



**Saginaw, Michigan will host the Canadian Hockey League  
2024 Memorial Cup Presented by Dow**



# **32nd ANNUAL** 2023 **REPORT**



Established in 1992, Saginaw Future Inc. (SFI) is a private, non-profit economic development organization. SFI collaborates with business, education, government and community partners to position Saginaw County as a great place to live, work and locate a business.



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## Letter from the Chair

It is my pleasure to Chair an organization that has helped spur tremendous growth in Saginaw County in 2023. This is also a time to recognize the fantastic opportunity that the Canadian Hockey League 2024 Memorial Cup presented by Dow will bring to Saginaw and the entire Great Lakes Bay Region in just a few months. We all are preparing for the renowned tournament and supporting our Saginaw Spirit.

Multi-million-dollar expansions in advanced manufacturing led the way in 2023 from Amigo Mobility in Bridgeport to Saginaw Control and Engineering in Thomas Township. We assisted four projects that total \$22 million to address housing needs. Core Saginaw County companies continue to develop and add new opportunities, such as Shaheen Development, Morley Companies, Nexteer and MERRILL. And yes, we are preparing for the Memorial Cup from the Symphony Lane Placemaking project to administering the Saginaw DDA, which supported 10 façade grants that total nearly \$380,000 in complete project costs.

Please enjoy reading about the successful 2023 projects and Go Spirit!

**Seth Perigo**  
Chair, Saginaw Future Inc. Board of Directors



2023 Expansions	Investment	Jobs
AI Mobile Storage Leasing	\$1,000,000	12
Amigo Mobility International	\$6,250,000	23
Ann Arbor Builders	\$500,000	~
Bavarian Inn Lodge	\$750,000	~
Beattie Master Pool and Spa	~	6
BGT Aerospace LLC	\$34,000	6
Cignys	~	7
CMU College of Medicine & CMU Medical Education Partners	~	89
Cornerstone Fabricating	\$1,000,000	6
Endurance Carbide	\$1,231,780	~
Fullerton Tool Company	\$1,765,196	2
Merrill Technologies Group	\$350,000	~
Morley Companies, Inc.	~	96
Nexteer Automotive	\$33,000,000	~
Saginaw Art Museum	\$42,000	~
Saginaw Control and Engineering	\$10,577,000	36
Shaheen Development	~	109
The Work Wear Store - 2	\$51,752	2
UMBRA Group	\$1,500,000	26
United Way of Saginaw County	\$50,000	~
Vargas & Sons Tortillas	\$30,000	~
Zehnder's Mill Project	\$7,600,000	15
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$65,731,728</b>	<b>435</b>

2023 Attractions	Investment	Jobs
Adams Street Development	\$15,800,000	~
Don Angelo Institute	\$350,000	8
EduPlay Discover Center North	\$1,500,000	20
Fifth Avenue Partnership LLC	\$5,000,000	~
Higher Purpose	\$700,000	~
Memorial Cup/Symphony Lane/Hockey Sculpture	\$853,590	~
Michigan Cream and Sugar	\$500,000	21
Old Town Saginaw Properties	\$500,000	~
Prahi Enterprises LLC	\$2,000,000	6
Self-ish Selfie Shoppe and Trinity Creations Photography	\$180,000	4
The Other Side Grill	\$1,200,000	25
VA RG Development WRG	\$6,000,000	~
Wall Den Saginaw LLC	\$2,400,000	30
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$36,983,590</b>	<b>114</b>





# Services & RESULTS

SFI collaborates with business, education, government and community partners to position Saginaw County as a great place to live, work and locate a business.

Our Results	2023	1992-2023
Business Expansions	23	687
Businesses Attracted	13	200
Jobs Created/Retained	549	34,564
Government Contracts	469	11,894
Total Value of Contracts	\$32,771,316	\$860,999,503
<b>NEW INVESTMENT</b>	<b>\$102,715,318</b>	<b>\$8,541,655,164</b>

SFI and its economic partners worked on 6 infrastructure and workforce development grants valued at nearly **\$33 million** for Saginaw County.

