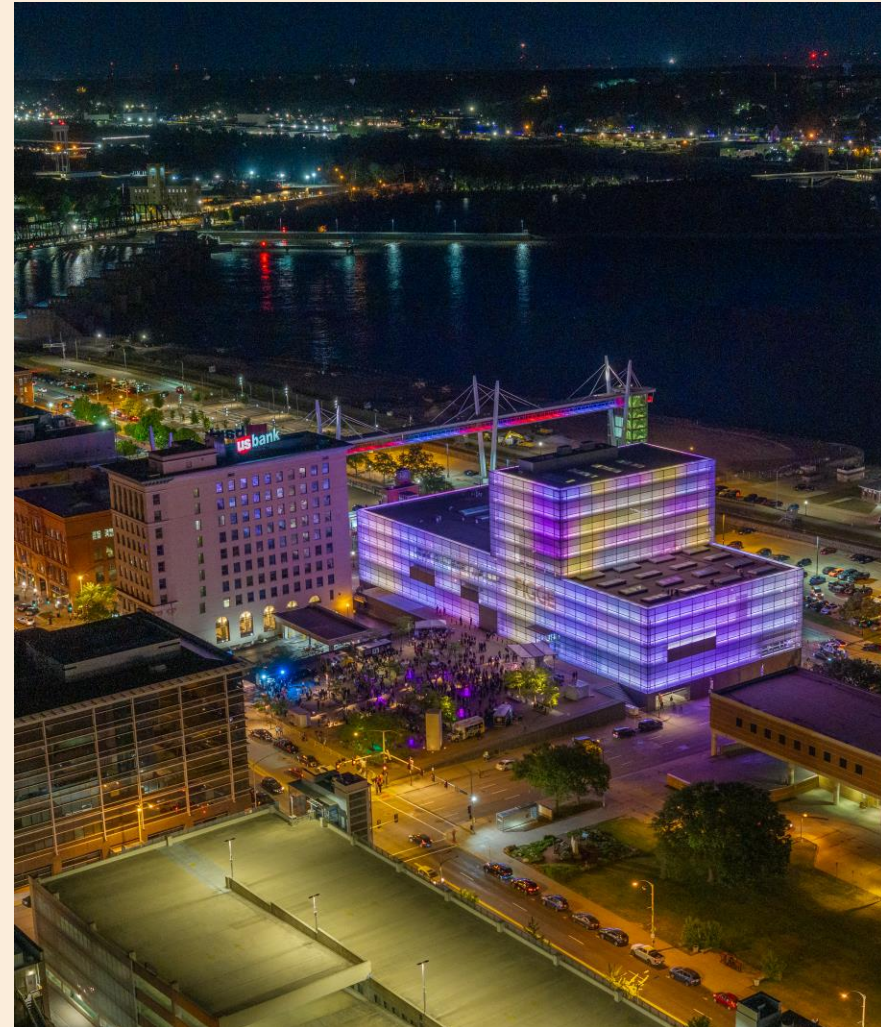
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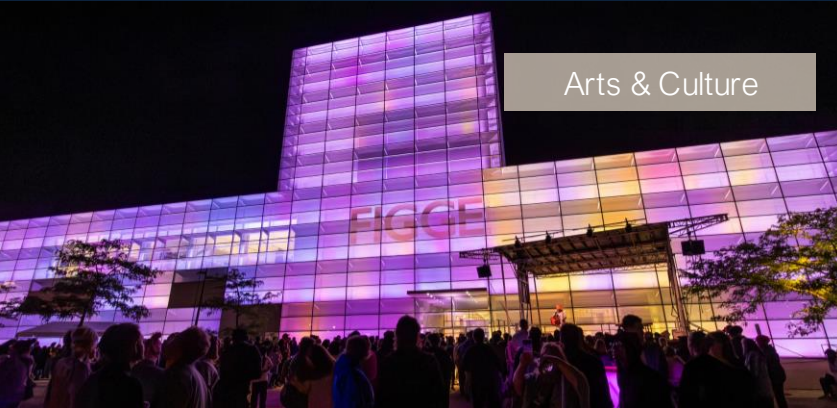
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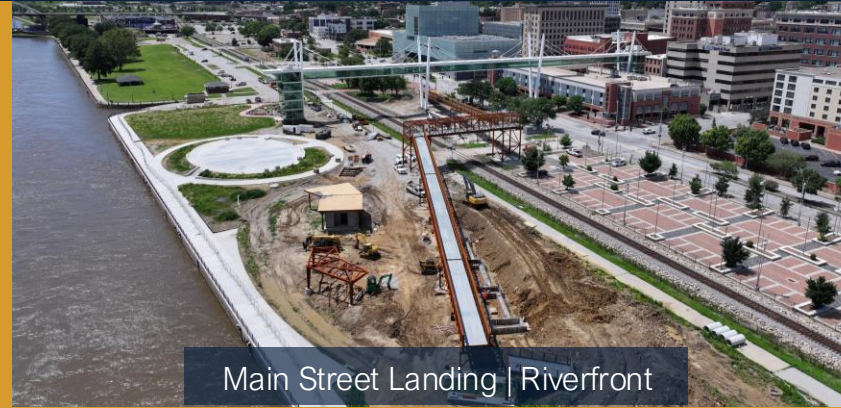
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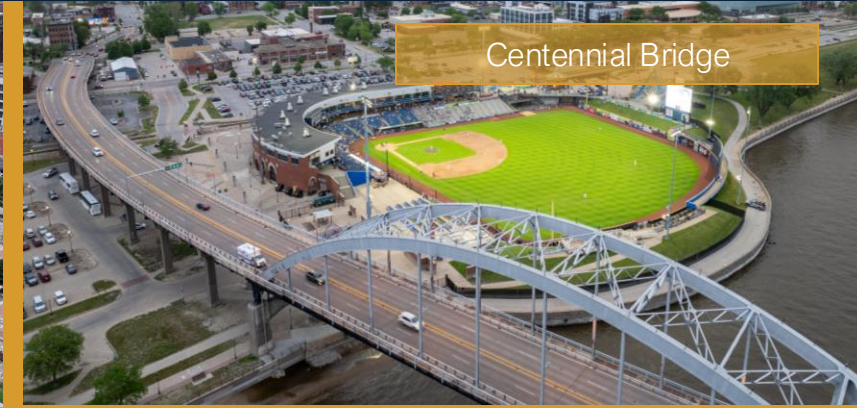
