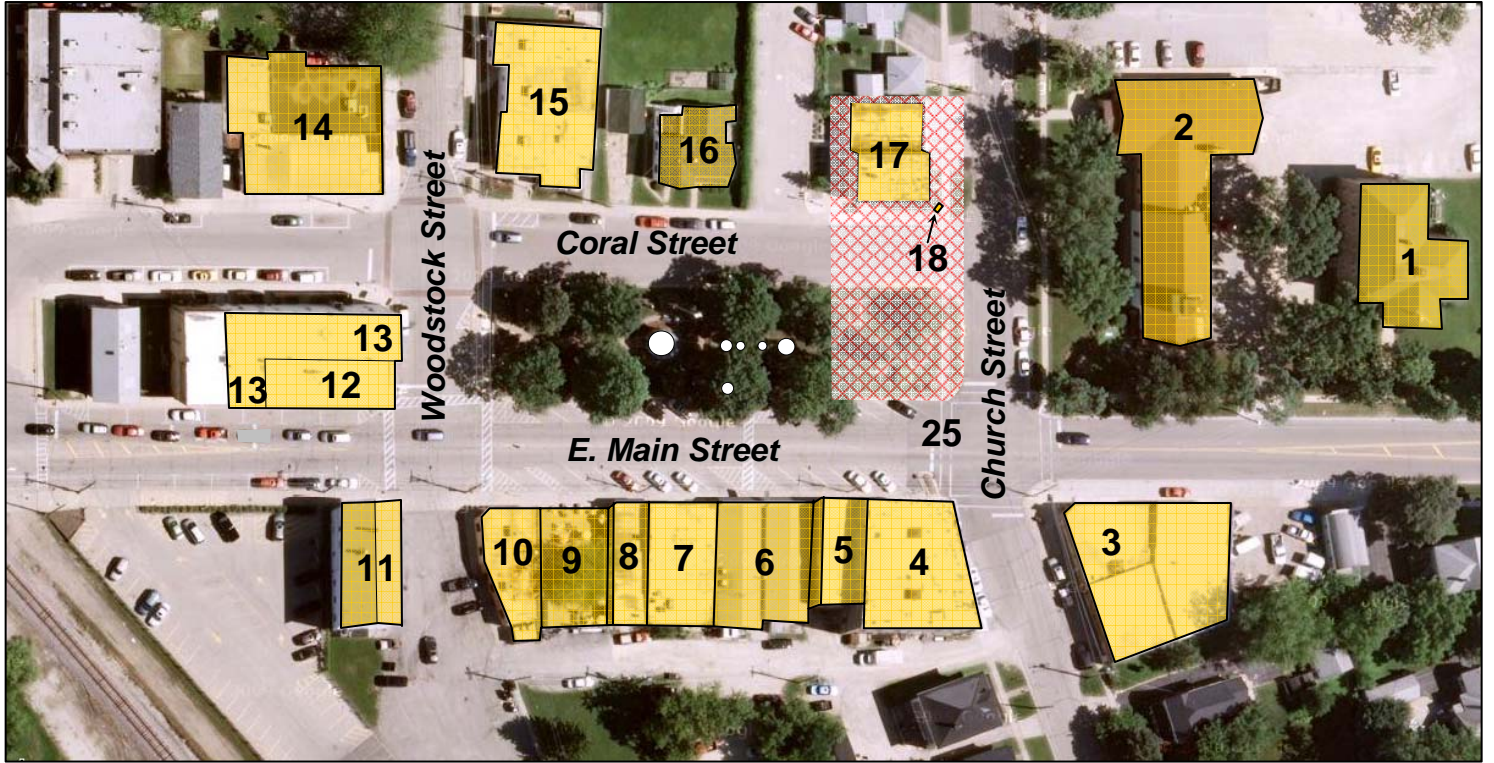




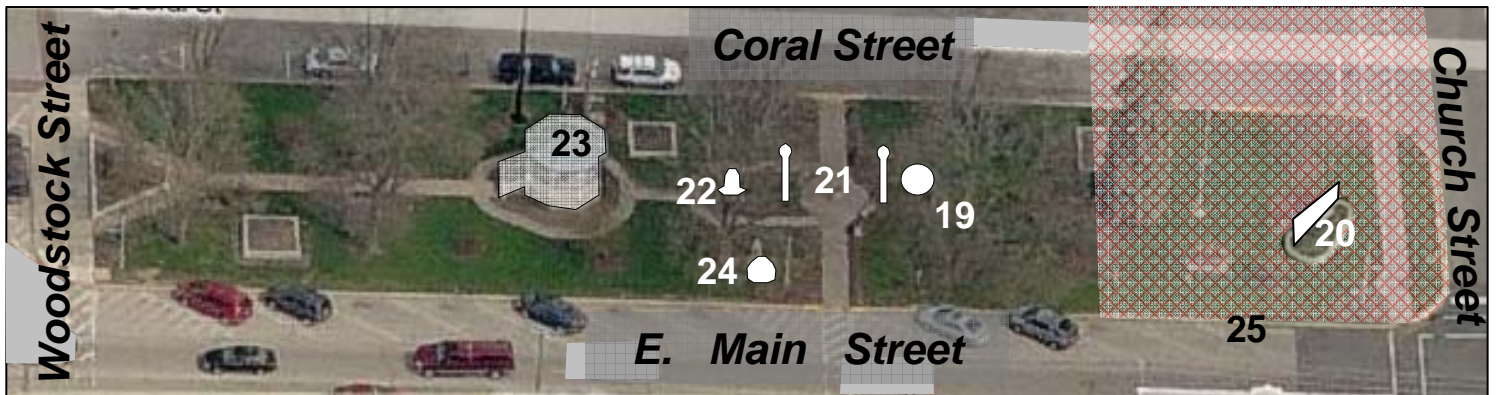
Village of Huntley

Huntley's Historic Town Square: A Self-Guided Tour

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Huntley Downtown Area Map



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1. The Huntley School Apartments built in 1875, addition in 1910, was the local elementary school. High School students were added in the 1890s.
2. The 10-year old congregation built the Congregational Church in 1863. The building, plaqued by the McHenry County Historical Society, is the oldest church in continuous use in Mc Henry County.
3. The Offie's Tap building dates to c.1940. Originally it housed a barbershop and coffee shop, as well as a tavern. Previously on this spot, a frame building housed the Disbrow wagon shop and meeting rooms upstairs. The frame building was destroyed by fire in the late 1930s.
4. A frame house, which was moved to south Church Street, was the earliest structure on this site. The Pabst Building- now Strode's Furniture- was built in 1916. The cement blocks were made on-site for this building and the Pabst home around the corner. The ground floor housed the Heuer Brothers, Amos Brothers and Sigrist restaurants, Kalsow Drugs, Michelsen Garage and Dolby Chevrolet. The second story was used for community gatherings, dances and Huntley High School basketball games.
5. The west section of Strode's was a separate building which was the location of John Wendt's Drug Store, Frederick and Clanton grocery, post office, and Clanton and Schoof's Royal Blue Store until the 1950s. Sites 4 and 5 have been recognized by the Huntley Historic Preservation Commission for the historical maintenance of the building.
6. Village Inn Restaurant covers two parcels. The east section was Fenwick, and later, Hansen Hardware Store. The west was the Pabst, then John Schlupp, saloon until the 1950s. In 1961 Coils Inc. used the building as its first Huntley factory site.
7. This brick building housing Benico was originally a 2-story structure built in 1893 by Dr. Charles Cook. It housed his office on the east section and Farmers Exchange Bank on the west. Edward Cook, Charles' brother, operated a drug store and funeral service business after Charles' death. The second story was a showroom for the undertaker's casket sales. The State Bank of Huntley occupied the west section of the building until the 1970s.