Corporate Watch Calls **239**  
Talent Attraction & Retention Events **3**

Leads **150**  
Communications **183**  
Business Development **43**  
Reports and Promotion

**GreatLakesBaySites.com**  
Nearly **1,000** commercial & industrial properties marketed

## SAGINAW FUTURE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

County of Saginaw	City of Saginaw	Region 5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Great Lakes Tech Park</li> <li>Economic Development Corporation of the County of Saginaw</li> <li>Saginaw County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority</li> <li>Saginaw County Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual Economic Report</li> <li>Bond Rating Agency Research and updated economic data</li> <li>Sites/buildings for potential County facilities</li> <li>Provides research and assistance for specific requests</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Management of the Saginaw Downtown Development Authority</li> <li>Saginaw Soup</li> <li>Citywide economic development assistance</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coordinate meetings for six economic development organizations in eight-county region</li> <li>Represent Region 5 on MEDC Collaborative Development Council</li> <li>Lead projects for Region 5</li> </ul>

## SAGINAW DDA



Saginaw Future entered into an agreement for services with the city of Saginaw in 2015 to administer the Saginaw Downtown Development Authority (DDA). SFI has assisted the DDA in passing a 2-mil tax levy which collects approximately \$125,000 annually. Those funds are utilized to enhance, promote, and foster growth and development in Downtown and Old Town Saginaw.

<p><b>DDA Facade Grants</b></p> <p>10 facade projects supported. Totaling <b>\$55,800</b> in grants. Total Project Costs: <b>\$379,855.</b></p>	<p><b>Enhanced Beautification</b></p> <p>43 Large Flowerpot Receptacles throughout Downtown and Old Town Saginaw.</p> <p>Installation of <b>30</b> holiday planters and <b>78</b> LED snowflake lights throughout Downtown and Old Town Saginaw.</p>	<p><b>Special Event Sponsorships</b></p> <p>10 special events supported. Totaling <b>\$14,500</b> in grants.</p>	<p><b>1 Match on Main Grant Award</b></p> <p>Match on Main is a reimbursement grant program administered by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation that serves to support new or expanding place-based businesses by providing up to \$25,000 in funding to support eligible activities.</p>
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# Saginaw FUTURE INC.

## Mission & Vision

To advance economic growth in Saginaw County.

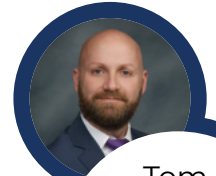
To be the leading organization in Saginaw County, providing proactive and focused economic development assistance, striving for diversified growth, job creation and retention, increased business investment and tax base, and a positive environment for businesses to thrive.

## Services & Expertise

Saginaw Future assists companies to secure or identify funding sources, incentive packaging, provides site location services, pursues government contracts, connects with export assistance, job training and other resources. SFI also serves as an advocate for business investment projects, connects with resources to address workforce needs and serves as a community liaison through our service contracts with local and state government partners. SFI also continues to promote efforts to attract and develop talent.



JoAnn Crary  
CEcD, FM, HLM  
PRESIDENT

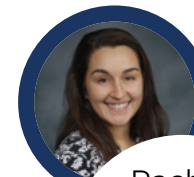


Tom Miller Jr.  
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT



Tim Dempsey  
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

## SFI TEAM



Rachel Morneau  
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT & OPERATIONS COORDINATOR



Delena Spates Allen  
APEX ACCELERATORS DIRECTOR



Greg LaMarr  
COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING DIRECTOR



Rebecca Younk  
APEX PROCUREMENT SPECIALIST



Stephanie Bauer  
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER



Steve Hensley  
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR



# Saginaw Future Inc. BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce



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City of Saginaw



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Saginaw County Board of Commissioners



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**PAUL FURLO**  
Morley Companies, Inc.



