

## DOWNTOWN SPRINGFIELD PROGRESS AND MILESTONE SAMPLING



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- 2004 – Community Votes to Support Justice Center:** Voters pass bond to construct the Springfield Justice Center
- 2006 – SRDC Redevelops Wildish Theater:** Springfield Renaissance Development Corporation with support from key partners, including the City and local and federal funding, Redevelop a Downtown Building, Opening the Richard E Wildish Community Theater
- 2006 – Community Votes to Create Downtown Urban Renewal Area**
- 2007 – StVDP Builds Royal Building:** ST Vincent DePaul opens 5-story Royal Building with 33 units & funding from multiple agencies, including the City and the Urban Renewal District for commercial space improvements.
- 2007 – Transit Infrastructure:** LTD opens the Springfield Station with support for United Front partners
- 2008 – Springfield Jail Opens:** Positive impacts seen almost immediately in downtown as well as community wide
- 2008 – Open Banner Program Starts:** The first urban renewal funded Downtown Open Banner is installed at Aletha Lou’s Mercantile. This program remains active and now boasts nearly 100 OPEN Banners and installations in Downtown, extending all the way to 21<sup>st</sup>.
- 2008 – City Organizes and Investigates Denial of Liquor Licenses:** Council leadership and community stakeholders lead successful initiative to deny liquor licenses to downtown bars showing persistent patterns of unsafe activity, the last of which closed in 2012.
- 2010 – Downtown Planning:** Downtown Vision and Parking Plan is Drafted with the community and adopted by Council
- 2010 – Drift Boat and 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Art:** City installs Drift Boat Sculpture & Springfield 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mural (on what is now Banner Bank) partnership between the City, Urban Renewal District and Springfield Public Schools
- 2010 – Artwalk:** Second Friday Artwalk begins (now 10 years later with over 20 stops!)
- 2011 – NEDCO Begins SPROUT Redevelopment:** NEDCO partners to purchase and redevelop the former First Christian Church, converting it into a community food venue and incubator. The redevelopment leveraged City CDBG and urban renewal funds among other grants.
- 2013 – SDC Program:** Opening in May of 2013, Planktown is the first redevelopment to receive the official Downtown urban renewal funded Systems Development Charge payment benefit. The SDC program has since invested nearly \$450,000 in 14 redevelopment projects.
- 2013 – Simpson’s Mural:** City partners with 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox and Official Simpsons Mural on Emerald Arts Center Building utilizing TRT funds and urban renewal dollars
- 2013 – Lighting Installation:** New street lighting purchased by the urban renewal district from San Diego is repurposed and installed along A Street from Mill to 5<sup>th</sup> Street
- 2015 – Downtown Parking:** Parking Signage and on-street striping added and refreshed (2014) and Program Begins
- 2015 – Lighting Installation:** Next Phase of Downtown Main Street Lights extending from Pioneer Parkway to 5<sup>th</sup> Street installed utilizing urban renewal funds
- 2015 – Kesey Mural:** In Partnership with the Kesey Family, the City installs the Springfield’s Ken Kesey Mural on the historic Odd Fellows Building
- 2016 – Lighting Installation:** Downtown Street Lights installed extending from the bridge to 7<sup>th</sup> Street and north to A Street and funded with urban renewal dollars
- 2017 – Booth Kelly Makers District:** forms through a grass roots effort with early support and investment from downtown urban renewal
- 2017 – Discover Downtown:** Discover Downtown Springfield business group, managed by the City, begins convening Downtown Businesses under the shared brand
- 2018 – Downtown Loan Program:** First Downtown Urban Renewal Loan Program is created and the first loan is made for \$125k to now open, Swallowtail
- 2019 – First Annual Block Party:** First Annual Block Party held between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> on Main Street