

Garner 2000-2010

A retrospective of accomplishments

Garner's Progress: 2000-2010

- Garner has seen a decade of enormous public and private investment
- Considerable investments have been made in quality of life programming & facilities
- Partnerships between the City of Garner, Garner Chamber of Commerce, Garner-Hayfield Schools and private business & industry have been vital in advancing the community's long-term interests

Housing Developments

- 140 new housing units built, including 111 single-family homes
- Cobblestone II & III and Hejlik I & II led to the development of 127 new residential lots since '02
- 39 residential expansions of more than \$25K since 2000
- \$35 M in actual residential value added (new construction & reassessments)



More Housing Developments



Fairway View Estates
5 New Condos

Hejlik's Subdivisions
60 New Homes



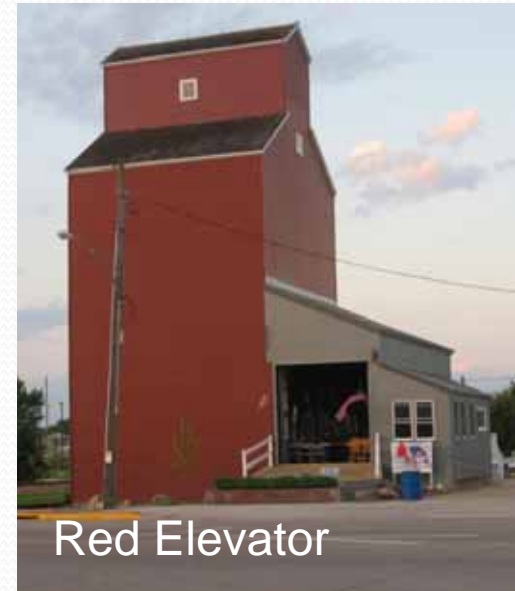
Commercial Developments

- Concord Care & Cardinal Grove (2000): Addition to care center & new assisted living
- Hueneman Farms Building (2001)
- Evangelical Free Church (2003)
- USDA Building (2003)
- Farm Bureau Financial Building (2004)
- Garner Chiropractic Building (2004)
- Clear Lake Bank Renovation (2004)
- JPG Storage Building (2004)
- Tammy's Pharmacy Building (2005)
- Dollar General Building (2006)



Commercial Developments (Cont.)

- AgVantage FS Addition (2006)
- Family Eye Care Building (2007)
- Crown Point Builders Building (2007)
- Bill's Family Foods Renovation (2008)
- Red Elevator Renovation (2009)
- Garner Greenhouse Addition (2009-10)
- Kramer Ace Hardware Building (2010)



Red Elevator



Crown Point Builders



Family Eye Care

Commercial Developments

Bill's Family Foods (Before)



Bill's Family Foods (After)



DOLLAR GENERAL



Dollar General

Kramer Ace Hardware



Commercial Developments

Tammy's Pharmacy



AgVantage FS



Garner Chiropractic



Commercial Developments



Garner Family Practice



Garner Family Practice



Clear Lake Bank & Trust

Industrial Developments

- Aspen Hills (2000): New industry to Garner
- Stellar Industries Expansions (2000, 2005)
- Prairie Energy Spec Building (2001): Later leased to Zinpro
- IMT: Sold to Oshkosh Truck Corp in 2006, expands into defense contracting
- Zinpro Expansion (2006-2007)
- American Eagle Expansion (2008)
- Plas-Tech Tooling Expansion (2010)

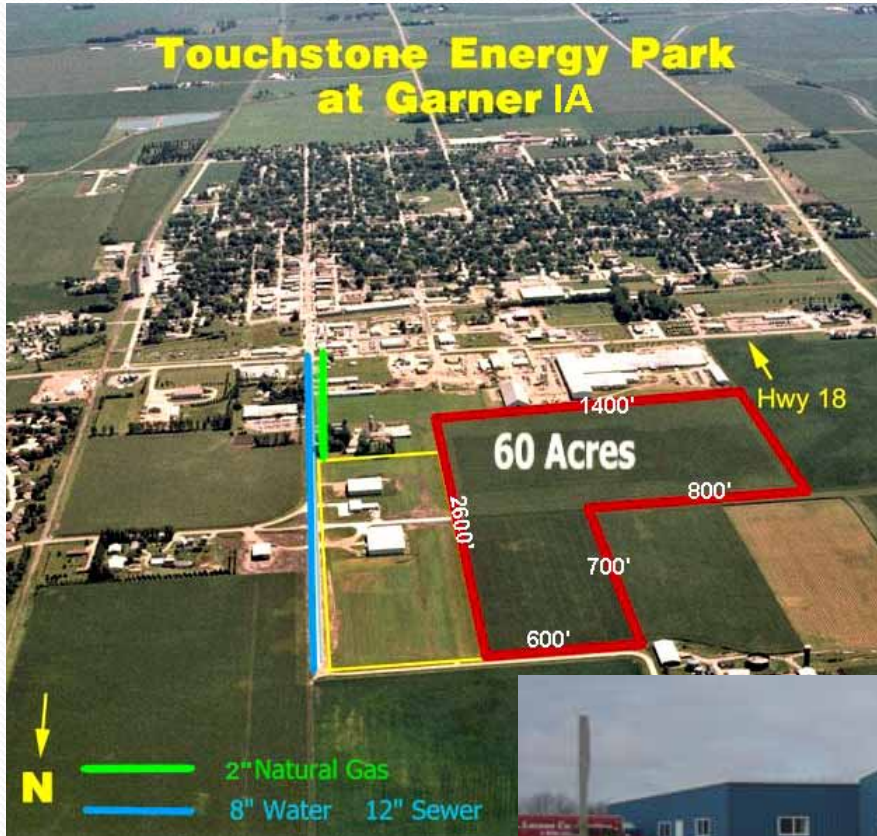
Prairie Energy Spec Building & Touchstone Industrial Park



