



# Downtown News

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## Wanted: a good home for a grand house

*Charlevoix DDA seeks party willing to move downtown home from current lot*

The Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is in search of a new home for one of Downtown Charlevoix's oldest structures. Located at 108 Park Avenue, the DDA-owned 139 year-old house has served as home to the Charlevoix County Land Conservancy (CCLC) for the past 20 years. The CCLC vacated the building this past September. The structure's fate and possible use of the parcel have been topics of discussion in meetings of the DDA, the Historic District Study Commission and City Council.

The DDA purchased the parcel with the house in 1995 with the expressed purpose of expanding public parking on the property, including the possible removal of the structure. Shortly thereafter, the CCLC approached the DDA with a proposal to lease the building in exchange for necessary repairs and improvements to the structure and expanded parking in the rear created by the removal of a small back building. Due to fundraising challenges, the CCLC was unable to complete the intended repairs to the building, though the structure has seen its roof replaced within the past ten years. Neither the DDA nor the City of Charlevoix has monies available to properly repair the structure and it has recently become an eyesore. Discussions have identified a need for expanded public parking in this particular area and the removal of the structure would allow for the creation of significant additional parking.

Due to the age and history of the structure, the DDA hopes a party wishing to own a home boasting a great deal of history will step forward with the wherewithal to relocate the building to an alternative location. Individuals interested in taking possession of this structure are asked to contact the Charlevoix DDA by calling 231 547-3257 or emailing [kcarey@cityofcharlevoix.org](mailto:kcarey@cityofcharlevoix.org).

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