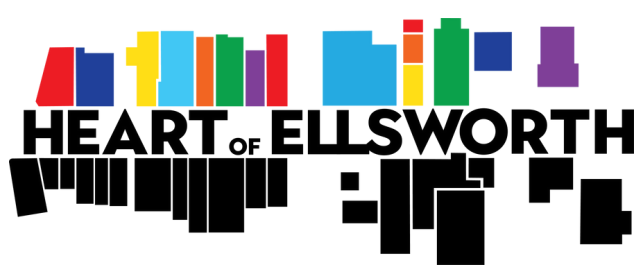


2023



YEAR IN REVIEW



\$1,000 grants went to 11 local businesses, empowering them to innovate, expand, & contribute to the economic vitality of downtown.

Our Manifesting Main Downtown Asset Mapping Project **won** Maine Downtown Center's **Project of the Year** and Grow Smart Maine's **Smart Growth Award!**

ASSET MAPPING



We hosted 10 events and hundreds of people, building community and bringing love and foot-traffic to the downtown district.

Ellsworth Entrepreneur Ecosystem Project helped us identify 3 downtown initiatives chosen by the downtown community.

ENTREPRENEURIAL ECOSYSTEM



We launched the Business Benefits web page and brochure summarizing seven of the benefits we bring to downtown businesses.

We built a Local Food Systems webpage to highlight Ellsworth Farmers' Market, Emmaus Homeless Shelter, Loaves & Fishes, and Ellsworth FarmDrop.

FOOD SYSTEMS



We are participating in 2023 Citizens' Institute on Rural Design's year-long learning cohort.

Our Design Committee brought Trees on Main Street back, planted 6 bridge flower boxes, and hung wreaths and lights!

MAIN STREET BEAUTIFICATION



Our Organization Committee hired our 1st PT staff person to accomplish the goals + projects identified in our Entrepreneurial Ecosystem project!

We learned a lot this year at the Maine Street NOW conference and GrowSmart Maine's Annual Summit.

CONFERENCES + SUMMITS



We're embarking on a new designation to become the 11th nationally accredited Main Street community in Maine!

SEE WHAT'S IN STORE FOR HEART OF ELLSWORTH IN 2024

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