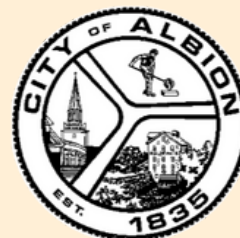


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# STATE OF THE COMMUNITY 2022-2023

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City of Battle Creek

City of Marshall  
City of Springfield



# **State of the Community 2022-2023**

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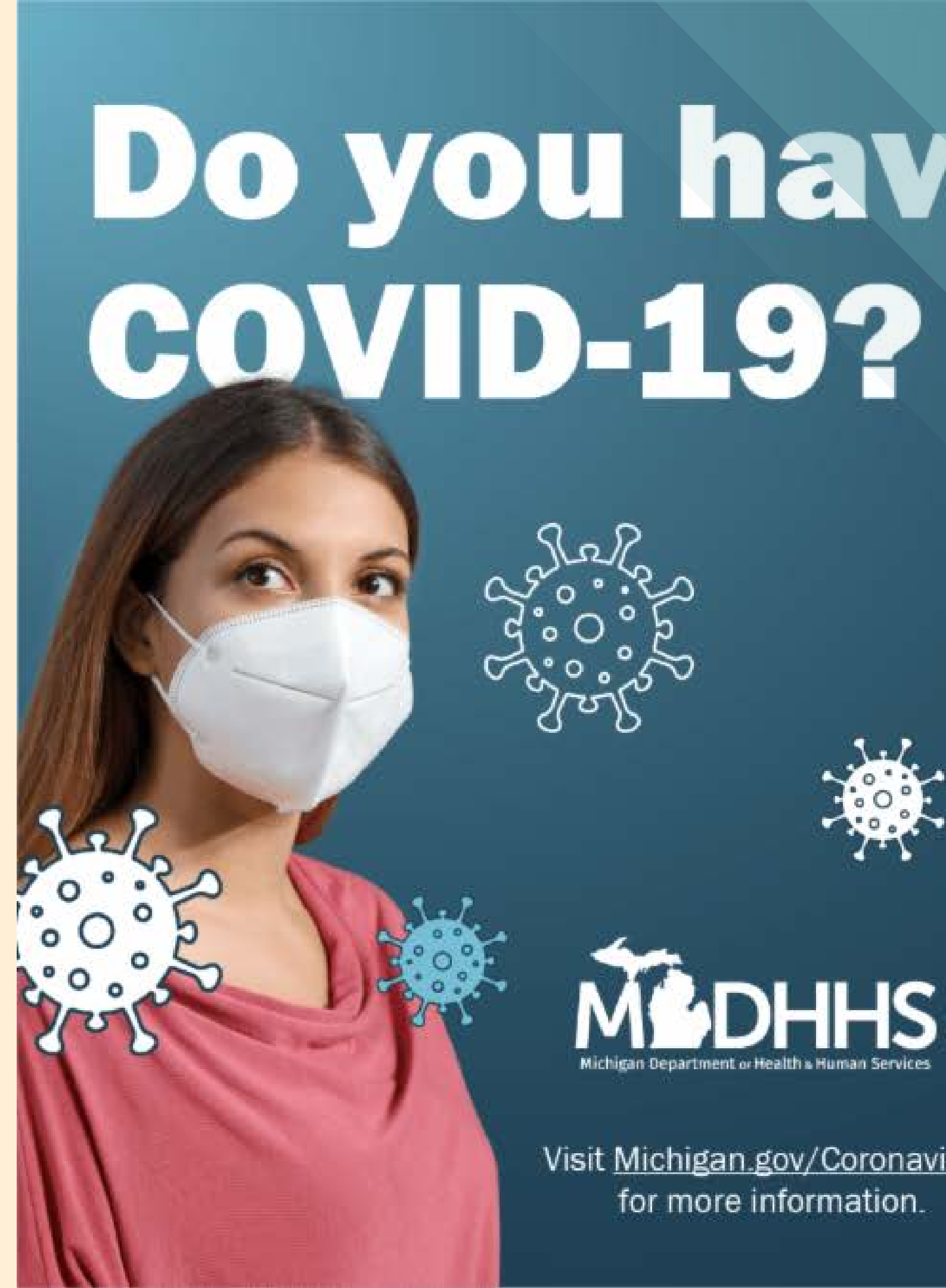
# **LOCAL LEADERS**

