

# Beloit Becomes the Gem of the Rock River Valley

## Report to the Community

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# City's Vision and Mission Statements

#### **VISION STATEMENT:**

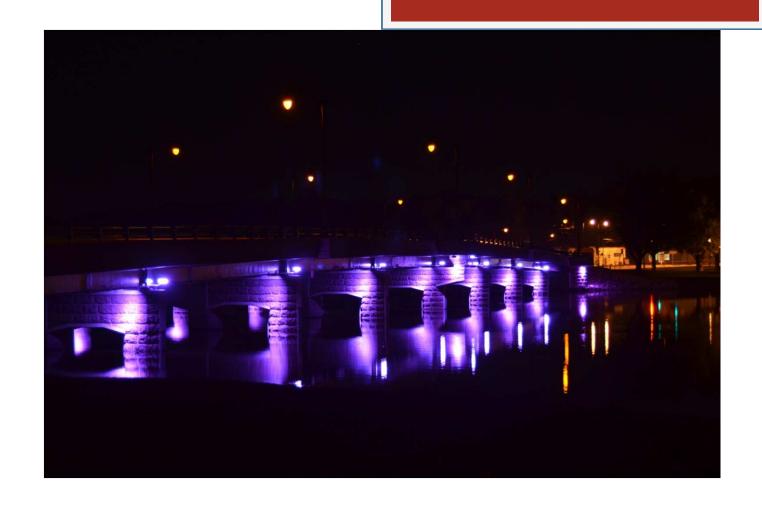
 Greater Beloit – The gem of the Rock River Valley, embracing sustainable public policy, service delivery, and development in ways that protect the natural and built environment, enhance economic competitiveness and create a high quality living experience for current and future generations.

#### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

 The City of Beloit celebrates its proud heritage, diverse culture, entrepreneurial spirit and stewardship of a high quality of life; employing sustainable practices to continue its resurgence as the gem of the Rock River Valley.

### New Public Facilities, Infrastructure Upgrades and Economic Development Opportunities Continue to Redefine Beloit





# MAJOR PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

### RIVERSIDE PARK



Mid-lawn pavilions

On-going Shoreline Stabilization Program



Photo courtesy of Mark Preuschl



**2012:** Bike path realigned to approach Ken Hendricks Memorial Bridge



**2009:** Turtle Island Redevelopment



2009: South Riverside Park Promenade



**2009:** Gateway Boulevard Extension



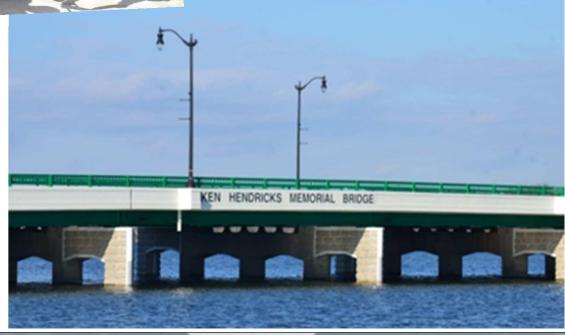


**2010:** Riverside Drive/Hwy. 51 reconstruction

**2010:** Wayfinding signs updated and replaced



2012: Ken Hendricks
Memorial Bridge
reconstructed and
dedicated





2009: Beloit Public Library dedicated at former Beloit Mall

2009: Behr Property - Prairie Preserve and Brownfield Cleanup





**2010:** Transit Transfer Facility

**2010:** Horace White Park landscaping and lighting upgraded



2012-2013:
Beloit Snappers Stadium and Pohlman Field Improvements







**DOWNTOWN** 



2009: TIF District Improvements include:Downtown Façade Program Fourth Street Parking Lot reconstruction

#### 2011:

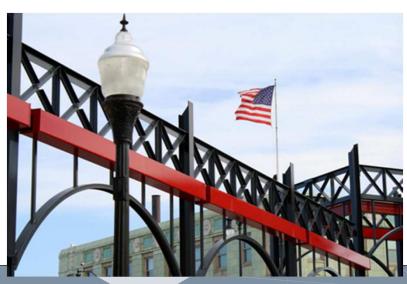
State Street Reconstruction, Bushnell, Prospect and College Reconstruction



2010: John Rose Canoe and Kayak Launch dedicated



2011: Gantry Project

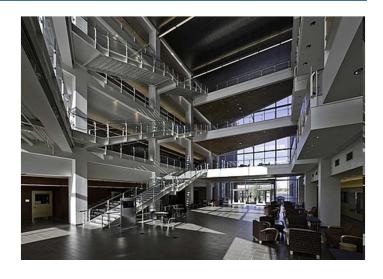


### **PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS**



Beloit College will repurpose the former power plant into a recreation center

2009: Beloit College Science Center received Platinum LEED Certification





2010: Former Beloit
Public Library
space remodeled
as the Hendricks
Center for the Arts
gifted to Beloit
College

2013: Additions, renovations and reconstruction of several Beloit District Schools, as part of a \$70M building

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New gym at Gaston



Hackett



Beloit Memorial High School Natatorium

# COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY





### HENDRICKS PROPERTIES





BELOIT IRONWORKS







HENDRICKS COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES

PERSPECTIVE FROM GRAND AVE.





• 2013: Ironworks Campus

 2013: Phoenix Project (26 housing units, with commercial development on the ground floor)

 2013: Beloit Inn remodeled and renamed Ironworks Hotel



#### 2010:

Beloit
Memorial
Hospital
remodels
and expands
Emergency
Department

#### 2014:

Beloit Health System Cancer Care Center opens



# Gateway Development Continues



**2011:** Kettle Foods Expansion Project

**2011:** Kerry Ingredients Expansion Project



### Beloit is "Open for Business"



# Downtown Business Development







**2012:** Rivals Sports Bar renovation



Domenico's Restaurant adds outdoor seating



**2012:** 615 Club – Breaks ground for a 1,500 sq. ft addition



**2013:** Northwoods Premium. Remodeling and upper floor housing

The Cash Store façade renovation





#### 2012 and 2013:

First National Bank exterior renovation and office expansion





**2013:** Fat Wallet extended lease and expanded

### **On-Going Activities**

Vision Beloit City Center

Beloit International Film Festival



Music at Harry's Place





Plein Air Art Event



4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration Photo Beloit Daily News





Downtown Farmers Market

### **Thank You!**

Questions or Comments?