



LIQUOR COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 8, 2026 AT 7:05 PM

VILLAGE HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
200 E. WOOD STREET
PALATINE, IL 60067-5339 – (847) 359-9050
<http://www.palatine.il.us>

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING**7:05 PM**

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. Palatine Liquor Commission - Regular Meeting - July 13, 2026
- IV. AGENDA ITEMS**
 - A. Consider an Application for a Class N (Microbrewery) Liquor License for Big Grove Brewery at 180 N. Smith Street
Council District: Six
- V. RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE**
- VI. ADJOURNMENT**



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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Schwantz called the meeting to order at 7:28 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT :	Commissioner Jim Schwantz, Commissioner Greg Langer, Commissioner Scott Lamerand, Commissioner Doug Myslinski, Commissioner Joe Falkenberg, Commissioner Kollin Kozlowski, Commissioner Brad Helms
ABSENT :	
ARRIVED :	

Also Present:

Village Clerk Maureen Pasqualucci, Village Manager Reid Ottesen, Deputy Village Manager Hadley Skeffington-Vos, Village Attorney Patrick Brankin, Director of Community Development Mike Jacobs, Director of Planning & Zoning Ben Vyverberg, Director of Public Works Matt Barry, Police Chief William Nord, Deputy Police Chief David Brandwein, Fire Chief Scott Mackeben, IT Director Rhonda Malcolm, Director of Finance Andrew Brown, Director of Human Resources Monika Pandya

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Palatine Liquor Commission - Special Meeting - June 15, 2026

RESULT:	MOTION APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Doug Myslinski
SECONDER:	Joe Falkenberg
AYES:	Jim Schwantz, Greg Langer, Scott Lamerand, Doug Myslinski, Joe Falkenberg, Kollin Kozlowski, Brad Helms
NAYS:	None

IV. AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Consider a Motion Granting a Temporary Amendment to Emmett's Licensed Premises in Conjunction with the Palatine Street Feast: A Food Truck Series on August 16, 2026
Council District: Six

Village Manager Reid Ottesen said that Emmett's and Tap House are providing food and liquor service at the Street Feast and that the liquor license has been temporarily amended for off-site service.

RESULT:	MOTION APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Brad Helms
SECONDER:	Greg Langer
AYES:	Jim Schwantz, Greg Langer, Scott Lamerand, Doug Myslinski, Joe Falkenberg, Kollin Kozlowski, Brad Helms
NAYS:	None

- B. Consider a Motion Granting an Extension of the Class C (Club) Liquor License for American Ukrainian Youth Association of Palatine Located at 136 E. Illinois Avenue to 176 E. Illinois Avenue
Council District: Two

Village Manager Reid Ottesen spoke about the liquor license for the Ukrainian Youth Association of Palatine and the adjacent property recently acquired. He explained this allows their liquor license to provide services in each building.

Mayor Schwantz asked if the request was for special events and Ottesen confirmed that it was.

Councilman Kozlowski asked for more specific information on the liquor license and Ottesen explained that the liquor serving privileges are for both the buildings on the property, and are required to complete server training. A representative from the Ukrainian Youth Center was present for any questions.

RESULT:	MOTION APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Scott Lamerand
SECONDER:	Joe Falkenberg
AYES:	Jim Schwantz, Greg Langer, Scott Lamerand, Doug Myslinski, Joe Falkenberg, Kollin Kozlowski, Brad Helms
NAYS:	None

V. RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

No one came forward.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

RESULT:	MOTION APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Brad Helms
SECONDER:	Kollin Kozlowski
AYES:	Jim Schwantz, Greg Langer, Scott Lamerand, Doug Myslinski, Joe Falkenberg, Kollin Kozlowski, Brad Helms
NAYS:	None

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:32 PM.

SUBMITTED BY:

Maureen Pasqualucci
Village Clerk

Consider an Application for a Class N (Microbrewery) Liquor License for Big Grove Brewery at 180 N. Smith Street

BACKGROUND:

On this evening's agenda is a request for a special use and increase in the number of Class N (Microbrewery) liquor licenses for 180 N. Smith Street, currently known as Dirty Nellie's. The petitioner, Big Grove Palatine LLC, has a contract to purchase the Dirty Nellie's and wishes to apply for a Class N (Microbrewery) liquor license. The Class N liquor license will be held for the location until their anticipated opening in 2027. The petitioner will be present to answer any questions from the Commission. The permitted hours for a class N liquor license are Sunday - Wednesday 6 AM to 1 AM and Thursday - Saturday 6 AM to 2 AM.