- Haley Snyder - Albion City Manager
- Rebecca Fleury - Battle Creek City Manager
- Derek Perry - Marshall City Manager
- Vester Davis Jr. - Springfield City Manager
- Kelli Scott - Calhoun County Administrator/Controller

# COVID-19 RESPONSE IN 2022

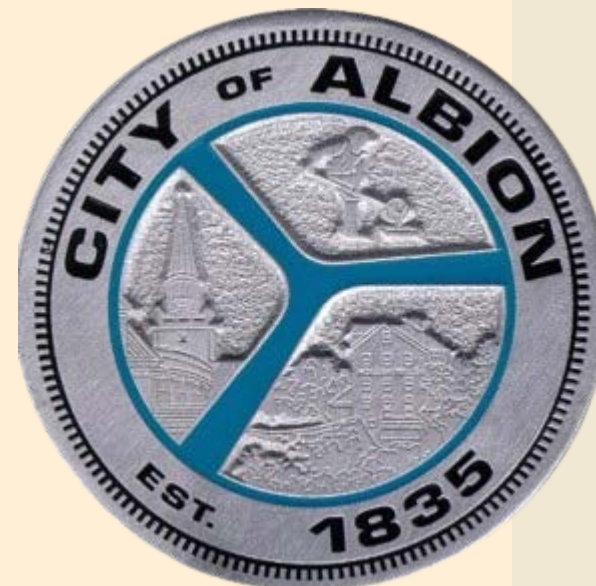
**Formal response has ended.**

- State Emergency Operations Center deactivated for COVID-19 response on Nov. 10. Calhoun County-wide response did the same shortly after.
- Vaccine, boosters, and bivalent booster available locally. Various doses available for ages 6 months to adult.
- Vaccines available from Calhoun County Public Health Department.
- Best information at [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus), including local transmission risk.



# CITY OF ALBION

Haley Snyder,  
City Manager

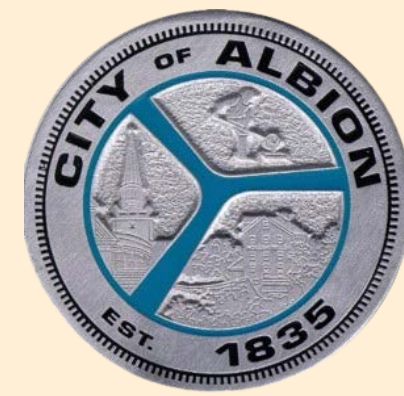


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# ALBION CITY COUNCIL

## 2020/22-2024/26



Meetings: First and third  
Mondays;  
6:30 p.m. study session,  
7 p.m. regular meeting;  
City Hall, 112 W. Cass St.



Precinct 1:  
Donivan Williams



Precinct 2:  
Lenn Reid



Precinct 3/Mayor  
Pro-Tem:  
Nora Jackson



Mayor Victoria  
Garcia-Snyder



Precinct 4:  
Marcola Lawler



Precinct 5:  
Vivian Davis

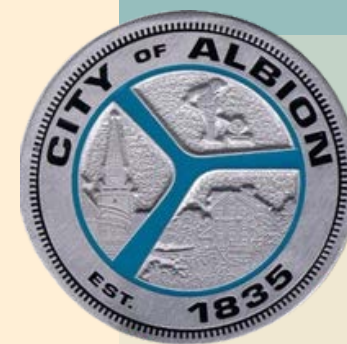


Precinct 6:  
Andrew French



- Continuation of the service agreement with Battle Creek YMCA to provide all recreation programming for city neighbors
- McIntosh Park Project: installation of splash pad, playground, and pavilion
- Downtown economic development progress: Superior Street Mercantile, Galazio, Smart Strength & Conditioning, Gaddis Impressions, and KC Boutique
- Five-year Comprehensive Master Plan

