Population: 1,465

Type of project(s): Downtown, Beautification, Infrastructure, Vibrancy, Workforce Attraction

Project Description and Goals: Over the last 18 months, the community of Garrison has embarked on a journey to add improvements all throughout the community. Community groups have teamed up to find creative sources of funding to complete projects like:

- New water towers with more capacity to provide for a growing population
- New signage at the entrance of town
- Flashing speed signs to reinforce the community’s public safety efforts
- A new baseball park for the tiny tots
- A walking path
- Upgrades to the annual Dickens Festival
- New bathrooms at the Main Street Park

This diverse array of community improvement efforts showcases Garrison’s attitude – that their future is bright. The projects were supported by local businesses, grant funding, local sales tax revenue, volunteer labor, and donations from individual community members.

Garrison was the winner of the 2018 Main Street Excellence Award!

This is a Best Practice Because:

- They seek to establish Garrison as a lively, attractive community to attract a workforce.
- By installing traffic calming signs, they are prioritizing the safety of the whole community, making it a better place for multi-modal transportation and safe for the whole family (healthy, vibrant communities).
- By investing in a unique annual event that the community hosts, they are seeking to make Garrison a more vibrant community.

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