KEY ISSUES:

- A copy of the application is on file in the Village Manager's Office.
- Issuance of the liquor license will be subject to compliance with all Village ordinances and issuance of a temporary or final certificate of occupancy.
- The petitioner will be present Monday evening to answer any questions of the Commission.

BUDGET IMPACT:

The annual fee for a Class N license is \$4,180.

RECOMMENDATION:

Action is at the discretion of the Commission.

ACTION REQUIRED:

Action is at the discretion of the Commission.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Big Grove - Proposed Business Plan
2. Big Grove - Proposed Floor Plan

BIG GROVE BREWERY

Company Overview



Palatine Business Plan - August 2026

BIG GROVE BREWERY

PALATINE, IL

PALATINE'S BIG GROVE

Restaurant Specifications:



Restaurant: ~10k square feet
Patio: ~9k square feet



Open 363 days a year
Closed on Thanksgiving & Christmas



Sunday - Thursday: 11AM - 10PM
Friday - Saturday: 11AM - 11PM



Our Vision:

**To become a pillar of the
community of Palatine**



**A place where families and
friends can gather**



**200,000+ guests and ~\$7
million in revenue annually**

OUR HISTORY

OUR BACKGROUND & STORY

OUR FOUNDERS



Faye Swift
Co-Founder

The hospitality business has been my life for over 36 years. My first restaurant opened in 1988 and I'm still at it in 2026. My final project, and largest to date is Big Grove Brewery. So much fun!!

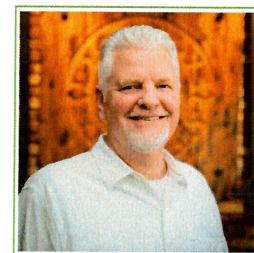
"I'm very proud of our teams and our product. Cheers!"



Matt Swift
CEO/Co-Founder

I have opened and operated over 15 hospitality concepts in Iowa while being part of the industry for 20 years. These projects focus on more than great food and drink - they focus on creating community and bringing people together.

"I look forward to being part of your community."



Doug Goettsch
Co-Founder

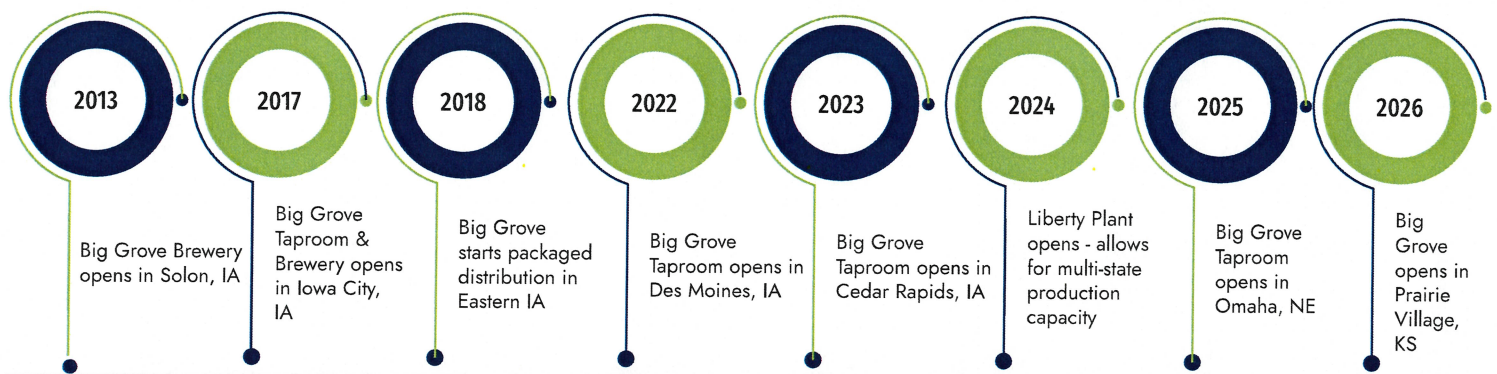
I have been involved in the hospitality industry in one form or another for over 30 years with experience in all areas of operations. Co-founder of Big Grove Brewery and partner at several other area restaurant concepts.

