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EVOLVING  
SINCE 1916

OVERVIEW of  
BUSINESS COMMUNITY  
ECONOMIC PROGRESS

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# Three Pronged Approach

- A. Ottawa Industrial Park and other industrial and distribution growth

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- B. Retail and hospitality growth on the north side
- C. Downtown Ottawa and Downtown Waterfront

# OTTAWA INDUSTRIAL PARK

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# OTTAWA INDUSTRIAL PARK ROADS AND RAILROADS



**OTTAWA INDUSTRIAL PARK**

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**RAILROADS**

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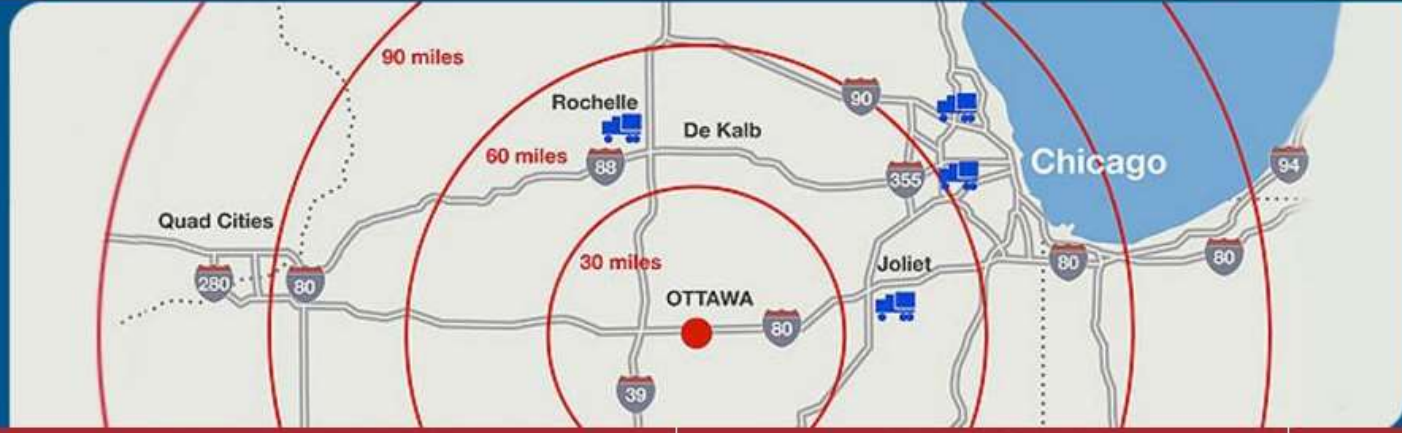
FUTURE

**ROADS**

EXISTING

FUTURE

- Home
- Industrial Park
- I-80 North Sites
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Ottawa is ideally positioned on the east-west Interstate 80, nine miles east of north-south Interstate 39 and just 90 miles from Chicago. Ottawa's [Industrial Park](#) is located two miles from I-80 at highways 71 and 6. Rail access is on site, and a barge terminal is nearby on the Illinois River. Other industrial and commercial sites are located just north and south of I-80 and Route 23, and in the "Greater Ottawa" Industrial Park on Ottawa's South-side.

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- "Visiting Angels", provider of medical senior care providers opens
- SE corner building on Main and Clinton Street sold and to be turned into an Art Center and Gallery

### 2015

- Floodplain Management Commission formed to determine ways to mitigate the impact of flood events
- RiverHouse Bed & Breakfast opens on Ottawa's Southside
- "The Ottawa Bakery" opens on Court & Madison St.
- Grand Opening of "Red Dog Grille" at Heritage Harbor Resort



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# GROWTH ON NORTHSIDE

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**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



# Columbus Street Streetscape




# DOWNTOWN WATERFRONT

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# Central School Site







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# FESTIVALS



# Morel Fest





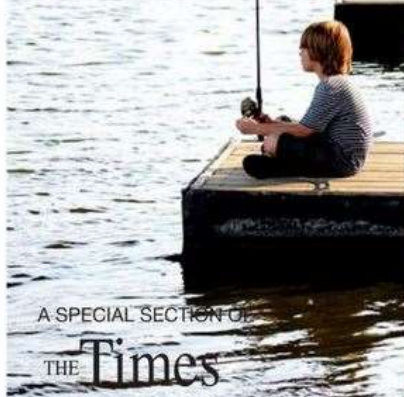
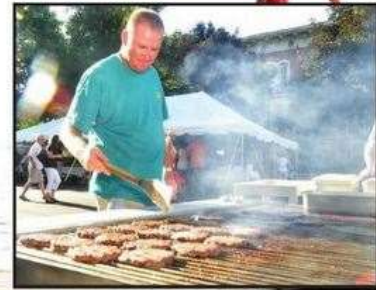
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# Scarecrow Festival



