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City of Adrian Façades

Downtown Adrian

2016

Project overview

City of Adrian was awarded Community Development Block Grant funds for façade improvements to six buildings in downtown Adrian. The project included substantial historic renovation of the exterior of the buildings and generated private investment in the amount of \$558,533.

Over 55,916 square feet was rehabilitated as part of this project. These façade improvements had a positive impact on the pedestrian experience by rehabilitating underutilized historic storefronts and have served as a catalyst for additional development in downtown Adrian.

The renovated buildings are located at 110 East Church Street, 113 West Maumee Street, 118 West Maumee Street, 124–128 East Maumee Street, 127–129 East Maumee Street, and 150 North Main Street, all in downtown Adrian. Among the buildings rehabilitated are the historic Crosswell Opera House and the Lenawee Historical Museum. The Crosswell Opera House, in existence since 1866, is the oldest theater in Michigan and one of the oldest continuously operating theaters in the United States. The Lenawee Historical Museum is open to the public in the former Adrian Library building, housing thousands of archives relating to Lenawee County history. Both are important local cultural institutions, beloved by residents and visitors throughout the region.

MEDC investment: \$1,450,346.00; MSF also awarded \$30,000 in CDBG funds for the city to pay for a third-party grant administrator for the project.

Private investment: \$558,533

Local investment: The city contributed significant staff time to the project and waived all local permitting fees.