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UMBRA GROUP



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City of Saginaw



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Frankenmuth Insurance



**JUSTIN POMERVILLE**  
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City of Frankenmuth



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**JAMES TERRY**  
PF Markey



**GREG TURNER**  
Pumford Construction



**RAFAEL TURNER**  
Consumers Energy



**KRISTEN WENZEL\*\***  
Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works!



**CHAD WURTZEL**  
UAW Region 1-D

## New MEMBERS

**GAVIN GOETZ**  
AT&T

**MARY CATHERINE HANNAH**  
Saginaw County Administrator

**KYLE MCCREE**  
Consumers Energy

\*Denotes Executive Committee \*\* Denotes Ex Officio Member

# Highlights SCE, Amigo & Cignys

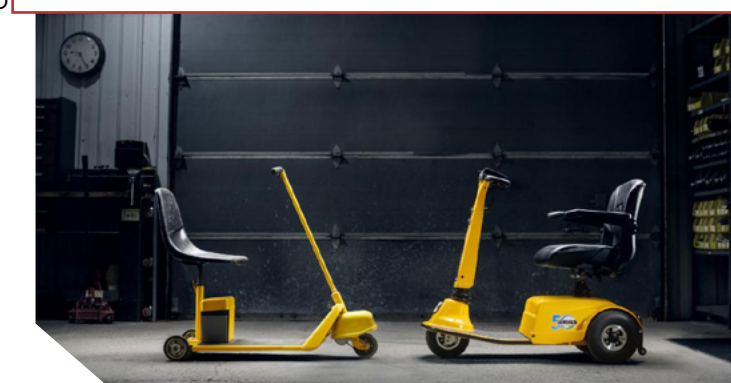


SCE Expands at Great Lakes Tech Park

[Saginaw Control and Engineering](#) (SCE) announced another major expansion at its Saginaw West Facility in the Great Lakes Tech Park. The 110,000 sq. ft. facility is required due to increased demand across all of the company's markets. The project is expected to result in the creation of 10 new jobs and 26 jobs retained. SCE continues to be a leader in the electrical enclosure industry. This \$10.5 million expansion in Thomas Township will include some of the latest state-of-the-art equipment to ensure the highest quality electrical enclosures along with quick deliveries, competitive prices, and the products continue to be made 100% in the USA. SCE headquarters is located at Gratiot (M-46) and Midland Rd. in Saginaw Charter Township.

[Amigo Mobility International](#) expanded again in Bridgeport Charter Township. Amigo acquired property to the east of its facility and constructed a 26,000 square-foot building. The company is also adding equipment for powder coating and laser cutting, and will create 23 new jobs over the next three years. Saginaw Future assisted Amigo and the community with a PA 198 industrial facilities exemption and helped secure an incentive package through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. The total investment is more than \$6.2 million.

## Amigo Mobility Adding 26,000 Square-Foot



## Cignys is Poised for Significant Growth



[Cignys](#) is a high-end machining, fabricating, paint, and assembly operation active in defense, automotive and general industrial markets. Cignys has three locations in Saginaw County including the City of Saginaw, Bridgeport and Thomas Township. During 2023, Cignys added seven employees to its workforce and was recently awarded \$53,600 in Going Pro grant funds. Established in 1919, the company is poised for significant growth in the upcoming year, with plans to add nearly \$7 million in new investment and 10-15 new jobs.



*Harold Baldauf - 1st Generation centered is 90 years old and started SCE in his garage in 1963. Left and right of him is David Baldauf (son) & Fred May (son-in-law) - 2nd Generation. On the outside Cole Van Strydonk (grandson-in law) and Scott Baldauf (grandson) - 3rd Generation*

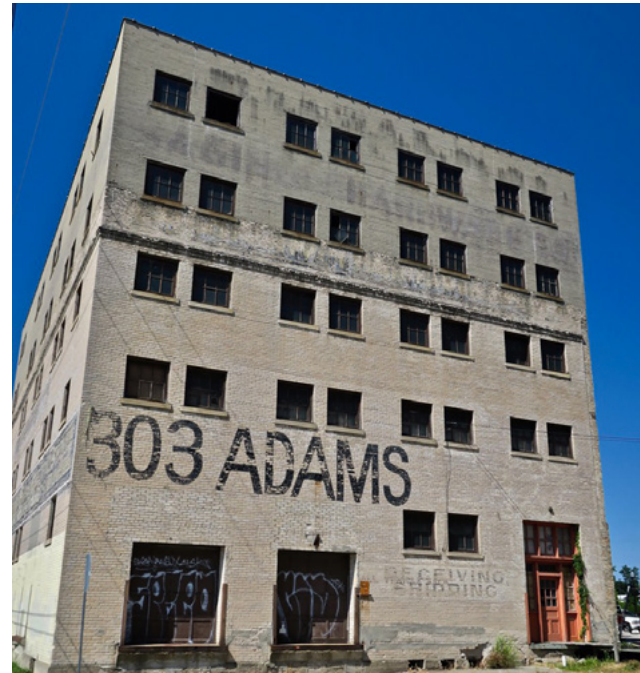


# Highlights

## New Housing Coming to Saginaw



\$5 Million Housing Investment in Downtown



### Four-Story Mixed-Use Development

SFI assisted in securing a Revitalization and Placemaking Grant for the 303 Adams Street Development in Old Town Saginaw. The project is planned to be a four-story mixed-use development with 52 one and two bedroom apartments and 4,680 sq. ft. of street facing retail development.