"We make great beer and food, in beautiful and inviting spaces, served to you by fun and passionate people."

OUR HISTORY

SERVING COLD BEER & WARM HOSPITALITY

BIG GROVE BREWERY
**ROOTED IN
OUR CRAFT**





BY THE NUMBERS

A History of Continued Growth

650+
Employees



158+
FULL-TIME
HOURLY/SALARY

879k+
GLOBAL GUEST VISITS
IN 2024



1.2M+
GLOBAL GUEST VISITS
PROJECTED IN 2025

491k+

CASES OF BEER
SOLD/PRODUCED IN 2024

538k+

CASES OF BEER
PROJECTED IN 2025



21
National
Beer
Awards



**COMPANY
HISTORY**
Est. 2013

**HEADQUARTERS
IOWA CITY, IA**



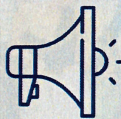
**PRODUCTION
FACILITY**
OPENED IN 2024

90K+
BBLS
PER YR



**6 MIDWEST
LOCATIONS**

WITH DISTRIBUTION IN
7 STATES



1.34B+
MEDIA REACH
IN 2024

\$10.4M+

IN GENERATED
ADVERTISING EQUIVALENT

66k+
SOCIAL FOLLOWERS

30k+

EMAIL SUBSCRIBERS

402k+

SOCIAL REACH IN 2024



OUR PURPOSE

TO ENRICH OUR PEOPLE, TEAMS, AND COMMUNITIES



RELENTLESS HOSPITALITY

We are committed to **crafting authentic food and beer.**

In 2013, Big Grove Brewery opened its first location in Solon, Iowa. With a foundation of high quality beer, great food, and **genuine Midwest hospitality**, our team has seen amazing success in our first decade.

A trip to Big Grove is a true taste of Iowa Nice and some of the best craft beer in the Midwest. We're **honored** to serve you in our taprooms and breweries in **Solon, Iowa City, Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, Omaha, and Prairie Village.**

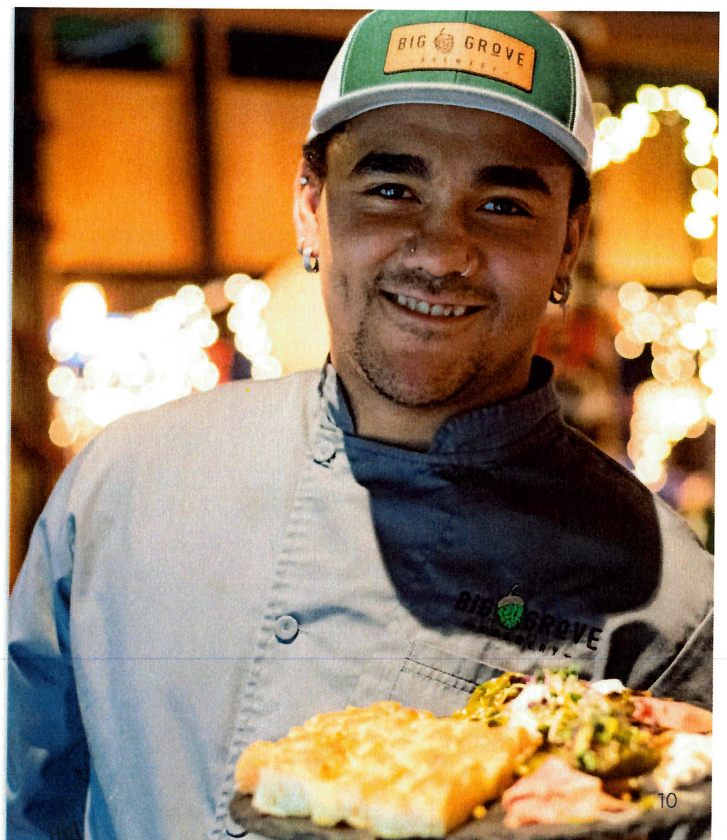
BIG GROVE UNIQUES

Our Guarantee - Big Grove is the brewery that delivers Midwest-fresh craft beer. Find your roots with us and proudly feel like a part of the Big Grove Family because we are good people (we promise) and we brew even better beer.