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# Chris Kringle Market

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## 2007-2008

- 28 Units
- Total \$7,247,700

## 2015-2016

- 34 Units
- Total \$6,584,800

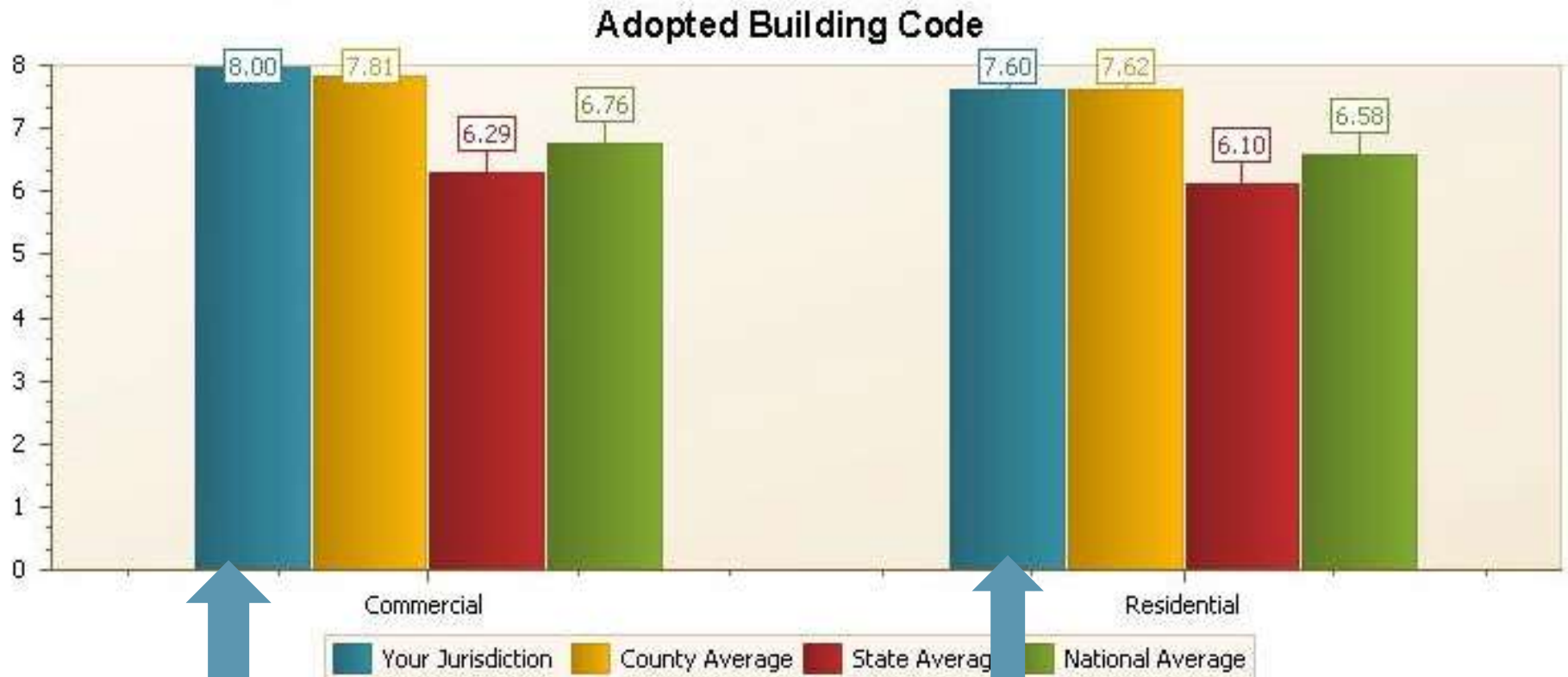
# ISO RATING

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## Benchmarking Information

Chart 3-4 BCEGS points awarded comparison