Zinpro



Industrial Developments



Touchstone Energy Industrial Park
Developed 20 Acres- 1999-2001
Purchased 65 Additional Acres- 2008

Plas-Tech Tooling



Industrial Developments

Aspen Hills
New Industry
Cookie Dough



Hueneman Farms
New Business
Trucking, Logistics,
& Tires



Community Projects in Process

- Avery Theatre Renovation: \$115K to date
- Chamber Building (Old City Hall): Purchased building with 2010 Duesey Days proceeds
- Library Renovation: Hire architect in 2011

Infrastructure Improvements

- Wastewater Treatment Plant/ Trunkline Improvements: \$5 million by end of 2011
- \$930K in street maintenance/repair
- \$300K (City share) sidewalk installation/repair
- \$330K Water Meter Replacement Program & upgrade to radio-read meters citywide



Community Programming Accomplishments

- Garner Asset Project (2003-Present): Developed from an all-volunteer program to a staff of 3; secured \$125K per year Federal Grant Funding for next 5 years.
- Downtown Banners (2005): Chamber led effort
- Welcome Signs (2005): Rotary led \$20K project
- Retail Revolving Loan Fund (2006): Chamber & City worked together to establish \$32K fund
- Introduction of Treats on the Streets & Fall Festival as new Chamber events
- Garner spotlighted in N. IA/S. MN “In Business” Magazine for community accomplishments (2006)
- Youth Investing Energy in Leadership Development (YIELD) wins national AARP award for outstanding program (2008)



Programming Accomplishments (Cont.)

- Buy-It Guide (2009): Led by Chamber & Garner Leader, publication serves as a directory to area businesses
- Hanging Baskets (2010): Led by Community Visioning Committee
- Visual Improvement Program (2010): Façade grant program established by City & Chamber
- Garner hosts RAGBRAI Pass-Thru (2010)



RAGBRAI 2010



Community Programming Accomplishments



Central Park Northeast Entrance



Avery Theatre Progress



Welcome Signs

Community Building Projects



- City Hall/Fire/Police Remodel (2000): \$1.3 M
- County Courthouse Remodel (2000): \$2M
- G-H Middle School Addition (2000): \$2 M
- Touchstone Industrial Park & Spec Building (2002): \$900K
Prairie Energy/Corn Belt/City
 - 2008: Purchased 65 additional acres- \$325K
- Public Works Facility (2003): \$600K
- Aquatic Center (2007): \$3.1 M
- Veterans Memorial Rec Center (2009): \$4 M
- Elementary School Renovation (2010): \$350K

Courthouse Renovation



Middle School Addition



Garner Aquatic Center Project 2004-2007



Garner Aquatic Center



Veterans Memorial Recreation Center- 2007-2009



Veterans Memorial Recreation Center



How Have Public Finances Been Affected?

- Since 2000: \$25 M in public capital investment (City, County, School)
- Since 2000: City tax rate is down by \$1.75 per \$1,000 valuation & Overall tax rate is down by \$0.87 per \$1,000 valuation
- City has received \$2.5 million in government & private grants since 2006.
- City fund balances are the same or better than in 2000.
- Debt is at reasonable levels- City debt is currently at 69% of legal debt capacity- long-term target range of 50-70%.
- Private-sector growth created the tax base necessary to allow for the improvements of the last decade.
- Local-Option (School & City) Sales Taxes have been vital in paying for capital projects and equipment.



Coming Soon:

Newspaper Special Section

- In January, a special section will run in the Garner Leader and all of Mid-America Publishing's newspapers, from Buffalo Center to Grundy Center
- Section will include information like this presentation, but with more detail and photos
- If we've missed anything obvious from 2000-2010, please let us know and we'll make sure it goes into the special section.

Thanks for making Garner a great place to live & do business!