The project is expected to begin this fall, with completion slated for summer, 2025. SFI is also working on local incentives to support the \$15.8 million investment.



The City of Saginaw solicited bid proposals for the sale of property located at 505 Millard St., which was formerly the Jefferson Apartments. The City reviewed a list of respondents and awarded the 505 Millard building project to Fifth Avenue Partnership LLC.

The developer intends to create forty market rate apartments in the long vacant building and the total investment will likely exceed \$5 million.

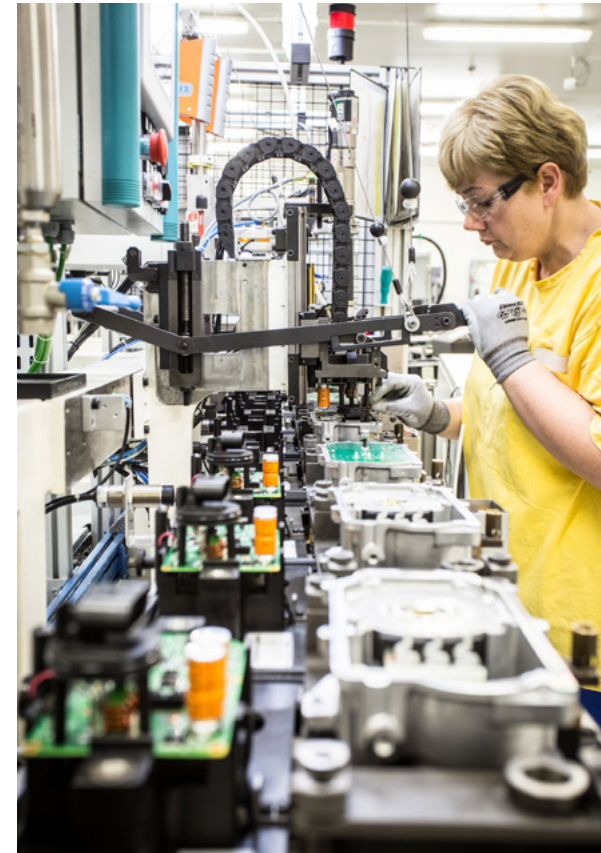
# Highlights

## Nexteer, MERRILL & VA

### Nexteer Invests in Buena Vista

[Nexteer Automotive](#), a leader in intuitive motion control, is a multibillion-dollar global steering and driveline business delivering electric and hydraulic steering systems, steering columns and driveline systems, as well as advanced driver assistance systems (ADAS) and automated driving technologies for Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM) around the world.

The Global Technical Center and United States manufacturing site is located in Buena Vista Charter Township, Saginaw County, MI. During 2023, the company invested more than \$33 million in new technology.



### State Incentive Package for Merrill Project

[MERRILL](#) has begun its expansion project in the Village of Merrill. The investment is projected to be \$25.3 million, including \$9.2 million in construction. The company expects to retain 72 jobs and add 14 new jobs.

SFI assisted MERRILL and the community with a PA 198 Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate and also assisted the company in securing a state incentive package totaling approximately \$350,000.



### VA RE Development, LLC is the Government Contractor of the Year

The Aleda E. Lutz VAMC offered an opportunity to lease a new office building in Saginaw, Michigan. With the assistance of the Acquisition & Project Excellence (APEX) program, local companies were able to fulfill this need. This building will house several divisions of the VA to include Home Based Primary Care, Community Care, Social Work and Administrative Programs. This new building will streamline operations and create a more centralized and efficient workspace for VA employees. After a rigorous and competitive bid process, VA RE Development, LLC, a Veteran-owned company affiliated with Wirt-Rivette Group (WRG), emerged as the chosen developer. With an estimated investment exceeding \$6 million, this investment / development will help retain 80 employees.