Midwest-Fresh - We offer bold and vibrant designs, warm hospitality, and innovative experiences.

Gold Medal Liquid - Our team and brewing technologies are on the cutting edge of the craft beer industry.

Rooted in Community - Big Grove stands for more than great beer. We stand for our communities and important causes among them.



OUR CAUSES

SUSTAINABILITY & BIG GROVE FOR GOOD

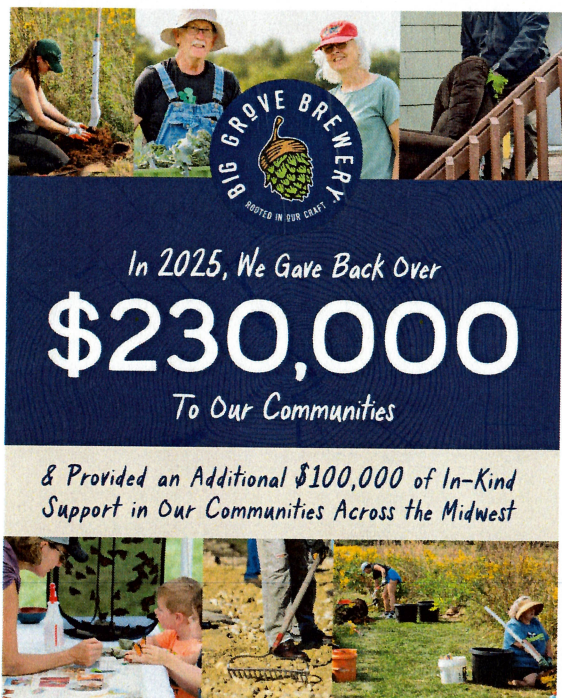
GOOD GIVING

GIVING BACK PHILANTHROPIC GIVING

THIS WORK IS IS CENTRAL TO OUR MISSION. WE STRIVE TO BE **INTENTIONAL** WITH OUR 'GOOD GIVING'.

THIS INFOGRAPHIC OUTLINES 2025 **YEAR IN GIVING** ACROSS ALL OUR TAPROOMS & DISTRIBUTING TERRITORY

FROM CASH/GIFT-IN-KIND DONATIONS TO FOOD AND BEVERAGE COLLECTIONS, TREE PLANTINGS TO SERVING MEALS, THE BIG GROVE FAMILY HAS **COME TOGETHER** TO DO IT ALL IN SUPPORT OF OUR MIDWEST COMMUNITIES.



GOOD GIVING

BIG GROVE FOR GOOD

PHILANTHROPIC AND COMMUNITY GIVING

THE BIG GROVE FOR GOOD FOUNDATION IS THE COMMUNITY IMPACT INITIATIVE OF BIG GROVE BREWERY, DEDICATED TO FOSTERING POSITIVE CHANGE ACROSS THE MIDWEST. ROOTED IN THE BELIEF THAT BUSINESSES THRIVE WHEN THEIR COMMUNITIES DO, THE WORK OF THE FOUNDATION HARNESSES THE POWER OF COLLABORATION, CREATIVITY, AND EMPATHY TO SUPPORT CAUSES THAT MATTER MOST TO MIDWESTERN COMMUNITIES.

BIG GROVE FOR GOOD ISN'T JUST ABOUT GIVING BACK—IT'S ABOUT STEPPING FORWARD, EMBRACING THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE OUR CORNER OF THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE FOR EVERYONE.

- **TREES, TRAILS, & WATER**
 - IMPROVE GREEN SPACES, PROMOTE SUSTAINABILITY, AND FOSTER ENVIRONMENTAL REVITALIZATION FOR HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES AND A THRIVING PLANET.
- **EQUITY & EQUALITY**
 - FOSTER A DIVERSE, INCLUSIVE, AND EQUITABLE COMMUNITY, PROMOTING FAIRNESS AND COMPASSION IN EVERY INTERACTION.
- **OUR BACKYARD**
 - SUPPORT HYPERLOCAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT DIRECTLY BENEFIT OUR COMMUNITIES, PROVIDING RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES ACCESSIBLE TO ALL GUESTS AND TEAM MEMBERS, AND FOSTERING PLACES WHERE PEOPLE CAN LIVE, THRIVE, AND GROW.



