



# 2023 Quarterly Report



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Community & Economic Development Department

# Community Development Overview

The City of Plymouth's Community Development Department consists of Economic Development, Planning, Housing, and Building Inspections. The department works closely with other departments, such as Engineering and Parks & Recreation, to guide new projects and redevelopment from the planning stage to completion.

During Q3 of 2023, the Community Development Department issued 3,683 permits, from new signage to fences to commercial and residential additions. Below is a snapshot of the construction value of permits from 2022 Q3 and 2023 Q3.

<b>Permits Issued:</b>	<b>2022 Q3</b>	<b>2023 Q3</b>
Construction value of permits:	\$56,391,936	\$56,748,786
Number of new residential home permits:	42	37
Total permits issued	2,941	3,683

The Plymouth City Council has four key strategic themes - City Center, Redevelopment, Environmental Stewardship, and City of Choice. The Community and Economic Development Department focuses our work around these key themes. Quarterly updates are slated under each of these four themes. Click on the theme below to jump to the updates!

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# City Center

The heart of the City of Plymouth.

## New Design Standards

City Center is located at the heart of Plymouth and revitalizing the area to a walkable, vibrant downtown is a priority for the city. In Quarter 3, City Council approved the comprehensive plan, zoning changes, and new Design Standards for City Center.



## Fox and Pantry Expansion

Current City Center businesses continued to grow in Q3, such as Fox and Pantry -- a coffee shop and café located in Plymouth's City Center -- that expanded to offer more seating, cocktail and coffee bar, and space for private events and group classes from making pasta to craft cocktails.





# City of Choice

## We want you to be here.

One of the many strengths in Plymouth is our strong industrial base, led by hundreds of med-tech and other manufacturing companies. Maintaining strong relationships with our businesses allows our economic development team to better provide resources, engage with leaders, and cultivate an environment where business excels. We also like to celebrate when new businesses open, as two did during the third quarter.

## Businesses that opened in Q3

### Twin Cities Orthopedic (TCO)

Recently completed 210 multiple-family building with a 70,000 square-foot medical office building located off Highway 55 and Rockford Rd. Estimated investment for the new TCO building of \$33 million and bringing roughly 90 new jobs.



### Care Counseling

CARE Counseling hosted a breakfast drive-through at their new location off Rockford Road with special guest Crunch, the mascot for the Minnesota Timberwolves. CARE Counseling is committed to providing accessible and compassionate mental health services to the local community.

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## **Major business expansions in Q3**

### **Honeywell Additions**

Honeywell received city approval to build a new, roughly 5,000 square foot detached facility on Honeywell's Highway 55 campus to develop and build cutting edge weather measurement equipment. Honeywell also purchased the DRC building on the northeast corner of Highways 494 and 55. The almost 13-acre campus is undergoing renovations for this new facility.

## **Employment report**

Plymouth's economy remained strong from Q2 2022 to Q3 2023, with some shifts in our major employment industries. We continue to see strong employment in construction, manufacturing, and industry.

<b>Industry</b>	<b>2022 Q3</b>	<b>2023 Q3</b>
Construction	3,173	3,331
Manufacturing	10,920	10,411
Trade	11,218	11,152
Financial Activities	3,913	2,987
Professional & Business Services	11,842	11,297
Education & Health Services	6,633	6,713
Leisure & Hospitality	3,112	3,118
Public Administration	1,601	1,742

\*Information provided from Minnesota Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW).

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## Housing

The Housing Division's objective is to meet the housing needs of Plymouth residents by utilizing CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funds to provide a range of housing options. These programs include:

- The city's **Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Loans Program** for owner-occupied homes provides financial assistance of up to \$40,000 to eligible homeowners to help with home repairs making their homes safer and energy efficient. [There were three recipients during Q3.](#)
- The city's **Emergency Repair Grant Program** provides small and emergency repairs for qualifying seniors. The program allows up to \$7,500 for emergency and small repairs. [There was one recipient during Q3.](#)
- The city's **First-Time Home Buyer Program** provides zero interest loan up to \$35,000 for qualifying 1st time home buyers purchasing homes in Plymouth. [There was one recipient during Q3.](#)

# Redevelopment

Meeting the needs of our residents.

## Commercial/Industrial Permits

1337% increase in value compared to last year	Building - Alteration/Remodel Permits	2022 Q3	2023 Q3
	Construction Value	\$5,470,996	\$78,609,981
	Total Number of Permits	29	41

The department also issued 41 permits commercial alteration/remodel permits totaling over \$78 million in construction value. The increase in these permits indicates investment in redevelopment in Plymouth and companies committed to long-term growth in town.

## Development Applications

The Community Development Department received **24 planning applications**, including the Former Prudential Site comprehensive plan amendment.

The proposed redevelopment, a 75-acre lot located off 494 and Bass Lake Road, invites the public into the sanctuary of the park-like setting while bringing new development to live, work, and play.

Highlighted  
Application:  
Prudential  
Redevelopment

# Environmental Stewardship

**Protecting our planet to preserve our future.**

## Permits

**23 solar rooftop  
permits issued during  
Q3**

The city continues to explore ways to improve and preserve the natural world. A lot of this work involves urban forestry, water resources, and preservation of open space. In Community Development, there was an increase in solar permits over previous years.

## Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)

The City Council's approval of accessory dwelling units (ADUs) in all single-family residential zoning districts likely fits all four strategic themes. However, one often under-looked benefit of ADUs is the environmental benefit that comes from increasing density on existing single-family lots. Property owners are now able to add attached (e.g. mother-in-law suite), internal (e.g. converted basement), and detached (e.g. tiny home) ADUs to their properties.

## Beekeeping

The City Council approved residential beekeeping, allowing residents and homeowners associations to keep bees. Bees are an important part of our natural environment, leading to food production, pollination, and maintaining natural order.