

25 Days of
Investing
in our Community

ALL ABOUT

**CO
MMU
NITY**

2022 was filled with investment in our community from businesses, residents, and community organizations. We are truly humbled by the continued contributions that lead to Davenport's success. These investments have helped advance the resiliency and uniqueness of our community, ensuring we are paving the path for a vibrant future. During the month of December, we celebrated the investments made throughout the year that have contributed to making Davenport a safe, stable, and welcoming community for all.



Day 1

THE DAVENPORT COMMERCIAL **DREAM** PROJECT



The City of Davenport invested \$900,000 in seven local businesses through the Commercial DREAM Project. 2022 saw these transformations take place, enhancing the exterior of each commercial property through repair and rehabilitation of the facade.

- Graverts Auto Sales LLC
- Nico's Tire
- Tappa's Steak House
- Total Cluster Fudge
- Duncalf Chiropractic
- Turner Hall (will be completed in early 2023)

We hope the community is as excited as we are about these transformations! Thank you to these business owners for their investment in Davenport.

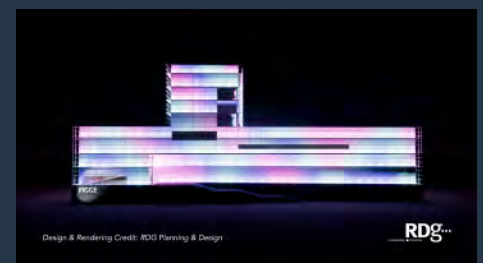
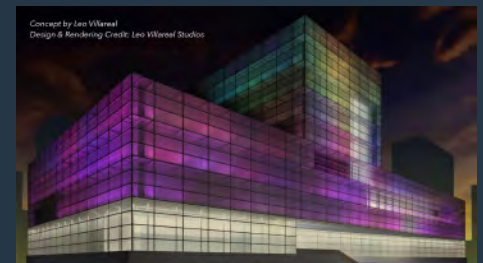


Day 2



Today it was announced by Governor Reynolds that \$9.6 million will be invested in Davenport through the Iowa Economic Development Authority's Destination Iowa Creative Placemaking Fund for a series of signature projects along the Davenport riverfront to enhance the experience for residents and visitors. The City of Davenport's project, in coordination with the Figge Art Museum, will include the following improvements at Main Street Landing:

- Installation of a high-intensity, multi-generational experience zone that will include, but is not limited to, a signature tower structure, slides, climbing assets, an interactive water feature, and a space for winter activities.
- Creation of a passive activity zone close to Lock and Dam 15 that highlights the existing amphitheater and scenic views.
- Additions such as a new restroom facility, colorful LED lighting, shade structures, seating, and unique swing elements.
- Installation of a railroad quiet zone that will stretch from Marquette Street to Mound Street to reduce noise pollution and increase safety throughout the downtown riverfront.
- Construction of a pedestrian bridge that allows continuous and safe access over the Canadian Pacific rail line.
- Renovation and upgrade of the Skybridge facility's LED lighting system.
- Installation of artistic LED programmable lighting on the exterior of the Figge Art Museum that will consist of over 3,000 feet of colorful fixtures.



Day 3

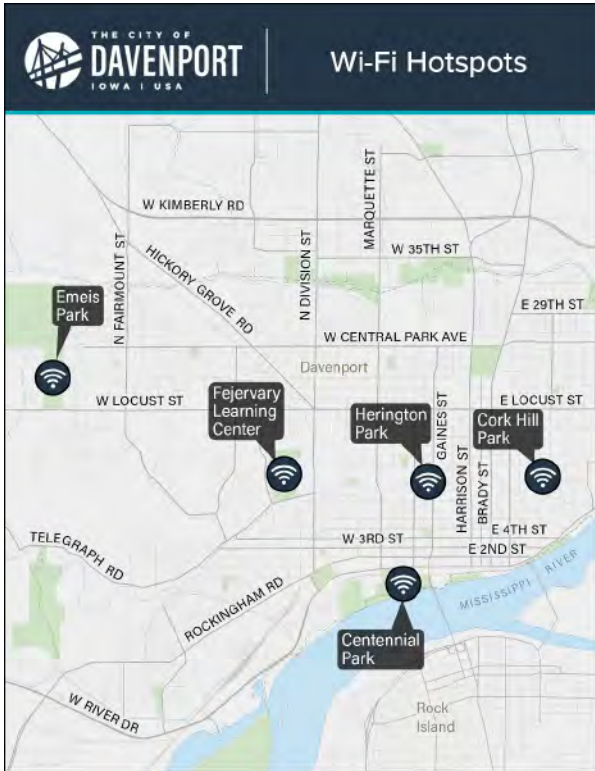
The development of the new Station 3

for the Davenport Fire Department began in 2022. A 2018 operational study showed the benefit to the community in the investment of relocating station 3 to Brady and East 42nd Street to provide a quicker response time to the north-central region of Davenport. As growth and development continue in that direction, DFD wants to ensure adequate resources for the community.