**\$30,000+ Leadership Circle**

- Covenant HealthCare
- Frances Golls Mill Fund administered by Huntington Charitable Trust
- Harvey Randall Wickes Foundation
- Nexteer Automotive

- LIUNA Local 1098
- MSA Ventures II, LLC
- PNC Foundation
- Saginaw Control and Engineering
- Saginaw Valley State University

- Star of the West Milling Company
- Three Rivers Corporation
- Tri-Star Trust Bank
- Wolgast Corporation
- Zehnders of Frankenmuth

- Mike Young Buick GMC
- MSA Ventures, LLC
- NBS Commercial Interiors
- Pinnacle Design
- R.C. Hendrick & Son, Inc.
- Remer Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc.

- Fairfield Inn & Suites Frankenmuth
- Financial Plus Credit Union
- Frankenmuth Woolen Mill
- Freeland Bean & Grain
- Health Advantage Credit Union
- InCal Technologies

- Reimold Printing Corporation
- WNEM-TV5

**APEX Funding**

- Michigan Economic Development Corporation
- U.S. Department of Defense

**SAGINAW FUTURE INC. 2023 INVESTORS****\$20,000+ Platinum Partner**

- Consumers Energy Foundation
- Dow
- Garber Automotive Group: Garber Buick, Garber Chevrolet Saginaw, Garber Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, Garber Nissan Hyundai
- Hemlock Semiconductor Operations LLC
- Morley Companies, Inc.
- Shaheen Development

**\$15,000+ Gold Partner**

- Ascension St. Mary's Hospital
- Local 85 Plumbers, Steamfitters and HVACR Service
- Mobile Medical Response, Inc.

**\$10,000 + Silver Partner**

- Cignys
- Fifth Third Bank
- Huntington Bank
- UMBRAGROUP

**\$5,000 + Bronze Partner**

- Bierlein Companies, Inc.
- DTE Energy
- Frankenmuth Insurance
- Fullerton Tool Company
- Hausbeck Pickles & Peppers
- Independent Bank
- ITC Holdings Corporation
- John E. Green Company

- Spence Brothers
- Spicer Group
- UAW Region 1-D

**\$2,500 + Ambassador**

- 1st State Bank
- Champagne & Marx Excavating, Inc.
- Covenant Medical Staff
- Duperon Corporation
- EDP Renewables
- Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn Inc.
- Glastender, Inc.
- GRANGER CONSTRUCTION
- IBEW Local 557
- Isabella Bank
- Kurek Tool Inc.
- Lake State Railway Company
- LB Transportation Group
- McDonald Auto Group
- Mercantile Bank
- Merrill Technologies Group
- Michigan Sugar Company
- Mid Michigan Truss & Components LLC
- PF Markey
- Pumford Construction, Inc.
- R&R Ready Mix Inc.
- Rehmann
- Saginaw Bay Underwriters
- Saginaw River Development LLC
- Sargent Docks/Saginaw Rock Products
- Shively Bros Inc.
- Smith Bovill Attorneys
- Standard Electric Company

**\$1,000+ SFI Patron**

- A&D Home Health Care
- A.C. Klopff Inc.
- Amigo Mobility International, Inc.
- Amsted Automotive Group
- Beattie Master Pool & Spa
- Blue Thumb
- Braun Kendrick
- BRONNER'S CHRISTmas WONDERLAND
- Century 21 Signature Realty
- CMU Medical Education Partners
- Crossroads Title Agency
- Dale Carnegie Training
- Delta College
- Employee Benefit Resources
- Enbridge
- Endurance Carbide
- Fischer Family Funeral Services
- Frankenmuth Credit Union
- Future Insurance Agency, Inc.
- Gardner, Provenzano, Thomas & Luplow P.C.
- General Motors - Saginaw
- Horizons Conference Center
- Ken and Veronica Horn
- Howard Structural Steel, Inc.
- J. R. Heineman & Sons
- John R. Burt Enterprises
- Jolt Credit Union
- Kapex Manufacturing LLC
- King Communications
- Mahar Tool Supply Company, Inc.
- MBS International Airport

- Robert E & Martin Stark Foundation
- Serra Chevrolet of Saginaw + Serra Toyota of Saginaw
- Severance Tool Industries, Inc.
- Solutions 4 Automation
- SPACE, Inc.
- Team One Credit Union
- The Mayan Agency
- The Straits Corporation
- The Wirt-Rivette Group
- Wildfire Credit Union
- William A. Kibbe & Associates, Inc.
- Wolohan Realty LLC
- Yeo & Yeo CPAs and Business Consultants