GOOD GIVING

2025



GRANT RECIPIENTS
\$8,000 Awarded to Each

Johnson County

- Iowa City Free Medical & Dental Clinic
- Iowa Valley RC & D

Linn County

- Central Furniture Rescue
- Monarch Research Project

Polk County

- Iowa Migrant Movement for Justice
- The Beacon

BEERS FOR A CAUSE



Rainbow Connection - \$13,000

To Capital City Pride, CR Pride, Heartland Pride, Iowa City Pride, & The LIAM Foundation

Good Grove - \$25,000

To Trees Forever & Keep Omaha Beautiful
125 trees planted this year!



Wade Wisely - \$5,000

To Trout Unlimited's Driftless Area Restoration Effort

TAPROOMS & SPACES

TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE

IOWA CITY, IOWA

1225 SOUTH GILBERT

SHUTTERED SURPLUS WAREHOUSE

2015





IOWA CITY, IOWA

Opened 2017

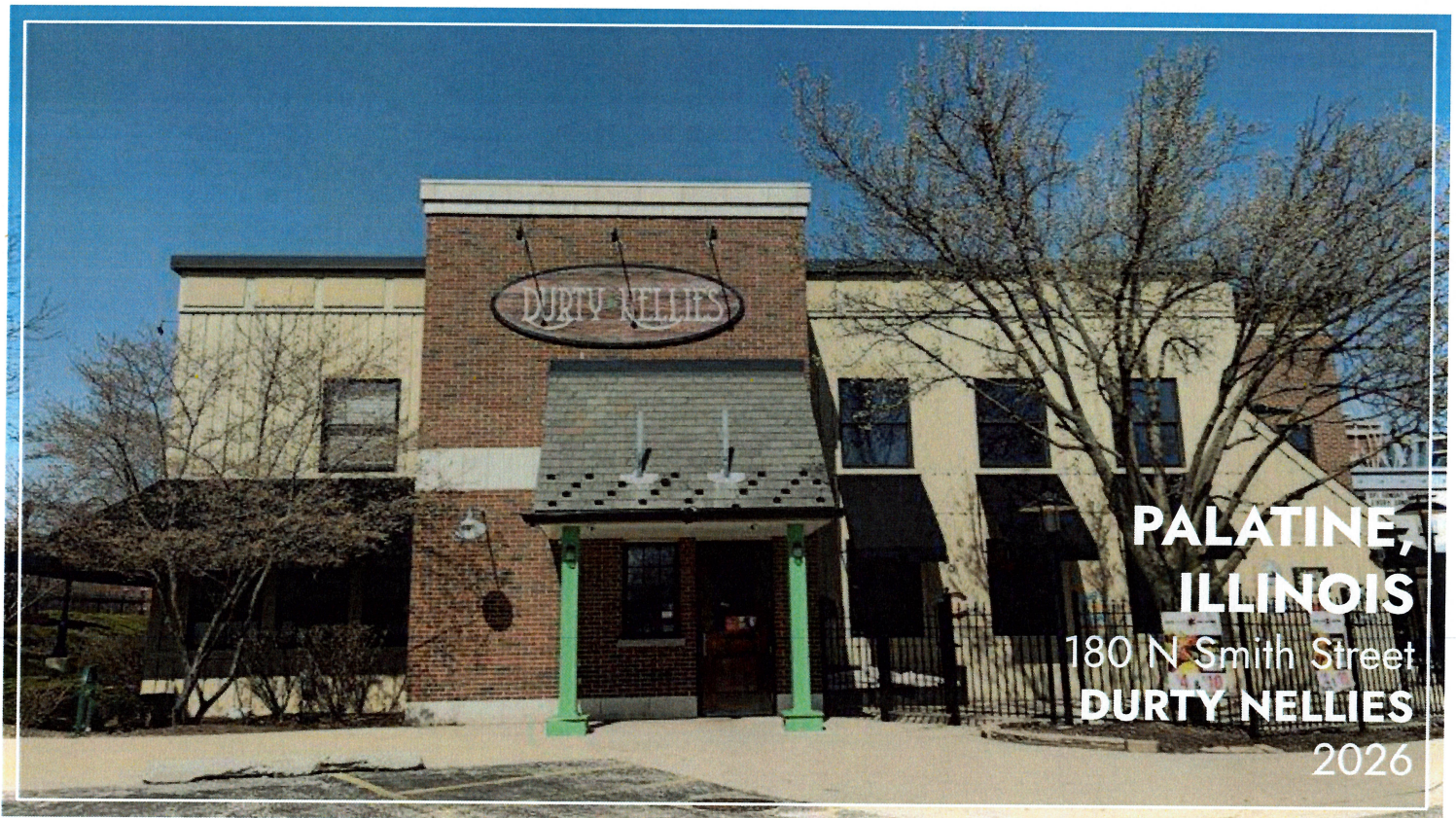


DES MOINES, IOWA

555 17TH STREET

VACANT AUTO REPAIR SHOP

2021



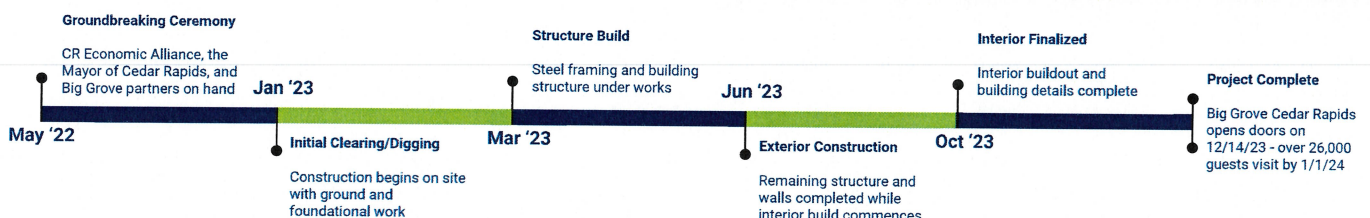
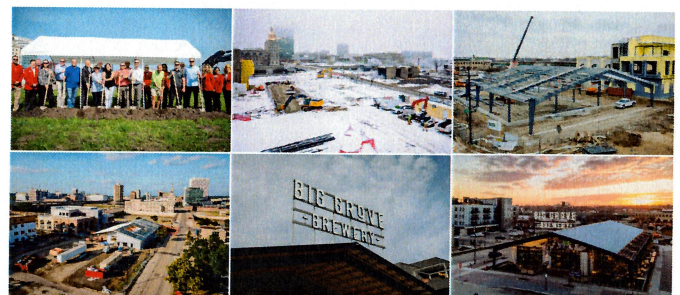


ECONOMIC IMPACT



In Q1 of 2024 in coordination with the Cedar Rapids Economic Alliance, Big Grove commissioned an independent Economic Impact Study (EIS) to cover the two years that spanned the construction phase as well as the first year of operations of our Cedar Rapids taproom. This study, and its output, will be updated in Q1 of 2025 after the first full year of operation of that taproom; current findings are based on results through that construction phase, H1 2024 results, and a forecast of H2 2024.

The Cedar Rapids Taproom was a "ground-up" project over the course of eleven months from commencement of construction to opening doors. The results of the study, in particular the construction phase, are representative of this model.



MARKET DRIVER

The results of the commissioned Economic Impact Study show an overwhelming positive return for the local community of Cedar Rapids both in value and employment.

Annual GDP is after construction phase and year one operations is expected to average \$7.4M with a multiplier of 1.42 for the local market.