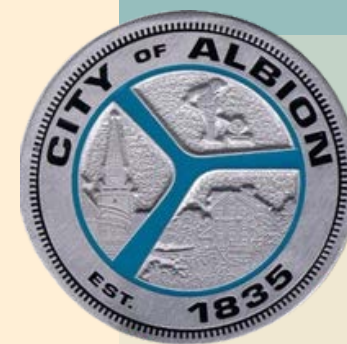
# **ALBION: 2022 SUCCESSES**





- Completed Albion River Trail Expansion II
- Completed feasibility study on removal/replacement of city's five dams
- Did downtown parking management study
- Awarded seven MDOT local bridge grants totaling \$522,000 for fiscal year 2025
- Awarded \$300,000 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant for Albion River Trail Expansion III project

# ALBION: 2022 SUCCESSES



# ALBION: COMING IN 2023

- Upgrades to city's website
- Rental registration program
- MSHDA Mod Project
- CDBG rental rehab project: 112 E. Erie St.
- Infrastructure improvements
  - Full replacement North Albion Street bridge
  - Haven Road project
  - Wastewater Treatment Plant project
  - Drinking Water Asset Management grant project
- Continued participation in countywide transportation and broadband discussions/solutions





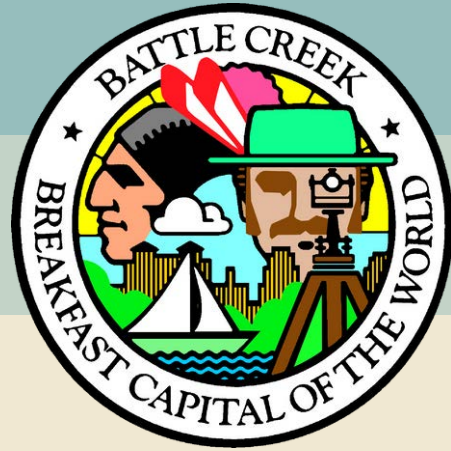
# CITY OF BATTLE CREEK

Rebecca Fleury,  
City Manager



10 N. Division St.,  
Battle Creek  
269-966-3311  
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# BATTLE CREEK CITY COMMISSION 2022-2024



Meetings: First and third  
Tuesdays, 7 p.m.;  
City Hall, 10 N. Division St.;  
Live: AccessVision and city  
YouTube channel



