

Hart TIFA Announces the Purchase of Ceres Solutions Property in Downtown Hart

HART, MI – The Hart Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) is excited to announce the acquisition of the Ceres Solutions property located at 3 & 15 E Main Street and 15 Courtland Street in the heart of Downtown Hart.

In 2023, Ceres Solutions consolidated its operations and vacated the Hart location. Recognizing the potential for revitalization, the TIFA board expressed interest in acquiring the property to ensure its future redevelopment serves the best interests of the community. As outlined in the TIF Plan, the board has the authority to acquire property for redevelopment within the downtown district, benefiting both public and private entities.

“We are grateful to the Ceres Solutions Board of Directors for their collaborative approach and community-minded vision,” said Nichole Kleiner, Economic and Community Development Director. “Their willingness to assist TIFA in acquiring the property with the understanding that it will serve the community's future needs is greatly appreciated. Their generous offer and patience through the process have been invaluable.”

The property purchase was finalized in early March 2023, and TIFA is now seeking input from the community to help shape its future use.

“I want to thank Ceres Solutions for this unique opportunity to redevelop a full city block in the heart of Hart,” said Rob Splane, City Manager. “It's a rare chance for a historic community like ours to create something meaningful for the future.”

As a Redevelopment Ready Community, Hart is eligible for consultation services from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). These services will guide the community through visioning sessions and support the creation of development renderings to attract future investment.

“We're proud to have given the City of Hart this opportunity to build something that strengthens its downtown and benefits residents and visitors for many years to come,” said Jeff Troike, CEO of Ceres Solutions.

The TIFA encourages community members to share their thoughts and ideas on how the property could best serve Hart's future. To learn more about upcoming public input meetings and ways to get involved, visit www.takemetohart.org. For additional inquiries, contact Nichole Kleiner, Economic and Community Development Director, at (231) 923-0920.

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