Work on the station is well underway. The foundation is complete and installation of the masonry walls and structural steel will continue through winter as weather permits. Grading work will resume in the spring along with interior construction. Staff anticipates a late 2023 completion date.

Day 4



The City has allocated a portion of ARPA funds to equip five Davenport neighborhood parks with free Wi-Fi hotspots/zones for public usage, installed and maintained by Metronet. As education, health services, and social connections move online, the City recognizes the importance of investing in options to meet the demands of connectivity in our community. Project Wi-Fi is anticipated to be completed and accessible in the spring of 2023.

Day 5

Fair Oaks Foods announced in mid-June that it would be calling Davenport home with the construction of a new state-of-the-art food production facility in the Eastern Iowa Industrial Center. The \$134 million investment will construct a 150,000-square-foot facility and create an estimated 247 new full-time jobs in our community. The company broke ground in September and plans to start operations in early 2024.



Day 6



QUINN O'BRIAN

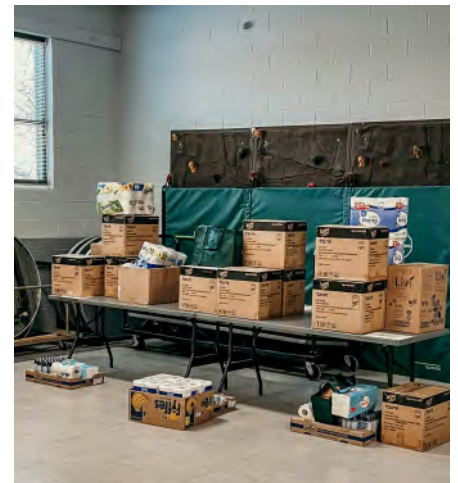
Davenport Public Library Social Worker

The City of Davenport and Davenport Public Library recognize the importance of investing in the success and well-being of our residents. As a result, Quinn O'Brian was hired and currently serves as the Library Social Worker, providing assistance in navigating the complex system of support available in the community. Since beginning her role, O'Brian has helped 934 individuals with issues including housing instability, homelessness, unemployment, food insecurity, and legal issues, and has fostered 44 partnerships with community organizations that add value and resources to those seeking assistance. One recent partnership with Tapestry Farms made Library services more accessible to members of our immigrant population.

Day 7



In March, City staff, elected officials, and community partners spent time recognizing the importance of investing in our Davenport Community Schools' teachers and staff by providing and delivering supplies to several schools in the district. The success of our community is tied intrinsically to the success of our children, and teachers and staff play a huge role in fostering the development and success of the youth in our community. They are dedicated to ensuring all children in our community grow and thrive.



We said it once and will say it again, Davenport Community School District teachers and staff: thank you for inspiring, caring, listening, guiding, and shaping the future of the youth in our community. **You are all without a doubt THE BEST of all time!**

Day 8



Davenport's continued investment in infrastructure resulted in the completion of a \$3.4 million two-phase reconstruction project of Division Street in 2022. In total, Division Street was reconstructed between 5th and 9th Streets in 2020 and 12th and Locust Streets this year resulting in a smooth ride for many commuters.

Day 9

The Good Neighbor Project Rules!

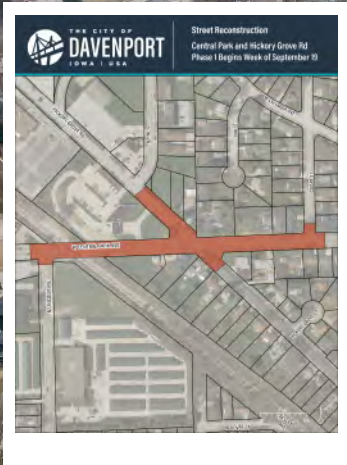


2022 saw continued investment in strengthening Davenport neighborhoods through The Good Neighbor Project which reached a milestone of 100 registered neighborhoods this year. Through this program, neighborhoods are connected to build meaningful relationships not only with their neighbors but with City staff and the Davenport Police Department to foster and encourage natural crime prevention and community engagement.