Mayor Mark  
Behnke, At-Large



Vice Mayor Sherry  
Sofia, At-Large



Roger Ballard,  
Ward 1



Jim Lance,  
Ward 5



Jenasia Morris,  
Ward 2



Patrick O'Donnell,  
Ward 3



Carla Reynolds,  
At-Large

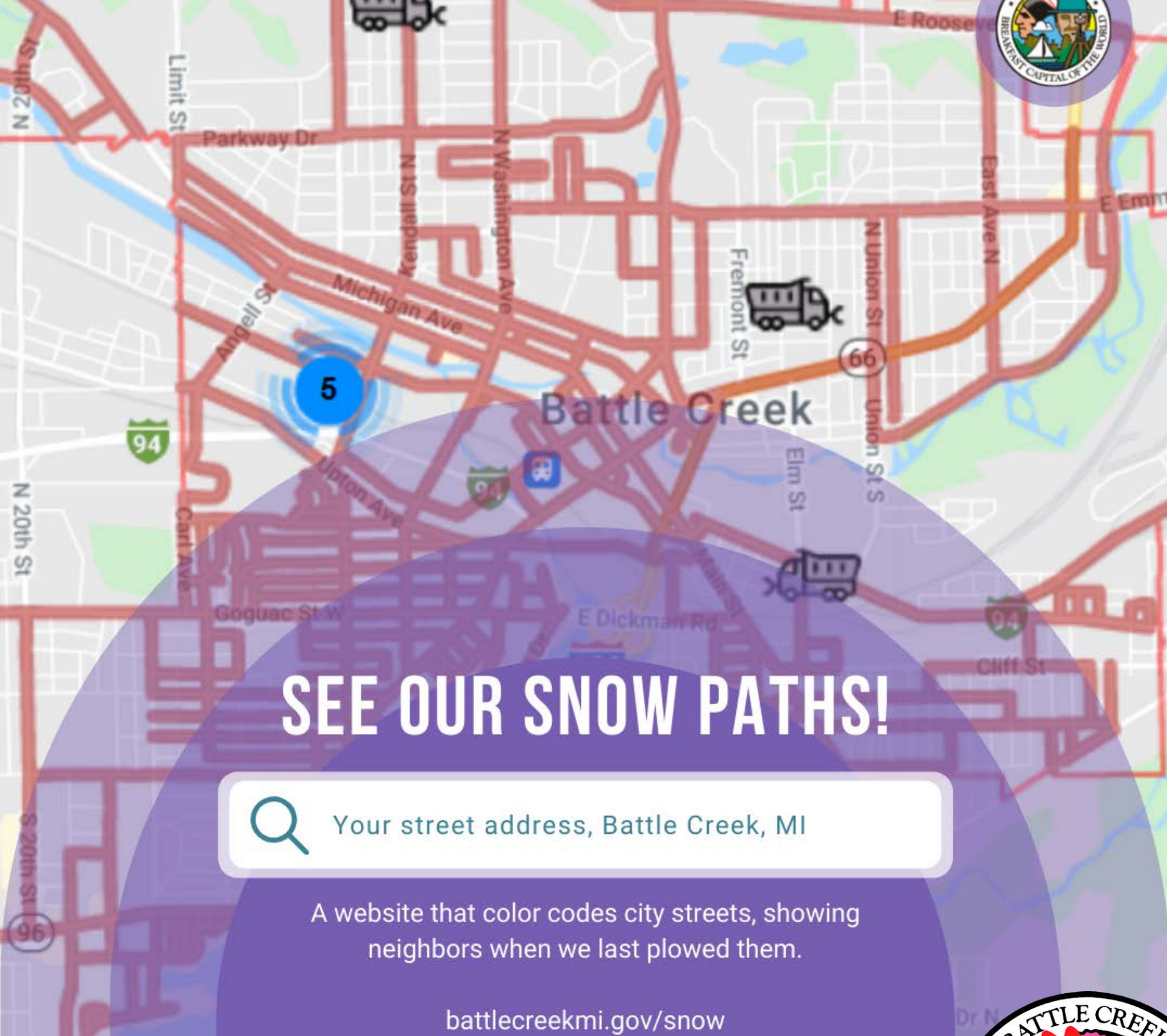


Chris Simmons,  
Ward 4



Jake W. Smith,  
At-Large





# BATTLE CREEK: 2022 SUCCESSES

- Launched new tools to inform neighbors
  - Textedly
  - SnowPaths
  - Police Dept. SPIDR TECH
- Events: Que the Creek, Restaurant Week
- Improvements to Fire Station 4
- Continued efforts to provide online services during staff illness/shortage
- Police identified Amber Griffin
- National Community Survey completed