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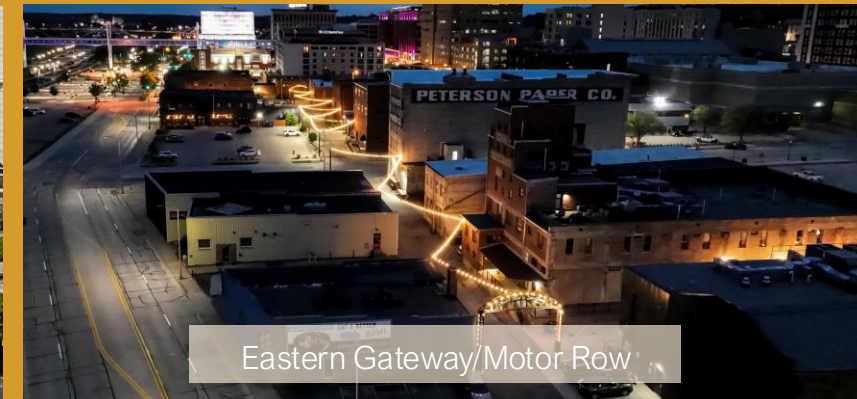
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Public Infrastructure Investment



Grand Transportation Center



Eastern Gateway/Motor Row



Thank you.