GNP Leaders were present at over 35 events this year including Party in the Park, Coffee with a Cop, and neighborhood block parties to name a few. This year also saw the introduction of The Good Neighbor Project Resource Trailer for GNP neighborhoods to rent for their event. The trailer provides necessary resources that neighbors may not have such as tables, chairs, games, and more.

Day 10



Many motorists will greatly appreciate Davenport's \$1.7 million investment in the reconstruction of Central Park and Hickory Grove Road when the project is completed in 2023. The multi-phase project to reconstruct Central Park between Cedar Street and Lincoln Avenue and Hickory Grove Road from Pine Street south through the intersection began in September. In 2022, all lanes of Central Park between Cedar and Hickory Grove were resurfaced. Work will resume in the spring, reconstructing the intersection as well as the remainder of Central Park to Lincoln Avenue.



Day 11

In 2022, the Davenport Police Department continued to invest in the safety of our community by welcoming a new Gun Crime Analyst and National Guard Counter Drug Analyst to the Department's Crime Analysis Unit and a Civilian Digital Forensic Technician to the Computer Forensics Unit.

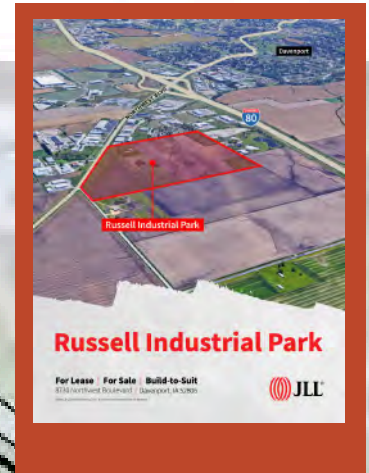


The Crime Analysis Unit, comprised of three analysts, provides real-time information to command staff to ensure that resources are being allocated to the most pressing issues in our community. The creation of the Crime Analysis Unit was made possible by a three-year, \$700,000 grant through the Department of Justice's Strategies for Policing Innovation program. The Civilian Digital Forensic Technician was added in an effort to enhance investigative operations. This position analyzes, processes, interprets, and assesses digital evidence in support of investigations.