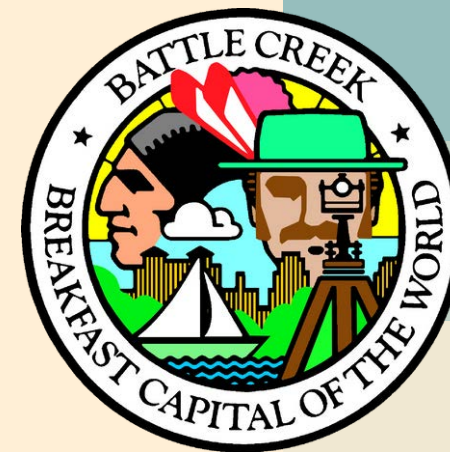
# BATTLE CREEK: 2022 SUCCESSES

- National Public Works Week open house
- BCT receives funding for continued on-demand BCGo service/10,000th ride
- Community engagement around DEI Officer and Fire Chief roles
- Neighborhood Planning Councils return
- Team achievements: Individual certifications, department accreditations
- Completed Equity Audit
- Repaved parts of Linear Park path for improved use/access



- Diversity, equity, and inclusion work internal with new officer, Kimberly Holley
- Receive final EMS/Fire/Police report from Center for Public Safety Management; consider recommendations
- Advance river naturalization project
- Continue economic development efforts, including affordable housing projects
  - Dolliver
  - Former Kmart

# BATTLE CREEK: COMING IN 2023





- Claude Evans Park upgrades
- Community newsletter coming to neighbors by direct mail
- City Commission previews and reviews, for better community understanding
- Engagement for update to Recreation Master Plan - parks and rec amenities
- Consider creation of Citizens Review Board

# BATTLE CREEK: COMING IN 2023





# CITY OF MARSHALL

Derek Perry,  
City Manager



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Ave., Marshall  
269-781-5183  
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# MARSHALL CITY COUNCIL 2023-2024

Mayor Jim Schwartz

Ward 1 Council Member Scott Wolfersberger

Ward 3 Council Member Jacob Gates

Ward 5 Council Member Ryan Underhill

At-Large Council Member Ryan Traver

Wards 2 & 4: Vacant

**Meetings:** First and third  
Mondays, at 7 p.m. at City  
Hall, 323 W Michigan Ave.,  
Marshall, MI 49068







# MARSHALL: 2022 SUCCESSES

- Administration/Finance
  - Completed LDFA bond sale of \$6.445M for construction of the Brooks Substation
  - Complete water revenue bond sale of \$2.2M for water system improvements
- Police Department
  - Implemented Code Enforcement program
  - Updated Special Event Policy and application form
  - Implemented a School Resource Officer program with Marshall Public Schools
  - Conducted a National Night Out program



# MARSHALL: 2022 SUCCESSES



- Public Services Department
  - Completed 2022 Street Improvement Program
  - Completed replacement of the W. Prospect Street water main
  - Completed scheduled Improvements to the WWTP
- Electric Utility Department
  - Completed inspection and assessment of remaining wooden electric utility poles
  - Developed a plan to convert remaining 4,160-volt electric distribution system to 12,470-volt operation
- Community Services Department
  - Completed an IT assessment
  - Developed and implemented Eaton Park marketing and fundraising plan





# MARSHALL: COMING IN 2023

- Complete cost of service study and rate design for utilities
- Close out Deficit Elimination Plans for FiberNet and Electric Funds
- Update FOIA policy and procedures
- Implement a Traffic Study program
- Complete the revised Marijuana Odor Ordinance and Enforcement Policy
- Complete Downtown Parking Assessment
- Complete the final year of the Street Improvement Program
- Develop construction plans for Brooks Fountain and repair Carver Fountain
- Replace E. Prospect Street water main
- Finalize and construct the Activation Zone improvements
- Replace approximately 70 wooden poles