8. Main Street Flooring is on the site of the Franklin Amos harness and shoe shop, later Frank and Ione Noeth's Gift Shop.
9. The Parkside Beer Garden covers two parcels on which stood the Dwyer Confectionery and later Farley grocery stores. The west parcel was Lawson Meat Market. The upstairs rooms were used for living quarters and for Dr. Norman's dentist office.
10. The Parkside building replaced the Carroll Pool Hall. Earlier, it was the Lee, Hadley and Heinemann hardware stores.
11. Caulfield & Flood, CPA and Palermo Insurance occupy the Sawyer-Kelley Mill built c.1890. After the mill closed it housed the post office, rental storage and a milk depot.
12. Bohan Creations Photography, Town Center Realty, William Ryan, Attorney and Kep's Used Books building originally housed a hotel and was a religious goods store in the 1990s. Prior to that it housed a laundromat, dental office, and until the 1950s, the Sigrist and Tessmer restaurants and the Hayes Tavern (facing Main St.). It was Devine and Skeels General Store from 1880s to 1917, then Otto Hardt's grocery. This building also has been recognized by the Huntley Historic Preservation Commission.
13. Luigi's and Shampooch and Kitty occupy this 2-story L-shaped brick building built by John Hawley in 1878 where he operated a general store until 1894. Frank Weltzien, then John Burns, continued the business. Heinemann Hardware followed for 30 years, then Louis Kahl's groceries, Oakley and Morehead Appliances and Purdom's IGA grocery store. The upper floor served as a silent movie theater, bowling alley and Huntley High School classes 1920-25. Now it is apartments.
14. This building built in the 1960s was Heinemann and Brill Hardware and the Huntley Post Office. Formerly on the site was a frame building used for Sigrist Restaurant, Van Ness Grocery and adjoining the first Dolby Garage.
15. The American Legion Post 673 building became home to the 84-year-old organization in 1951. Prior to that the building housed Walter Zimmerman's gas station, a freezer-locker plant and a Marlowe Feed and Hatchery business.
16. The John G. Kelley House, owned by Wayne and Carol Donahue, was Wayne's great-grandfather's home built pre-Civil War. Kelley was a blacksmith who operated his shop to the east where the former Village Hall now stands.
17. The old Huntley Village Hall, built in 1939 at a cost of \$8,500, housed the fire engine on the Church Street side, a jail on the ground floor and boardrooms and community meeting room on the second floor.
18. The Centennial Time Capsule marker is to be opened in 2051.
19. This cannon was used in WWI and mounted on its base by Andrew Schmitt, local stonemason, under guidance of WWI vet Clay Marsh.
20. James C. Dhamer Square was dedicated in 2000 in memory of the deceased village president. He served nearly four terms, overseeing the transition of Huntley from a small farming town to an expanding suburban community. Dhamer died in 1999.
21. The site of Huntley's first electric light poles – *replaced as part of East Main Street Improvements program.*
22. This bell was mounted on a metal tower on the square and was used for many years until the late 1930s to summon volunteers to fight fires. The number of tolls of the bell signified the location of the fire.
23. This current gazebo was built in 1994 with time and materials donated by local businesses. It replaced the former "bandstand" which was constructed on a concrete base built by stonemason Andrew Schmitt in 1917. Earlier a wooden structure in the same spot served as site for band concerts. In the gazebo's center is the 2001 Sesquicentennial time capsule, to be opened in 2051.
24. The Huntley Women's Club dedicated a plaque on this pointed rock to WWI military in 1923.
25. The shaded area of the map on the east end of the park was the location of several early businesses which covered the east end of the park and Coral St., which had previously terminated in front of the Kelley house. The businesses were Glazier's harness shop and home, O. H. Schmalz's store, Oakley and Fisher furniture stores, a millinery shop, an attorney and dental office.