Day 12

Russell Industrial Park

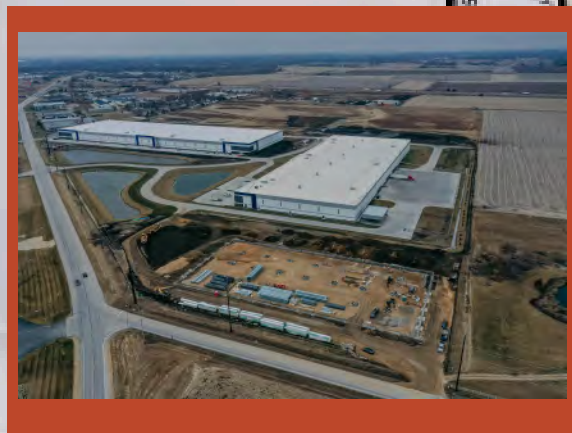
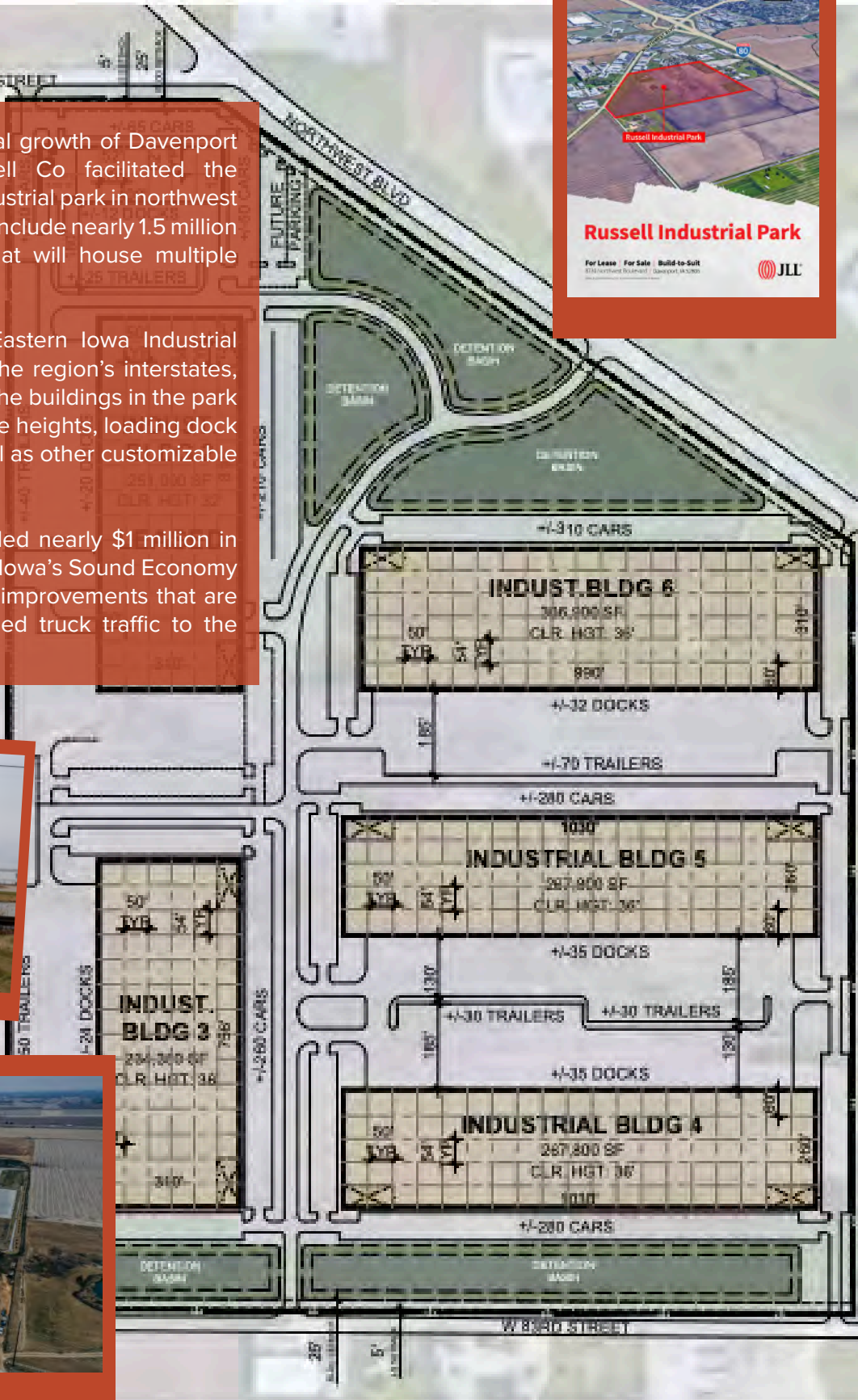
8730 Northwest Boulevard | Davenport Iowa 52806



A large investment in the industrial growth of Davenport occurred in 2022 when Russell Co facilitated the development of a new 95-acre industrial park in northwest Davenport. The industrial park will include nearly 1.5 million square feet of building space that will house multiple tenants.

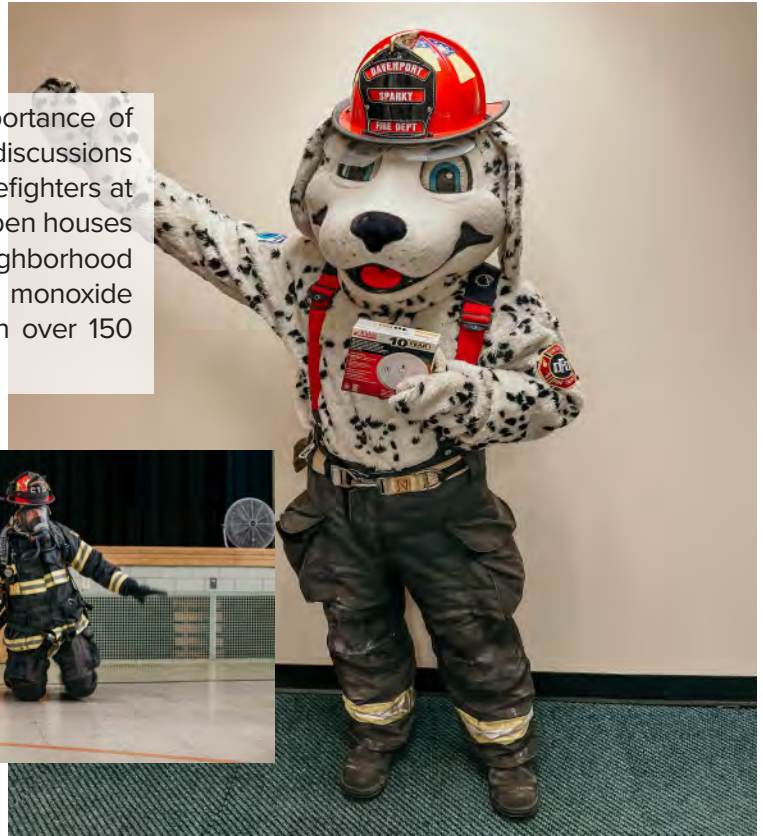
The new site, adjacent to the Eastern Iowa Industrial Center, will offer easy access to the region's interstates, airports, and distributor facilities. The buildings in the park will feature 32- to 40-foot clearance heights, loading dock equipment and dock doors, as well as other customizable options based on user needs.

