



Accomplishment from 2019 Focus Areas:

1. Quality housing that inspires pride in living for all

- The city plans to complete an update of the City’s Zoning Ordinance in 2023.
- Over 400 units of housing were added in Savage, including:

	Workforce	Market Rate Multifamily	Senior	Single-family
Units Added since 2019	54	190	92	83
			TOTAL	419

2. Attracting and retaining innovative businesses.

- Offered \$197,946 in Small Business Recovery Grant programs through COVID-19 federal funds.
- Partnered with the State of Minnesota and HydraFlex business who moved to Savage using the State’s Minnesota Investment Fund (MIF) in 2018.
- Staff conducted 15 business outreach meetings in 2019. Staff stopped conducting these meetings in 2020 due to the pandemic.
- Received a grant from the Scott County Community Development Agency (CDA) to study the downtown floodplain to project future development options.
- Introduced the C-4 zoning district in 2021 which provides more flexibility for businesses along Highway 13.
- Mitigated environmental concerns and redeveloped 7369 Highway 13, which is now assessed at \$2,000,000.

3. Being a welcoming organization with strong, empowered leadership.

- The Savage Police Department hosted three community conversations on race and one listening session on race during 2019-2020.
- Staff attended citywide inclusivity training in 2020 and 2021.
- Convened a Race, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (REDI) Task Force to create an action plan for 2022.
- Hosted 5 staff trainings for leadership and managers including strategic planning sessions, strength training, difficult conversations, emergency situation training, and job descriptions training.

4. Becoming a regional leader in multi-modal access with metro connectivity and a river crossing.

- Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) included a bus stop in downtown Savage for the 495 route in 2019.
- Staff engaged with the State legislature to introduce a bill to lift the State ban on studying the Dan Patch Line.
- The Dan Patch Line was included with a larger section of rail as a priority 1 in the Statewide Rail Plan.

5. Establishing Savage as an exciting destination.

- The city will build a unique all-inclusive playground at Community Park in 2022.
- Planning a “destination” playground and facilities for 2023.
- Conducted a placemaking study with the Musicant Group in 2021.
- Developed a plan to make the Savage Library more useable by expanding meeting space in 2022. Financing options are currently being developed.

6. Creating an inviting and vibrant community with a consistent identity

- Enhanced city identity with new gateway signage program, including new signs on CR 42/Dakota and McColl Dr/Dakota intersections.
- Conducted a placemaking study with the Musicant Group in 2021.
- Installed 3 artistic bike racks in 2020. The city received a grant from the Lions Club in 2019 to help pay for the bike racks.