

# The Village of Morrice Downtown Development Authority

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For the past few years the Morrice DDA has decided to dedicate a large portion of its funds to helping the Village upgrade its roads.

In 2020, the DDA contributed \$20,000 to the paving of Main St and in 2021 \$30,000 to the paving of Morrice Rd. from Lansing Rd south to Mason St. The DDA committed up to \$15,000 for the paving of Morrice Rd from South St to the Village limits in 2022.

The DDA has participated in the next phase of paving Morrice Rd from Mason St to First St including Third and Second Streets from Morrice Rd to Main St. The total cost of the project was \$314,000 of which the DDA contributed \$80,000.

Roads that are in the DDA district have now been completed and we have turned our attention to the downtown business block, the sidewalks in our development district, and holiday celebrations. To that end, the DDA has created three committees to shepherd these projects.

Specifically, the DDA has purchased the four vacant lots on the west side of Main St. between Third St. and Second St. with the plan to build a mixed use building that will have commercial space on the ground floor and residential space above.

We have also committed up to \$20,000 to spend on repairing and replacing sidewalks within the district. The replacements of two pieces of sidewalk (one in front of the old bank building and the other at the northeast corner of Main St. and Third St.) have already been completed.

We continue to look for ways to make the downtown more attractive and vibrant for the community.