The City of Davenport was awarded nearly \$1 million in funding from the State's Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy grant program to assist with road improvements that are needed to accommodate increased truck traffic to the area.



Day 13

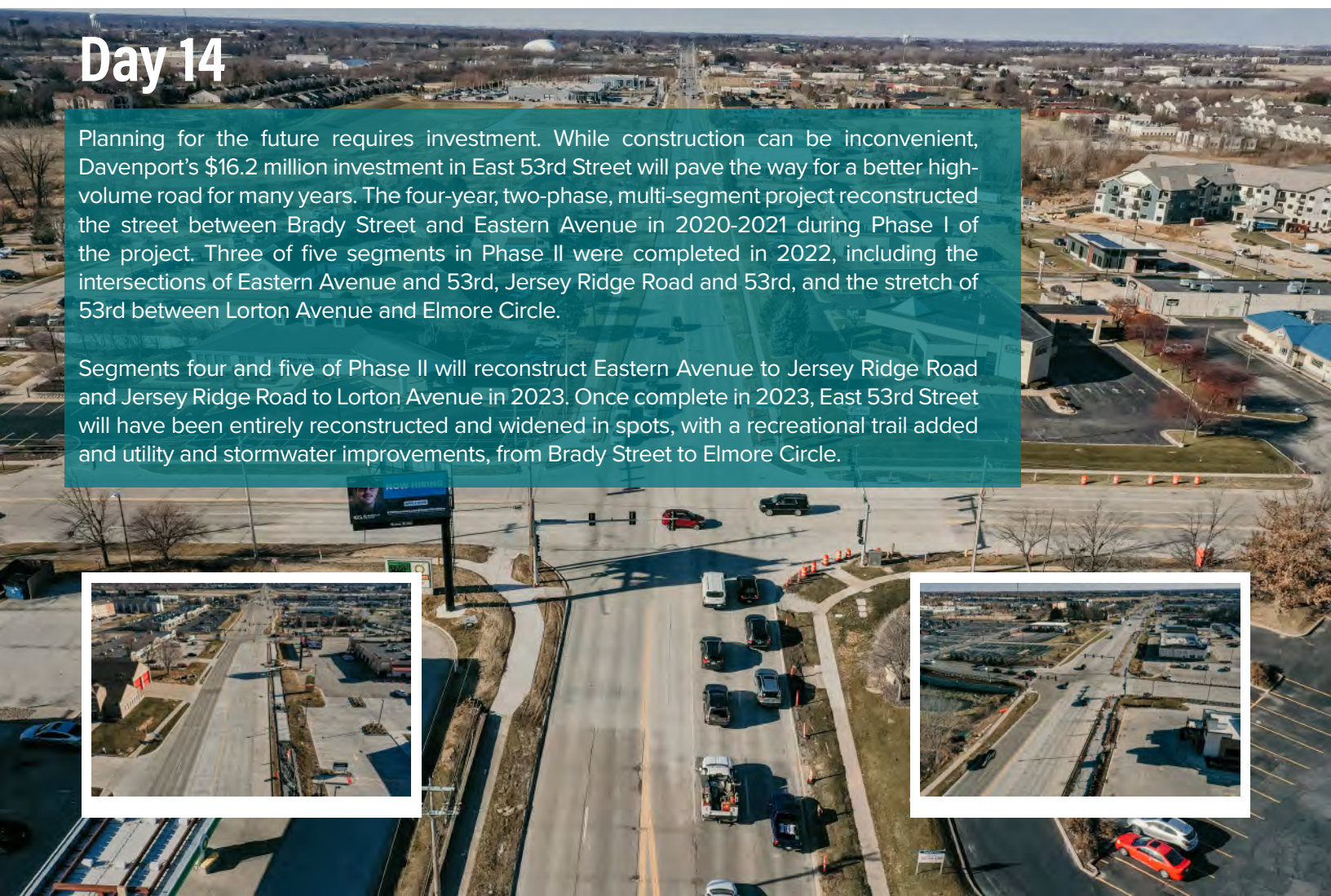
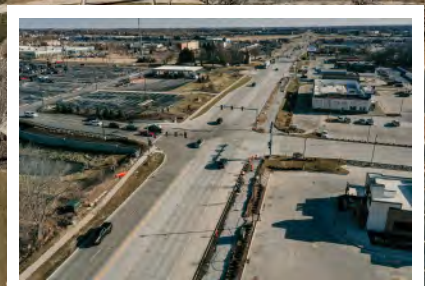
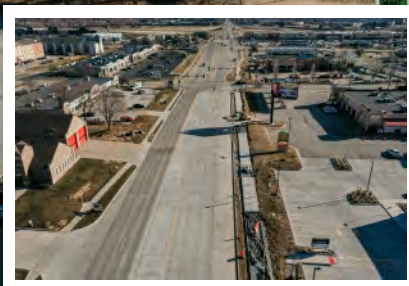
The Davenport Fire Department understands the importance of investing in fire prevention in our community. Over 30 discussions centered around fire prevention were conducted by firefighters at Davenport elementary schools and daycares, and six open houses were hosted for residents to learn more about their neighborhood station. DFD also installs smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors in homes upon request free of charge, with over 150 installations in 2022.