**\$100 + SFI Supporters**

- A.C. Coppolino Insurance Agency
- AeroMotion by Textron Aviation (formerly Mistequay)
- AKT Peerless
- American Maintenance and Cleaning Services
- Andrews Hooper Pavlik PLC
- Answer Heating & Cooling, LLC
- Art Sample Furniture
- Chesaning Manufacturing Co./dba Jetool
- Dart Bank
- Deisler Funeral Home
- Emil Rummel Agency, Inc.
- Essex Energy

- Looby Baumgarten, P.C.
- Masud Labor Law Group
- Mid-Michigan Area Labor Council
- Panda Promotional Products
- Rifkin Scrap Iron & Metal
- Schaefer & Bierlein Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram Fiat
- SpringHill Suites Frankenmuth
- The Standing Company
- TPI Powder Metallurgy Inc.
- Trademark Commercial
- Wanigas Credit Union
- WTA Architects
- Yeo & Yeo CPAs and Business Consultants
- Zatkoff Seals & Packings
- Zehnder & Associates, PC

**Sponsors**

- AT&T
- Consumers Energy Foundation
- DTE Energy
- Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works!
- Michigan Economic Development Corporation
- Nexteer Automotive

**In-Kind**

- Award and Sports
- Frankenmuth Chamber of Commerce and Convention & Visitors Bureau
- NetSource One, Inc.

**Local Government Contracts**

- County of Saginaw \$200,000
- City of Saginaw \$102,500
- Saginaw DDA \$38,000
- Saginaw Charter Township \$7,500
- Thomas Township \$7,000
- Buena Vista Charter Township DDA \$6,600
- City of Frankenmuth \$6,125
- Bridgeport Charter Township DDA \$4,000
- Village of Chesaning \$3,500
- Tittabawassee Township \$3,000
- Carrollton Township \$1,800
- Kochville Township DDA \$1,500
- Village of St. Charles \$500
- Chesaning Township \$500
- City of Zilwaukee \$500
- Richland Township \$500
- Village of Birch Run \$500
- Village of Merrill \$500
- Spaulding Township \$400



# Saginaw County PROJECTS



## Mill to be Luxury Lodging

[Zehnder's](#) of [Frankenmuth](#) is redeveloping the former Mill located on the Cass River, adjacent to the Zehnder's Restaurant, into a boutique, luxury lodging property called The Mill at Zehnder Park. The projected renovation totals \$7.6 million and is expected to create 15 new jobs. SFI assisted the company and City of Frankenmuth with a Commercial Rehabilitation Act tax abatement and the project has begun with sitework and demolition.

## Cornerstone Expands

Cornerstone Fabricating and Construction expanded in Richland Township. The company designs and builds systems for a variety of customers including, GM, Ford, Chrysler, Union Electric Power Company, Anheuser Busch, and others. Cornerstone constructed a 10,000 square-foot facility, which includes a paint booth, powder-coating oven, crane and shipping and receiving area. The total investment is \$1 million.

## AI Mobile Triples in Size

AI Mobile Storage Leasing has 11 locations including a former Saginaw County Land Bank facility at 2104 E. Holland Ave. in the City of Saginaw. The redeveloped Saginaw operation has tripled in size and is approximately 36,000 sq. ft. with two buildings. AI has invested up to \$1 million in renovations and added 12 new jobs. SFI helped AI with securing the location in 2018 and continues to assist in its development.



# #SaginawCountyBusiness



## Second Location for EduPlay Discovery Center

[EduPlay Discovery Center](#) North is a new childcare center that opened near Nexteer Automotive. The new center and preschool is located at 385 E. Morley Drive in Buena Vista Charter Township.

This investment will create 20 new jobs and provide a much-needed service to the community. This is the second site for EduPlay with the original being located at 518 N. Franklin St. in the City of Frankenmuth.



## Morley Companies Grows & Recognized

[Morley Companies, Inc.](#), one of Saginaw County's largest employers, continues to grow, adding 96 associates in the Great Lakes Bay Region during 2023. New and expanded business engagements prompted a surge in employment to serve its Fortune 500 clientele. As such, Morley is currently filling an additional 148 new positions.