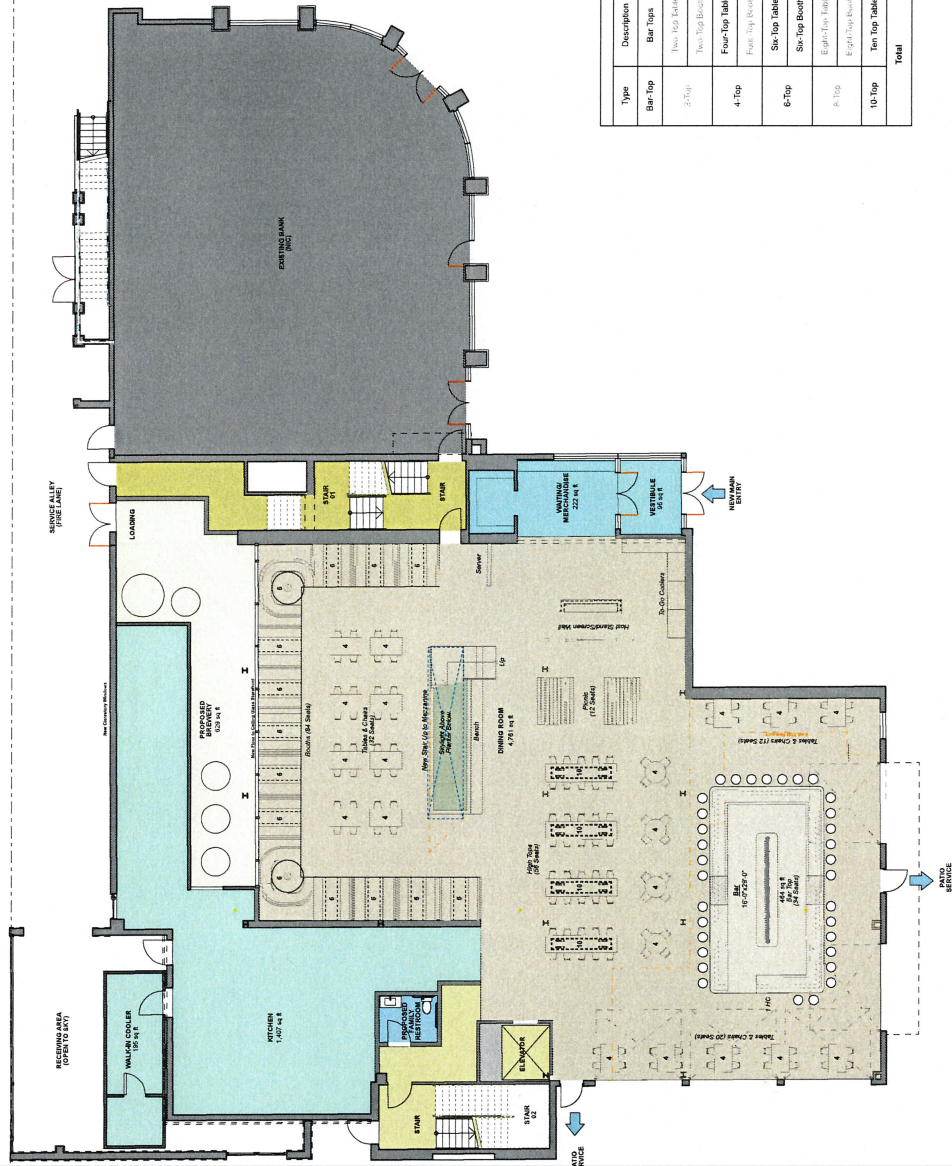
Over 10 years Big Grove Cedar Rapids will deliver (not adjusting for inflation):

- **Economic Impact** brought to the community will exceed **\$119M**.
- **Tax Revenue** of over **\$7.8M** for the city, district, county, and state.
- **Utilities** will exceed **\$1.2M** with an average of **\$123k per year**.



 ECONOMIC IMPACT	Constructions & Operations Per Year (0 - 2)	Operations Per Year (3 - On)
	\$20.7M	\$11.1M
Value Added GDP	\$12.1M	\$7.4M
Tax Revenue Local & State	\$1.1M	\$840k
Actual Employment	162	121
Total Employment Direct/Indirect/Induced	197	140

THANK YOU!



Indoor Seating - Option 1					
Type	Description	Quantity	Seats	Total Seating	Seat/Type
Bar Top	Bar Top	34	1	34	34
2-Top	Two Top Tables	0	2	0	0
2-Top	Two Top Tables	0	2	0	0
4-Top	Four Top Tables	20	4	80	80
6-Top	Six Top Tables	2	6	12	96
8-Top	Eight Top Tables	14	8	84	9
10-Top	Ten Top Tables	4	10	40	40
Total			74	250	250

1 Proposed 1st Floor Plan
SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"



Big Grove Brewery 180 N. Smith Street Palatine, IL

Proposed 1st Floor Plan
1/2/2015

Pappageorge Haymes Partners