Day 14

Planning for the future requires investment. While construction can be inconvenient, Davenport's \$16.2 million investment in East 53rd Street will pave the way for a better high-volume road for many years. The four-year, two-phase, multi-segment project reconstructed the street between Brady Street and Eastern Avenue in 2020-2021 during Phase I of the project. Three of five segments in Phase II were completed in 2022, including the intersections of Eastern Avenue and 53rd, Jersey Ridge Road and 53rd, and the stretch of 53rd between Lorton Avenue and Elmore Circle.

Segments four and five of Phase II will reconstruct Eastern Avenue to Jersey Ridge Road and Jersey Ridge Road to Lorton Avenue in 2023. Once complete in 2023, East 53rd Street will have been entirely reconstructed and widened in spots, with a recreational trail added and utility and stormwater improvements, from Brady Street to Elmore Circle.

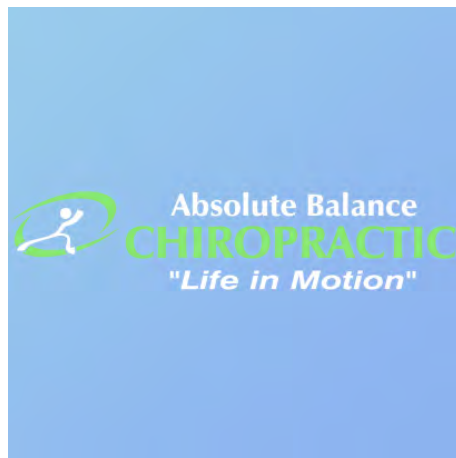


Day 15

Investing in small businesses leads to investment in our community. Six entrepreneurs established roots in Davenport with assistance totaling \$630,000 through the City's Small Business Loan Program (SPLP). This resulted in an additional combined investment of \$4.5 million in our community. The program is designed to assist small businesses that are creating new jobs in our City by offering low-interest loans.