# MARSHALL: COMING IN 2023

## LEGEND

- A STORE FRONT AREA
- B BRICK OR STAMPED CONCRETE PAVEMENT
- C ENCLOSED PATIO WITH TABLES AND SHADE TREES
- D SHADE STRUCTURE / PERGOLA WITH AMENITIES
- E EXISTING TRANSFORMERS WITH DECORATIVE ART BOXES AND SCREENING
- F PROPOSED COMMUNAL LITTER DISPOSAL
- G CONNECTING SIDEWALK
- H PROPOSED LANDSCAPE BEDS
- I RESTRIPE PARKING LOT +/- 59 SPACES, WAS 80 SPACES
- J NEW W GREEN ST ANGLED PARKING +/- 73 SPACES
- K PROPOSED ONE WAY JEFFERSON ST WITH ANGLED PARKING +/- 17 SPACES
- L RESTRIPE PARKING LOT +/- 42 SPACES
- M COMBINE DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES
- N NEW PARKING LOT SHADE TREES
- O PRESERVED UTILITY POLES

NOT TO SCALE



CITY OF MARSHALL | GREEN STREET RECONSTRUCTION | NOVEMBER 16, 2022

- Replace 500 electric meters
- Maintain 90% or greater generating availability annually
- Produce at least 1,185,786 kWh from the Hydro units annually
- Place the Brooks Substation Into service
- Complete the sale of the Marshall House property
- Implement new website and associated branding Items
- Develop non-motorized plan and maintain the existing Riverwalk
- Complete the development of Eaton Park
- Update the Parks and Recreation five-year Master Plan
- Partner with MAEDA and MEDC to promote and develop the Marshall Megasite
- Complete the South NIA Traffic Impact Study





# CITY OF SPRINGFIELD

Vester Davis Jr.,  
City Manager



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Springfield  
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**Meetings:** First and third  
Mondays, 6:30 p.m.;  
Susan Anderson  
Municipal Building, 601  
Avenue A;  
**Live:** AccessVision cable  
or online



# **SPRINGFIELD CITY COUNCIL 2023-2024**

Mayor Harry Burdett  
Mayor Pro-Tem Art Hollingsworth  
Councilwoman Tracey Cummings  
Councilwoman Amy Evans  
Councilman Larry Eib  
Councilman Adam Gregory  
Councilwoman Christy Kincaid





# SPRINGFIELD: 2022 SUCCESSES

- Election success!
  - Celebrated outgoing and newly elected leadership
- Financial stability
  - No deficit fund balances
  - No fund deficiencies
- Community investments
  - Leverage local monies against one-time funding opportunities i.e. ARPA projects
  - Eliminate credit/debit card fees for utility bill payments
  - Parks, housing, nonprofits, infrastructure, transportation





# SPRINGFIELD: 2022 SUCCESSES

- Cultural Events
  - Springfield Car Show with our first movie in the park event
  - Easter Egg Hunt
  - Halloween Trunk or Treat
- Continued investment in city services and operations



# SPRINGFIELD: COMING IN 2023

- Strategic planning with city leadership
- Onboard mental health resource for city staff and household
- Complete job classification and compensation study
- Advance asset management goals by conducting a sidewalk assessment
- Implement the updated City of Springfield Parks & Recreation Plan and leverage park funding



# SPRINGFIELD: COMING IN 2023



- Continue participating in countywide transportation planning efforts
- Wrap up lead service line verification project
- Attack underfunded pension and Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)
- Evaluate community policing efforts
- Clarify, Communicate, Collaborate, Celebrate





# CALHOUN COUNTY

Kelli Scott,  
Administrator and  
Controller



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# CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 2023-2024



District 1: Rochelle Hatcher (D)

District 2: Monique French (D)

BOARD CHAIR District 3: Kathy-Sue Vette (R)

VICE CHAIR District 4: Steve Frisbie (R)

District 5: Derek King (R)

District 6: Diane Thompson (R)

District 7: Tommy Miller (R)

**Meetings:** First and third Thursdays, at 7 p.m. in Board Chambers of the County Building, 315 W Green St., Marshall





# CALHOUN COUNTY: 2022 SUCCESSES

“Restabilization”—determination to emerge from pandemic, restore staffing and focus on delivering quality service to our community