Morley was honored by General Motors in 2023 with its Supplier of the Year Award, and GM Overdrive Award, a distinction that was earned by only 12 companies worldwide, among 27,000 GM global suppliers. Morley was founded in Saginaw in 1863 and employs over 2,500 associates.

## Facade Work Continues in Old Town Saginaw

Reconstruction of two new commercial facades that include new store front glass, doors, concrete, and masonry work at 311 Court St. in the City of Saginaw continues. Nearly \$92,000 of improvements are being made to the face of this commercial space located in Old Town Saginaw next to Jake's Old City Grill.

Saginaw Future assisted Ann Arbor Builders with a \$10,000 Saginaw Downtown Development Authority Façade grant. Five-hundred-thousand dollars is being invested in the renovation of three commercial spaces.





# #SaginawCountyRise



## Bavarian Inn Lodge Construction

The [Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn Lodge](#) has begun construction on its \$80 million development. It will result in the State of Michigan's largest indoor waterpark and family entertainment center space. Saginaw Future assisted the company in securing a \$750,000 Michigan Business Development Program grant.



## Family-Owned Business Invests \$1.7 Million+

Founded in 1942 by Morgan A. Curry, [Fullerton Tool](#) remains a third-generation, family-owned business, now owned by Patrick and Mathew Curry. Fullerton manufactures high quality mills, drills, reamers, burrs, saws, keyseat cutters and custom tooling. The company invested \$1,765,196 in new technology and added two jobs.



## Endurance Carbide Grows in 2023

Endurance Carbide, established in 1961 and owned by Patrick Curry, is a worldwide leader in precision industrial carbide tooling. Endurance has invested in cutting edge CNC technologies to continue providing the highest quality tungsten carbide wear parts that its customers demand. The Bridgeport-company has 24 employees and in 2023 invested \$1,231,780 in new technology.



## New Downtown Saginaw Placemaking Project

A new public gathering space is coming to Downtown Saginaw with support from the Michigan Strategic Fund. One of several placemaking efforts, the Memorial Cup Legacy Project will enhance the image of the City and commemorate the 2024 Memorial Cup. A 300-foot section of Symphony Lane across from TheDow is being developed and a permanent sculpture will be placed by TheDow Event center.

# Saginaw PROJECTS

## New Professional Beauty Academy to Start Up in Kochville Township



Donovan and Angelo Ortega are constructing a new professional beauty academy in the former Northwood University building on Bay Rd. in Kochville Township. The entrepreneurial brothers are the owners of two high-end Aveda Salons in Saginaw and Bay City (Shapers Salon and Day Spa and Don Angelos). The new [Don Angelos Institute](#) will launch its first class in 2024. A total investment of \$350,000 is projected in renovations and equipment, with plans to create eight new jobs.



## New Headquarters for United Way

The United Way of Saginaw County recently acquired a 60,000 square-foot building located at 1840 N. Michigan in the City of Saginaw. The building was donated and will become the organization's new headquarters. United Way will invest \$50,000 to rehabilitate the commercial/industrial space. The building will be used to house the office operations as well as mixed-use space supporting multiple nonprofits in the area.



## Shaheen Development Adds 100+ Employees

Saginaw Future has worked closely with Shaheen Development for numerous years on multiple projects. The company has grown by over 100 employees over the last three years due to expansion and customer demand. In 2020, Shaheen Development had 204 employees and today, the company has 313 employees. Shaheen Development is a family-owned, community-based real estate development company that owns and manages more than two million square-feet of residential, mixed-use, and commercial real estate in the Great Lakes Bay Region.



# Saginaw County PROJECTS



## Welcome to Old Town Michigan Cream & Sugar

[Michigan Cream & Sugar Ice Cream Co.](#) is adding a second location at 122 S. Hamilton St. in Old Town Saginaw. The business processes locally sourced milk, cream, and sugar into high quality ice cream. Its Uptown Bay City location served over 5,000 gallons made on-site in 2022. The total capital investment is \$500,000 and the company was awarded a \$25,000 Match on Main grant. SFI assisted with grant applications and letters of support.

## Brownfield Authority Grant

Prahi Enterprises, LLC demolished an existing structure located at the corner of Swan Creek Rd. and M-52 and is developing a gas station, convenience store, and quick service restaurant. The project will result in the creation of six jobs and a \$2 million investment. The Saginaw County Brownfield Authority, administered by SFI, was awarded a \$750,000 Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy grant to support the project.

