

60 Main Street Development Status: August 2018

Long before it was a movie theater, office building and parking for 104 cars, the “Latsch Block” was part of Winona’s urban landscape housing much of John Latch’s business and warehouse operations. The Latsch buildings, once covering the entire city block, were removed in the early 1970’s. Since acquiring the property, it has always been considered a redevelopment opportunity by the City of Winona.

In the 2007 Comprehensive Plan this area was highlighted as a mixed use development including housing and commercial/retail with parking.

After reviewing three proposals and interviewing developers, the Port Authority approved proceeding with Sherman and Associated on the development project at 60 Main. Meetings regarding the development, timing and phasing of the project and parking have been taking place.

A Brownfield Clean-up Grant has been secured and additional testing will take place in December 2018 to confirm the plan for clean-up. Once the results are received a more detailed development plan will be provided for review by the Port Authority. As with any proposed transfer of property, the Winona Port will hold a public hearing to give the citizens of Winona an opportunity to weigh in on the project.

When Opportunity Winona was formed, the organization pledged to “bring new growth to an energized Downtown Winona”. The proposed 60 Main development represents a giant step towards living up to that pledge.