

## Harrison wants DDA

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In Harrison Mayor Brook Wood's eyes, the city is a diamond in the rough.

Wood and others hope to soon polish the gem.

Wood and Middle Michigan Development Corp.'s Kathy

Methner outlined a plan for a downtown development authority to Clare County commissioners at a Wednesday meeting.

In the past few years, with the closing of the IGA supermarket and Ashcraft's being

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renamed Glen's and relocating south on Business 127, the downtown area has become fragmented, Wood said.

Establishing a downtown development authority would help city officials and business owners bring continuity to Harrison and beautify the downtown area for existing businesses and potential new ones, Wood said.

"So far, we've gotten a lot of support," Wood said, adding that he expects the plan will be presented to the Harrison City Council next month.

Establishing a downtown development authority would also allow for long-term planning and would give Harrison an edge in getting grants, Methner said.