
The Adams Building and the immediately adjacent Masonic Temple Building stand at a major intersection three blocks south of the Soo Locks. The buildings were underutilized for years and presented a negative image of Sault Ste. Marie to thousands of visitors each year. Harbor Springs developer G.A. Haan’s rehabilitation of these buildings required him to step away from “raw land” development into the world of historic preservation.

Haan put together a complex package of financing, including Federal and State Historic Preservation Tax Credits, Brownfield Tax Credits, Low Income Housing Tax Credits, HOME funds, and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds as well as private dollars. By doing so he transformed the buildings into Park Place City Center, a mixed use development with low income housing units.