## CMU Doubles Enrollment

The CMU College of Medicine and CMU Medical Education Partners (CMEP) have a total of 14 and 476 jobs respectively. This includes the creation of 89 new jobs by the graduate medical education program. SFI has been working closely with both organizations as the College of Medicine has doubled in enrollment size. The Graduate Medical Education system and the CMEP have added multiple resident programs.



# Saginaw County PROJECTS



## BGT Aerospace LLC is Investing in New Technology

Saginaw Future and the Great Lakes Bay Manufacturers Association assisted [BGT Aerospace](#) with an Industry 4.0 Technology Grant for \$18,000. The total investment is \$34,000 and will be used for the implementation of Solid Cam software to connect Solid Works and BGT's inspection procedures. Located in Tittabawassee Township, the company will create two jobs and retain four.



## New Otherside Bar & Grill

Riverside Family Restaurant celebrated its 30th anniversary last year and included the opening of The Otherside Bar & Grill. Located at 8301 Midland Rd. in Tittabawassee Township, the Otherside serves American bar cuisine and craft beer on the banks of the Tittabawassee River. The expansion included a \$1.2 million investment that will create 25 jobs. Saginaw Future assisted with talent resources and recommendations.



## \$1.5 Million in Contracts

[UMBRA Group](#) is led by parent company UMBRAGROUP S.p.A. founded in 1972 in Foligno, Italy. The company produces high precision mechanical and mechatronic components for the aerospace, defense and space industries. In 2023, the Saginaw operations added 26 new jobs and \$1.5 million in government contracts. SFI assisted UMBRA with numerous research projects, military specifications and identification of potential sub-contractors.



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## Developer Looking for Restaurant Tenant

Old Town Saginaw Properties recently acquired 111 and 115 N. Hamilton St. in the City of Saginaw and Saginaw Future Inc. and the Saginaw Downtown Development Authority are assisting with a façade grant. The total investment for the renovation project is estimated to be \$500,000.



## Beattie Pool Adds Jobs in Saginaw Charter Twp.

[Beattie Master Pool & Spa](#) began in 1959 and continues to operate as a family-owned business. Beattie, located at 6232 Bay Rd. in Saginaw Charter Township, continues to grow. Earlier this year business owners contacted SFI for talent support as they were preparing to fill six positions.



## Vacant Building Being Redeveloped

Wall Den Saginaw LLC purchased the former Walgreens located at 3424 E. Genesee Ave. in the City of Saginaw. Local developers invested \$2.4 million and are converting the building into a grocery store that will create 30 jobs. SFI assisted with an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act exemption. The 15,000 square-foot building has been vacant since 2020.



## Higher Purpose to Address Housing

Rescue Ministries of Mid-Michigan has been working with Gene Pickelman on the development of 2800 E. Holland Ave. in the City of Saginaw. The 11,000 square-foot facility will house multiple non-profits all working together on affordable housing solutions in Saginaw County called Higher Purpose. The total budget for the project is estimated at \$700,000.

## Successful PROJECTS



## New Selfie Shoppe & Trinity Creations

The Self-ish Selfie Shoppe and Trinity Creations Photography are located at 406 Court St. in Old Town Saginaw. The Selfie Shoppe offers unique scenes and backdrops with different themes and props, where guests can take selfies or pose for photos with friends and family.



## Two New Projects for The Work Wear Store

The Work Wear Store renovated 338 sq. ft. of interior space within its existing building in the City of Saginaw and purchased new equipment to increase capacity. The Saginaw DDA, administered by SFI, also assisted The Work Wear Store with a \$5,000 façade grant.



## Vargas & Sons Tortillas Expansion Project

Vargas & Sons Tortillas received a façade grant through the Saginaw DDA administered by SFI. The \$30,000 expansion project includes a new storefront, framing, treated lumber, siding, trim and a new metal roof cap to protect the building from the elements.



## Improvements Made at Saginaw Art Museum

The Saginaw Art Museum completed repairs to its exterior wooden features on N. Michigan. The Saginaw DDA supported the project with a \$5,000 façade grant. The overall \$42,000 investment will improve the museum aesthetics and protect against future wear.





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