



# *Downtown Development Authority*

County of Oakland, State of Michigan

2021/22 through 2023/24 Budget

## Introduction

In order to prevent further deterioration and to encourage economic development of the Downtown District, the City of Troy established the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Troy (the TDDA) pursuant to Act 197 of 1975 (Act 197) and an ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of Troy on July 12, 1993 and amended on September 28, 1998, February 7, 2000, August 5, 2002, December 16, 2002, June 4, 2007, October 7, 2013 and July 24, 2017.

The TDDA in its first six Tax Increment Financing and Development Plans identified specific sources of funding to finance the implementation of a plan for physical improvements to the Downtown District identified in this plan as the Development Area.

The purpose of the Tax Increment Financing and Development Plans are to provide for the construction and financing of the necessary streets, sidewalks, street lighting, landscaping, parking garage and other facilities, Kmart and Civic Center projects, widening of Rochester and Big Beaver roads to improve traffic flow; provide and expand existing public facilities on the civic center site to serve the needs of the TDDA businesses and the citizens of the City of Troy; to fund improvements contained in the Big Beaver Corridor Study and to carry out the objectives of the TDDA so as to prevent the further deterioration of the Downtown Development Area while preserving and promoting economic growth for the benefit of all taxing units located within and benefited by the Troy Downtown Development Authority.



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The TDDA issued three separate bond issues in 2001, 2002 and 2003. The bonds were “naked tax increment bonds” secured solely by the tax increment revenues to be derived from the properties in the Downtown District. This is rare in Michigan and was based on the then perceived strength of the Downtown District’s taxable values and the ability of properties in the Downtown District to generate sufficient tax increment revenues to pay the debt service on the bonds. While the City has a AAA rating, its full faith and credit was not utilized or pledged for these three bond issues.

The initial value of the district in 1993 was \$309,192,270. In comparison, the projected value for 2021/2022 is \$407,928,380 and the captured value is \$98,736,110. Prior to 2013, there was a decreased separation between the base year value and current taxable value, which created a revenue stream reduction trending toward elimination. This created a situation in which the TDDA would not be able to service the three bond issues and default was imminent.

On October 7, 2013, a new Tax Increment Financing and Development Plan was approved. The revised Plan eliminated properties that were a negative draw on the aggregate value of the TDDA. The Plan authorized three functions: debt service, maintenance costs and administrative fees. In addition, the TDDA and Plan were extended to 2033. Finally, the City of Troy issued bonds backed by the full faith and credit of the City, including its AAA bond rating to pay off the three TDDA bond series. This budget demonstrates that the revision of the Plan provides for sufficient revenue to service the City of Troy bonds and thereby eliminates the threat of default of the TDDA bonds. Lastly, the 2013 bonds were refinanced in October 2020 to further reduce both principal and interest and again lessen the threat of default of the the TDDA bonds.

On July 24, 2017 the Development Plan was amended to authorize the Quality Development Initiative (QDI). The QDI utilizes 60% of the annual tax increment increase of the target property to be used for public facilities and enhancement. The funds may be used to financially assist a developer on an annual basis for a portion of the cost of needed public improvements. The DDA is now allowed to use surplus funds after servicing the “City Bonds”, for modest marketing expenditures, in addition to maintenance and administrative costs.



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