The Village Green
Phase I - Creating a “Sense of Place”

The Village Green will be our gathering place. It will be a place for family picnics, a place for strolls through the city, a place to enjoy the outdoors, and a place to gather with friends.

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Acknowledgements

The Village Green will be the first phase of the implementation and will serve as a “City Center” for residents to gather. We envision that community members and partners will use this space for events and gatherings such as:

- Family Friendly Festivals
- Easter Egg Hunts
- Art in the Park
- Summer Concert Series
- Holiday Parade Celebration
- Seuss-Themed Christmas Tree Event
- Ice Skating Rink
- Craft Shows
- Live On Stage Performances

These types of community events will draw crowds that will further enhance the viability of our downtown businesses. The projected budget for this component is $2.2 million.
The plan for Hudsonville’s “New” Downtown takes a comprehensive look at the existing strengths of the community and overlays the needed components to create a vibrant and healthy downtown.

The plan, created as part of the Ottawa County Urban Smart Growth Demonstration Project, addresses features such as connectivity, density, transportation, walkability, architecture and design, land use, and neighborhood structure.

The plan is supported by a 2011 citizen survey, which demonstrated the community’s support for economic development activities. Specifically, respondents cited the need for improved visual appeal, updated buildings, more retail, and general revitalization among their desires for Hudsonville’s downtown.

The plan includes numerous art, culture, and public space components which will serve as one of the unique draws to the “new” downtown. The downtown design will focus on higher density, multi-story mixed-use building development anchored around the centrally-located Village Green component.

Further, the “new” downtown is anticipated to feature an enhanced farmer’s market, a new downtown park, and gateway features to draw traffic into downtown. These elements will support other redevelopment activities in the surrounding areas. For example, the Hudsonville Public Schools site will be developed to include a new High School building, auditorium, and natatorium, all of which have the potential to draw residents downtown. The redevelopment of downtown will be undertaken in a manner that enhances these community investments.