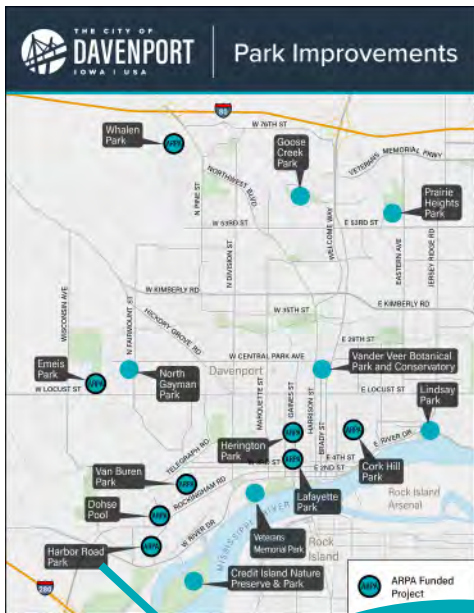
- Mississippi River Distilling Company
- K9 Resorts of the Quad Cities
- Blue Spruce General Store
- MAWUA Global Market
- Forever Me Cancer Specialty Boutique
- Absolute Balance Chiropractic



Forever Me

CANCER & SPECIALTY BOUTIQUE

Day 16



2022 included investment in the health and well-being of our community by refreshing and revitalizing Davenport's park system. With an allocation of nearly \$3 million through a combination of ARPA and Capital Improvement Project funding, over 15 parks have been identified to receive various infrastructure, amenity, and play area updates or replacements. The community was involved in selecting several of the new features through a series of public input sessions and surveys.



Day 17

The Coordinated Assessment Program (CAP) completed its first full year of operations in 2022. CAP provides coordinated, multi-agency, single-entry access that invests in the safety of youth, families, and the community through early identification, intervention, comprehensive assessment, improved access and navigation to appropriate services. CAP is delivered by Family Resources in partnership with United Way Quad Cities, Scott County, City of Bettendorf, City of Davenport, and the John Deere Foundation. In its first year of operation, 389 youth were referred to the program for assessment and 147 youth and their families were connected to services and supported via case management.



Day 18



Having great partnerships with several organizations resulted in multiple opportunities throughout the year for volunteers to invest their time and give back to their community. From beautification events to coaching youth sports to the Halloween parade, so many people selflessly joined in the effort to help make Davenport a welcoming and safe place for everyone.

Day 19



This year the City made an investment in evidence-based strategies to lower violent crime in our community. Group Violence Intervention (GVI) was launched in June of 2022 to assist those at highest risk for violent victimization and offending with the intention to keep those individuals alive, safe, and out of prison.

GVI is a partnership between law enforcement, community members, and social service providers, and a nationally known model that has been shown to consistently reduce serious violence in communities over the past twenty years. This year the focus has been on building the strategy foundation and community networks required to make it successful and sustainable.



Day 20

The City is committed to investing in the health and vitality of the neighborhoods our residents live in. In 2022, the City invested \$4.4 million into neighborhood renewal through six different housing development programs including the Davenport DREAM Project, Urban Homestead Program, and down payment grant assistance programs.

These programs provide neighborhood restoration, homeownership opportunities, and accessibility options for homeowners in hopes to inspire a renewed interest in the unique architecture and character found in the City of Davenport's heritage neighborhoods.



Day 21

The City of Davenport is committed to providing professionally managed services that meet or exceed industry standards. This commitment is reflected by investing in the accreditation process of six City departments including code enforcement, fire, library, parks and recreation, police, and public works services.



In 2022, Davenport's Development and Neighborhood Services Department was accredited for the first time, while the Davenport Police Department, Parks and Recreation Department, and Public Library were reaccredited by their respective accreditation agencies. We are proud of the continuous work our staff does to maintain a culture of excellence within our organization.

Day 22

Investment in neighborhood infrastructure and streets continued at record levels this year and remains one of the City's most significant investment priority areas. In 2022, 17 neighborhood streets were resurfaced using \$4.4M in Capital Improvement funds, and maintenance crews crushed out another 28 full-depth neighborhood patching projects and resurfaced another 21 neighborhood road segments.



Day 23

In addition to the funding that City Council allocates each year for a variety of capital improvement projects, City staff also pursues a number of grant opportunities each year to leverage the investment the City has made on a number of projects. This year, the City was awarded over \$15 million dollars in grants to invest in projects across our community such as electric buses, road improvements, and creative placemaking.



Day 24

This year, the City invested in its resiliency as a community located along the mighty Mississippi by completing a flood study and design process that will lead to construction early next year. In 2023, look for continued investment in the City's flood resiliency with the construction of the Water Pollution Control Plant flood resilience project, the clearing and repair of the Black Hawk and Walnut Creek berms, and underground storm sewer improvements on River Drive.



Day 25



As we close out 2022, we want to thank our residents who invest in our community in countless ways every day. Thank you for choosing to call Davenport home!