## Key Financial Accomplishments:

- ARPA Appropriations of \$5M during 2022
  - \$23M to date from our allocated \$26M
    - 50% to replace lost County governmental revenues from 2020-2023
      - \$1M within Road Department
    - 25% to Public Health Response, mainly Public Safety personnel costs
    - 25% to help community recover from negative COVID-19 Impacts
  - Approx. split 80% Internal projects; 20% external awards
- Reaffirmed 'AA' with Stable Outlook Bond Credit Rating
- Pension Plans achieved 97% funded status, up from 76% in prior year





# CALHOUN COUNTY: 2022 SUCCESSES



- Community Support
  - County EDC sponsored new Local Government Leaders Forum series
  - New Board of Commissioners meeting agenda system
  - Streamlined emergency notifications with RAVE Alerts
  - Senior Services updated poverty limit eligibility to serve more people
  - Clerk began offering vital records online
  - FLRSB - Highest 2% net win ever; distributed \$6M to local governments
  - NAHF - Awarded \$500,000 to six statewide schools and local governments
  - Voters renewed Veterans Affairs and Medical Care Facility millages
  - Courts began implementation of MiFile online court filing system





# CALHOUN COUNTY: 2022 SUCCESSES



- Road Department
  - Completed three-year resurfacing of all Emmett Township local roads
  - New Annual Report
- Parks Improvements
  - New "Menwabek Park" Trailhead and Pathway in Albion
  - New entrance and 9 new disc golf holes at Kimball Pines Park
- Valuing Employees
  - Adopted ongoing Remote Work Board Policy
  - Implemented new Post-65 Retiree Health Exchange Program
  - Added Juneteenth and all-day Good Friday as County holidays
  - Sheriff recruitment and retention programs



# CALHOUN COUNTY: COMING IN 2023

"Reimagining Calhoun County Government" — resetting and refreshing values, and adapting to meet the changing challenges of today and beyond

- Leadership Matters
  - New County Board Chair, Vice Chair, and two new commissioners
  - Orientation to achieve shared set of values, sense of purpose, vision of desired community outcomes
  - Refresh of 30+ committee assignments
  - Communicating priorities with new State and National legislators





