The following are selected projects and initiatives from 2019 or anticipated in 2020.

Henry Ford Centennial Library Renovation
- Significant renovation of the 50-year-old Henry Ford Centennial Library, with new heating and cooling system, new LED lighting, more power outlets, new digitization lab, new computer lab, additional study and conference rooms, a vending area, and more.

Placemaking Initiatives, Tourism Promotion
- Wagner Place Park dedicated for outdoor events in the west downtown
- New streetscape in west downtown on Mason, Monroe and Howard
- Vision to better define Warren Avenue as inviting cultural marketplace
- Plans for a Public Shade Plaza on Dix-Vernor
- Plans to improve Historic City Hall Park in the east downtown
- City’s support of branding campaign to broadly market Dearborn

Public Infrastructure Investments
- The City invested more than $42 million on roads, water mains, storm sewers and more.
- Upgraded infrastructure preserves private property values and encourages businesses to invest in our community.
- For example, in 2019, the City issued permits for construction worth more than $190 million in privately-owned homes and commercial properties.

New Recreation Opportunities
- New Graham Street Park in northeast Dearborn near Lonyo and Warren
- Anticipated opening of the Ford Woods Pool complex in 2020, complete with slides, play features, umbrella tables, and concessions
- Anticipated addition of two kayak docks along the Rouge River
- Addition of playground equipment at six neighborhood parks
- New outdoor pickleball courts at The Center

Families enjoy Wagner Place Park.

Graham Street Park opened in September.
Public Safety United Dispatch Center
- United Dispatch Center includes five communities, plus Dearborn
- Adds to public safety excellence, with increased communication across communities leading to even better outcomes
- Finalist for top project in Michigan Municipal League’s annual recognition program

Multimodal Transportation Plan
- Plan moving toward final adoption (Jan. 2020.)
- The MMTP is both visionary and pragmatic by focusing on near-term recommendations and long-term visions reflecting stakeholders priorities.
- Flexibility is emphasized to accommodate the rapidly changing nature of transportation, including autonomous vehicles.

Examples of New Developments
- Ford’s $3 billion campus redevelopment continues, including creating public spaces and focusing on a pedestrian friendly design
- Beaumont/UHS Mental Health Facility
- Continued openings of businesses/restaurants in Wagner Place
- Development along Mercury Drive with three hotels, restaurant
- Redevelopment of former Big Fish restaurant into banquet facility/restaurant

Examples of Developments With Residential
- Smart Town near Fairlane Town Center area will bring 92 multifamily units
- Project on Kingsley in east Dearborn will bring 49 senior citizen apartments, adding to housing diversity, and includes adult day care
- Former Howe School site on Oakwood Boulevard includes plans for apartments and assisted living, plus commercial uses
- Rehabilitation of Oakman apartment complex
- Former “Howell’s Bar” mixed use building to include apartments
- Former “Times-Herald” building mixed used to include apartments
- Permits issued for 37 new homes in Dearborn in 2019

Examples of New Restaurants
- Among the new restaurants to open recently: Sheeba, Modern Greek, The Himalayan Flames, The Longboard by Jolly Pumpkin, Ali Khabbaz Bakery, Noah’s Smokehouse, Qahwah House, Shish Palace, and Paradise Biryani Pointe

The City of Dearborn is grateful to all the longtime businesses that continue to invest and operate in our community, even as we welcome the new businesses that have chosen our City.