



Economic Incentive Programs

The Village of Cassopolis prides itself on being business-friendly and proactive in attracting new developments that will grow our local economy. The Village offers several programs and is always available to discuss opportunities to engage in public/private partnerships. We invite you to take advantage of these exclusive programs.

Tax Abatements

- An Industrial Facilities Tax (IFT) exemption is available for new commercial businesses in the Village. The application can be found at the following link: https://www.michigan.gov/documents/1012f_2637_7.pdf. Completed applications must be submitted to the Village Clerk.

Opportunity Zones

- The Village has been designated an opportunity zone. This program is designed to incentivize capital investment in low-income communities. There are three types of tax incentives that relate to the treatment of capital gains. Each of the incentives are connected to the longevity of an investor's stake in a qualified Opportunity Fund, for 10 years or more.

Green Infrastructure

- For developments that include the use of green infrastructure the Village will provide a 10% discount on all building permit fees.

Discounted Lot Purchases

- Lots are available for purchase at a highly discounted rate in the Industrial Park for commercial businesses that are looking to build.

New Development Sewer Rates

- Housing or business developments between the Village and the City of Dowagiac Treatment Plant have the ability to tap in to the Village forcemain for the transportation of sewage. The Village is available to discuss the monthly rates and general upkeep of infrastructure for this convenience.

Grants

- The Village has the ability to be the pass-through for grants that require local government involvement. Capable staff is available to meet your needs and comply with all requirements. Assistance with private grants is also available. Businesses may apply to the Cassopolis Main Street for a Façade Improvement 50% matching grant.



Public/Private Partnerships

- The Village has engaged in multiple public/private partnerships to assist business owners through coordinating meetings with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) who assists businesses with grants and loans, partnering with the local schools for projects, and with local businesses to promote their goods/services.

To request a meeting, or to learn more, please contact the Village Manager at manager@cassopolis-mi.us or (269) 445-8648.