



Fort Collins General Improvement District #1

2023 and 2024 Year in Review

Background

Since Fort Collins' earliest days, the area we call Downtown has been the heart of the community. With its distinctive historic buildings, unique shopping and dining, and beautiful Old Town Square, Downtown is Fort Collins at its finest.

In 1976, City Council established General Improvement District #1 (the GID) to fund parking, pedestrian, and street beautification improvements in the Downtown commercial area. The GID is a property tax district initiated by a petition of property owners in the district. In the 1970's, Downtown leaders recognized the need to improve the identity and appearance of the main street to enhance the area as a business and commercial area.

The GID is a major factor in the look and feel of Downtown's public spaces today. The concentration of streetscape improvements funded largely from the GID has had a dramatic impact on the appearance and attraction of the downtown area. These improvements include special pavers used in place of concrete for sidewalks, contributions to alley enhancements, renovation of Old Town Square and Oak Street Plaza, and yearly contribution to the annual holiday lights.

2023 and 2024 continued to be successful years for the GID. Along with our regular contributions to the holiday lights, we made significant sidewalk repairs and replacements, addressing safety concerns as well as visual improvements. Oak Street Plaza finished a multiyear project and had needed drainage installed. There were also several forestry projects completed including tree and grate replacements.

2023 Highlights

Holiday Lights Contribution

1. \$90,000 to help pay for this Fort Collins favorite

Oak Street Plaza Renovations

1. Planter repairs
2. Lighting upgrades
3. Irrigation system upgrade
4. Turf areas refurbished

Sidewalk and Paver Maintenance

1. Mountain Ave, between Mason and Howes
2. Various priority areas: College Ave., Oak St.

Forestry needs

1. 13 tree grates in the GID Boundary



2024 Highlights

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Jefferson Street Sidewalk replacement\

1. From Linden to Pine, the dilapidated sidewalk was replaced.

Oak Street Plaza

1. French Drain installed in NE corner of Oak Street Plaza

Parks and Forestry needs

1. Several key tree replacements in the GID Boundary
2. New Trash and Recycling bins for the Downtown area

Capital Improvement Plan

1. Committee consensus on 2025-2030 CIP