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# HERITAGE HARBOR OTTAWA

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**BEFORE**



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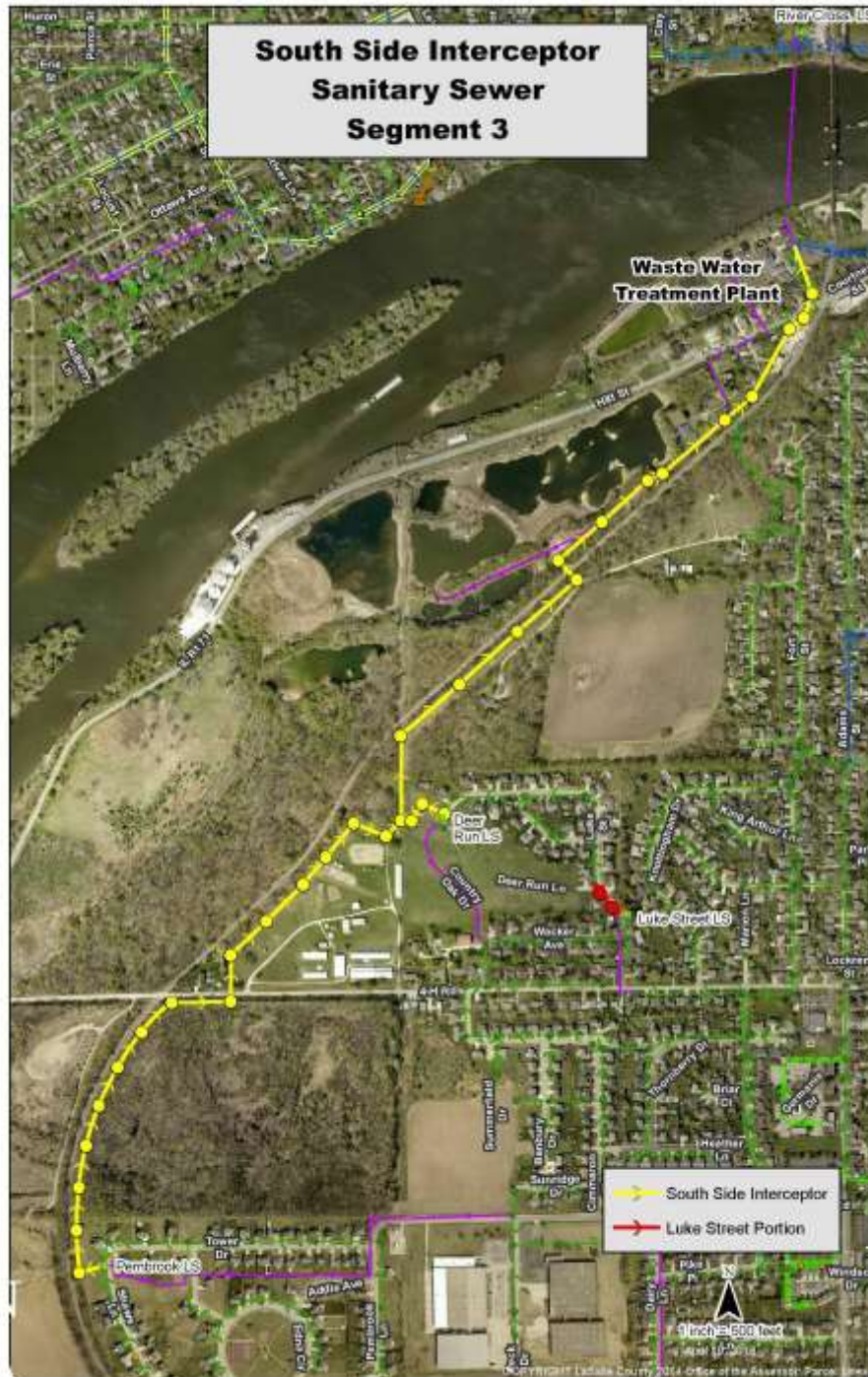








# South Side Interceptor Sanitary Sewer Segment 3



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PLAYGROUND AND  
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Programs



