# DOWNTOWN BERKLEY

Nestled in Michigan's wealthiest county.

Neighbor to Royal Oak, Ferndale, and Birmingham.

Full of eclectic, small-town charm.

Home to over 55 independently-owned specialty shops and restaurants.

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# THE BASICS ABOUT BERKLEY

# **TWELVE MILE ROAD**

Berkley is a family-friendly community of 15,000 people to the west of Woodward Avenue and one mile north of I-696 in Oakland County. It borders Royal Oak to the east, Birmingham to the north and Huntington Woods to the south.

Berkley contains two commercial corridors:

# **Twelve Mile Road**

between Coolidge Highway and Greenfield Road

# **Coolidge Highway**

between Twelve Mile Road and Eleven Mile Road

### **TWO RETAIL-RICH DISTRICTS**

Twelve Mile Road encompasses Berkley's Central Shopping **District**, a walkable six-block stretch between Tyler Avenue and Cumberland Avenue featuring a diverse mix of shops and restaurants.

A growing number of specialty retail shops line Berkley's **Coolidge Shopping District**, along the well-traveled Coolidge Highway between Wilshire Road and Catalpa Drive.

In addition to these two, compact retail-rich districts, Berkley's **Gateway Districts** on West 12 Mile and South Coolidge are teaming with potential. Altogether, the DDA District offers a mile and three quarters of possibility!

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"Berkley offered the best combination of affordable rent, a retail-friendly business community, and a vibrant shopping district.

The positive response and support from the entire Berkley community has been overwhelming. This was absolutely the right place for us." **ROBERT JAMESON, PENINSULAS** 

**REASONABLE RETAIL RENTS** Versus Ferndale, Royal Oak or Birmingham

**EXISTING RETAIL ANCHORS** Daily / weekly traffic generators

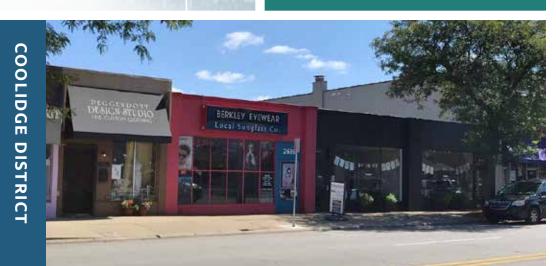
# **STRONG TRADE AREA DEMOGRAPHICS**

College-educated 49.2% 46%

Professional 36.1% 28.6%

Owner-occupancy 76.1% 66%





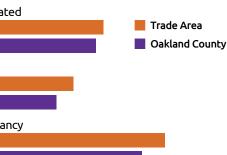
"We chose downtown Berkley for its close knit community, its central location, and its collection of small businesses and related partnerships."

**KATIE KUTSCHER BERKLEY COMMON** 

# WHY LOCATE IN BERKLEY?

### HIGH TRAFFIC COUNTS ALONG ITS COMMERCIAL CORRIDORS 15,000 on Twelve Mile and 17,000 on Coolidge

FREE AND PLENTIFUL ON-STREET AND OFF-STREET PARKING IN **ITS SHOPPING DISTRICTS** 



#### **CHANGING PSYCHOGRAPHIC PROFILE**

- College-educated, upwardly mobile neo-hipsters - 30% of residents between the ages of 25 and 44

#### THE NEXT "HOT" HOUSING MARKET

Home prices in the high \$400's and mid \$500's (similar to Royal Oak)





# The Berkley DDA offers the following incentives for retailers and retail landlords:

# **BERKLEY DDA FAÇADE/PARKING LOT ENHANCEMENT GRANT**

Matching grants and technical assistance, including free design services, for property owners or tenants seeking to renovate or restore building exteriors

#### SPIRIT OF MAIN STREET MICRO BUSINESS STARTUP GRANT PROGRAM

Matching grants to pop-ups, start-ups and existing businesses for permits, signage, marketing and expansion

#### FLAGSTAR BANK MAIN STREET PLACEMAKING AND FAÇADE **GRANT PROGRAM**

Grants for public markets, pop-ups, façade improvements, and historic preservation

**POTENTIAL TIF INCENTIVES** 

# HOW THE BERKLEY DDA CAN HELP

Berkley's Downtown Development Authority (DDA) serves as the economic development arm for the City of Berkley, focusing on the growth and vitality of its two commercial corridors.

In addition to this brochure, the DDA's ambitious workplan also includes the following initiatives:

## **RETAIL STRATEGY**

Promotes a viable positioning in the marketplace as well as a cohesive and mutually-reinforcing mix of tenants.

## **RETAIL TENANT SOURCING**

Identifies and pre-qualifies specific prospects on behalf of landlords and their brokers.

## **DOWNTOWN DESIGN GUIDELINES**

Establishes standards for quality design in the built environment and the public realm.

## DOWNTOWN STRATEGIC PLAN

Provides direction on a wide range of planning issues including land use, zoning and parking.

#### **MULTI-COMMUNITY PLANNING PROCESS FOR MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION**

- MOGO Bike Share docking stations
- Addition of dedicated bike lanes and mid-block crosswalks
- Traffic calming and safety initiatives

# WE ARE WORKING TO BECOME REDEVELOPMENT READY



The Redevelopment Ready Community program certifies communities that have integrated the principles of transparency, predictability and efficiency into their development practices.

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MAIN STREET OAKLAND COUNTY

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