

2027 GAMSA Application Photo Ledger

Village of Lake Orion DDA

Lake Orion, Michigan

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| 1  | LakeOrion_GAMSA_Image1.pdf<br>Aerial Downtown              | Aerial of Downtown, showing the four lane state trunkline.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Joe Johnson                  |
| 2  | LakeOrion_GAMSA_Image2.pdf<br>Where we started             | Small collection of 1980's era empty storefront locations, for lease signs, and aluminum window framing. The Wagon Wheel Saloon, once the Downtown Movie House, collapsed under the weight of the snow. Vacancies topped 30% in the mid 1990's                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Orion Historical Society     |
| 3  | LakeOrion_GAMSA_Image3.pdf<br>Fire and Rebirth             | The original start of South Broadway Street. The block was all but demolished following an early morning fire, but was rebuilt to reflect the architectural heritage of the Village. This commitment to preservation based design has inspired more than 20 facade and major preservation based renovations throughout Downtown.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Lake Orion DDA               |
| 4  | LakeOrion_GAMSA_Image4.pdf<br>First Historic Grant Project | Originally the Middleton Dairy, and a long abandoned mechanics shop, 20 Front St. was re-adapted into an award winning Music venue, hosting talent from around the country. An eclectic coffee shop fills the upper rear and a ice creamery peddles goodies below. This was the programs first major preservation grant supported redevelopment project, partnering with the families who restored this gem.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Allan Goetz                  |
| 5  | LakeOrion_GAMSA_Image5.pdf<br>Dragon Eye Mural             | Partnering with the Detroit Institute of Arts, program funding brought a signature piece of Lake Orion legend and history to life through this Dragon an eye over Downtown and over the Art & Flower Fair in the spring. Our Dragon keeps an eye on the thousands of kids during the Halloween Parade, the paddlers in the Dragon Boat Races, and more. Legend has it a Dragon lives in the lake.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Matthew Gibb                 |
| 6  | LakeOrion_GAMSA_Image6.pdf<br>Flint Street Alley           | The center image reveals a well traveled pedestrian pass through known as the Flint Street Alley. For years this area lay fallow, with trip hazards and peeling paint. Through a shopping bag full of sponsors, the alley was re-skinned and now is the festival home to the "Illuminators" who invade with bright yellow positivity and hundreds of selfies. It is now where the revellers gather.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Molly Lalone<br>Matthew Gibb |
| 7  | LakeOrion_GAMSA_Image7.pdf<br>Childrens Park               | Early in the program, an under-utilized and aging park saw new life, Working elements of the Strategic Plan the DDA secured funding and partners to build a new gazebo, huge children's playground, and stepped landscaping so gatherings like LOLive, Sing & Stroll, and even a few weddings, can occur each year. The park was made accessible by the DDA's addition of a bridge crossing.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Matthew Gibb                 |
| 8  | LakeOrion_GAMSA_Image8.pdf<br>Center of Town               | Illuminators help plant flowers throughout downtown, which annually boasts more than 60 hanging baskets, multiple flower boxes, wayfinding signs and historical markers and maps. Flags fly from the streetlights through a partnership with the Lake Orion Sunrise Rotary. The streetscape shows off when the main square is closed, and our partnership with the Village Police always brings out the cool stuff                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Lake Orion DDA               |
| 9  | LakeOrion_GAMSA_Image9.pdf<br>Quality of Life              | The Downtown streets fill with hundreds on warm nights to fill roof tops and outdoor patios, and thousands when the state's largest and oldest Holiday Lighted Parade rolls through. The Downtown is the cross roads of two major regional rail-to-trail networks and 3,000 acres of mountain bike trails are just a short ride from a cool drink. The Sons of the American Legion host more than 50 teams for Summer Cornhole, setting up on walks, alleys, and approaches to our business community.                                                                                                                                                            | Matthew Gibb                 |
| 10 | LakeOrion_GAMSA_Image10.pdf<br>Dragon on the Lake          | Each August, the Orion Art Center brings Dragon on the Lake to Downtown and the lake. More than 600 competitive paddlers take to the boats, dozens complete in chalk art on the streets, a huge art fair fills the walks and roads, and music extends late into the night. More than 15,000 attend annually.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Joe Johnson                  |
| 11 | LakeOrion_GAMSA_Image11.pdf<br>Parades                     | The most original participant designs are revealed in the lighted boat parade on the lake and during our now 82 year tradition of flare night, a glowing red road flare fundraiser for the Lions Club. But, our most attended parades are those that run through Downtown, and always include kids, dogs, veterans, police, and costumed characters. These are shots of the Dog Days parade, Memorial Day festivities, and our signature Holiday Lighted Parade.                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Lake Orion DDA               |
| 12 | LakeOrion_GAMSA_Image12.pdf<br>Lumber Yard at Paint Creek  | In the same month the DDA's very existence was on a public ballot asking whether the program should continue, bonds were issued and a closing held on the 1910 Orion Lumber & Coal Yard. This project, that started in blight, is now seeing its potential. The main barn will become a public market and event space, the lumber racks are now stalls for outdoor markets, the north face has a new attitude with an accessible gathering deck. All of the exterior siding, interior flooring, and hardware, is placed and made from salvaged and repurposed materials from the site, including the door pulls which are made from railroad spikes found onsite. | AJ Mueller<br>Matthew Gibb   |
| 13 | LakeOrion_GAMSA_Image13.pdf<br>Lumber Yard Trailhead       | In the Northeast corner of the Lumber Yard sits a supply house built in 1917, which was just too cool not to save. Using onsite salvaged material, the shed has been rebuilt to its old character and already put into action, hosting several hundred riders for Dianne's Ride for Alzhiemers Research on National Trail Day. When done, this iconic place will serve as the north trailhead for the Paint Creek Trail, which sees more than 60,000 users annually.                                                                                                                                                                                              | Matthew Gibb                 |

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| 14 | LakeOrion_GAMSA_Image14.pdf | In 1910, the Michigan Central built a coal office to support the booming resort town that was Lake Orion. This office was extended in 1917 and hidden under years of canopy's, plastic siding, and product exhibits. The DDA stripped it back to the original frame, siding and size, and have rebuilt it in its former glory and color. A legendary Detroit italian bakery will finish the job and be the first bakery in Downtown since the 1960's.      | Matthew Gibb<br>Joe Johnson |
| 15 | LakeOrion_GAMSA_Image15.pdf | The reason it all succeeds, the Illuminators. Lake Orion's people reflect it all, and in this case the newly branded, yellow clad, Illuminators, who repair, host, welcome and commit, to just about all it takes to make a town where anyone can enjoy and feel loved. Those volunteers are celebrated every year at the Light Up Lake Orion celebration, where this year a local scout troop won the "Tour de Force" award for group effort and results. | Matthew Gibb                |