# Dayton Bluffs Nature Preserve

RIVER  
CONNECTION

Bluff Overlook



Fishing



Canoe Landing



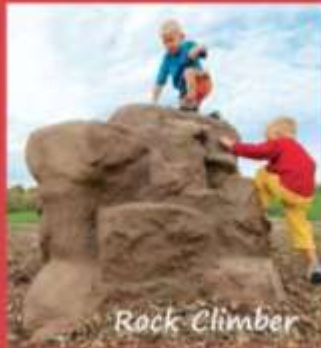
Bird Watching



Trail



# NATURE PLAYGROUND



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Rock Climber

Log Climber

Themed

Hill Climb

Water Pump

Natural Climbers

Play Trail

# PROJECTS “IN THE WORKS”

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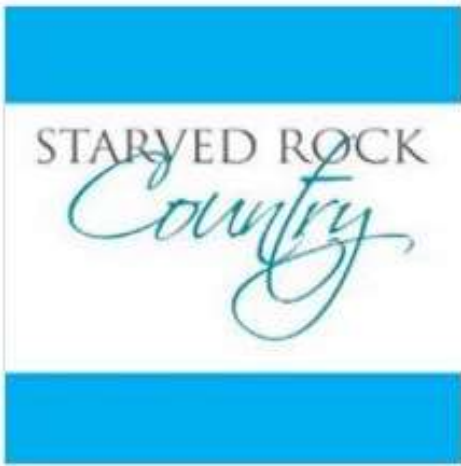
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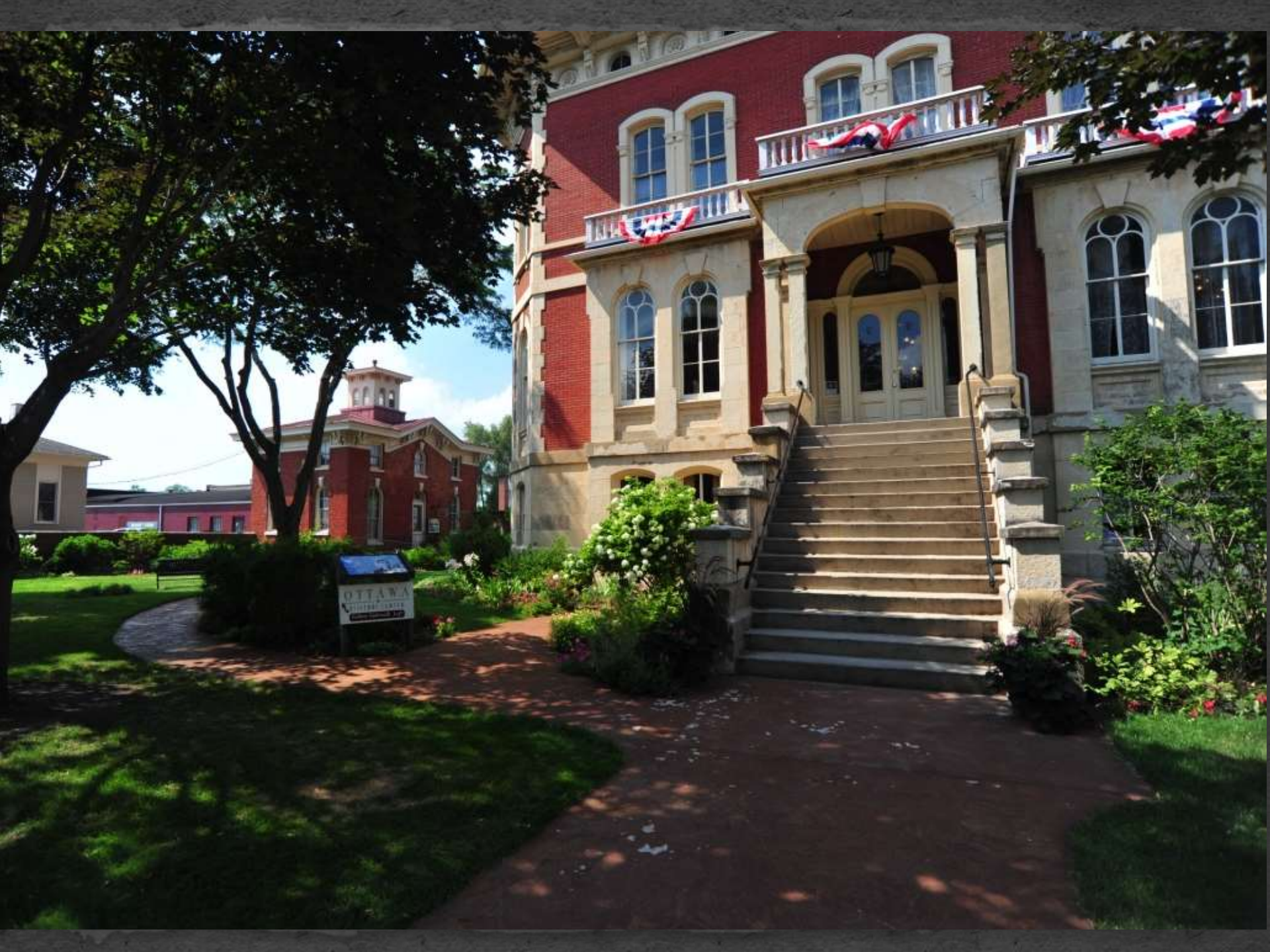
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# CITY FINANCES

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# BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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- Bob Shull            14 years of service
- Tom Katrein        8 years of service
- Al Hite                20 years of service

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# CONCLUSION

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