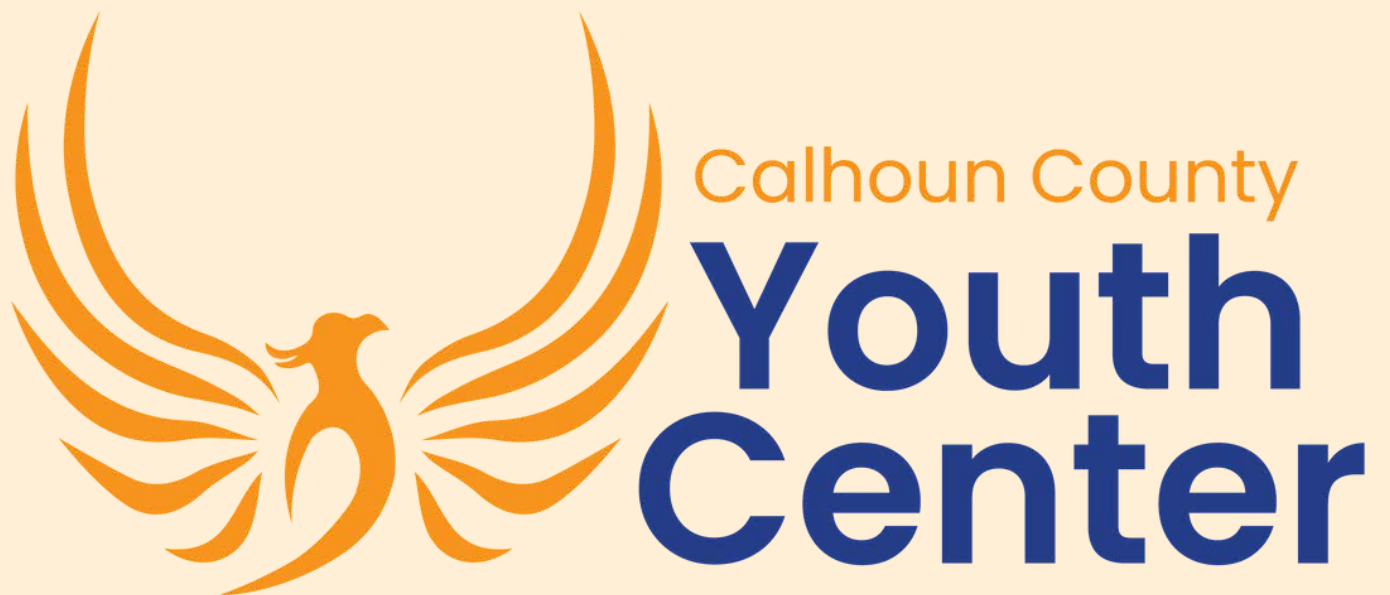
# CALHOUN COUNTY: COMING IN 2023

- Innovating with Technology
  - New finance and HR system, integrating Road Department operations
  - Life-Cycle replacement of jointly-owned Crime Records Management System (RMS)
  - New Road Department Service Request System and mobile app
- Improving Service Delivery and Operations
  - New deputy HR director to better support changing workforce needs
  - Increased focus on importance of JEDI, mental health, and wellness
  - Upgrading major service contracts: Jail Food, Jail Medical, Animal Shelter
  - Road Department updating cost sharing policies to better partner with townships





# CALHOUN COUNTY: COMING IN 2023



## Juvenile Home Rebranding and Renovations

- New name: Calhoun County Youth Center
- New logo: Phoenix symbolizes rebirth and renewal
  - Adapting to a changing Industry
  - Better reflects our mission in the branding
  - Positions the Center as a leader in youth detention
  - Youth are at the center of our efforts
- Renovations will allow for safer, healthier operations, expansion in available beds, and maintain attractive current side and building structure
  - Construction throughout 2023; Completion 2024





# CALHOUN COUNTY: COMING IN 2023

## Increasing Resiliency

- County financing of \$18M in needed 911 infrastructure updates, backed by new voter-approved 911 millage
- Health Department
  - National accreditation
  - Mobile health van, "Calhoun County Wellness Wagon"
  - Implementation with partners of Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)
- Sheriff's Project: New cameras in K-12 schools that are connected to Dispatch, funded through \$1.7M federal grant
- Installation of solar energy and lighting upgrades throughout County buildings, with \$4M cost covered by energy savings

# CALHOUN COUNTY: COMING IN 2023

## Maintaining Livable Communities

- Creation of new Transportation Authority of Calhoun County (TACC)
- Broadband Task Force
  - Consultant's report and guidebook coming soon
  - RFP to select private Internet Service Provider partners
  - Seeking millions In federal grant funds coming soon
- Opioid Response and New Settlement Funds
- Cleaner Buildings Campaign within County-owned facilities
- Security Improvements, interior and exterior design plan for Toeller







# CALHOUN COUNTY: COMING IN 2023

## Supporting a Thriving Economy

- Continued implementation of ARPA funds previously awarded
  - Former McCamly Hotel
  - Housing initiatives
  - Delinquent property tax relief
  - Walking path improvements at Washington Heights UMC
  - VOCES relocation
  - Haven of Rest capital campaign
- Clean up of mound In Battle Creek near Justice Center for private development
- Supporting MEDC, MAEDA, City of Marshall, and Marshall Township to market and develop the Marshall Megasite



# **QUESTION & ANSWER**

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# **FINAL THOUGHTS**



**Haley Snyder**  
Albion



**Rebecca Fleury**  
Battle Creek



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# **THANK YOU!**