

Memorandum

Community and Economic Development Department

To: Rock Island City Council
Subject: 2022 Commercial Beautification Award
Date: January 11, 2023



Mayor Thoms and the Rock Island Beautification Commission would like to announce the winner of the 2022 Commercial Beautification Award. This long-standing annual award presentation began in 1980. The Commercial Beautification Award serves to recognize a Rock Island organization or business for its outstanding landscaping, exterior renovations, or new construction. There were 14 nominees submitted for 2022. Each of these businesses have helped to beautify not only their own property, but also the surrounding neighborhoods and City at large.

This year's recipient has been selected by Rock Island Mayor, Mike Thoms. The Mayor and the Beautification Commission are honored to announce that Wholly Grinds Coffee Shop at 2409 11th Street, is this year's Commercial Beautification Award winner. A new roof, a new sign, and the facade for a second store front were part of the many improvements done to the building by the owners through participation in the City's Facade Program, and with a North 11th Street Tax Increment Financing (TIF) agreement.

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Approved by: Todd Thompson, City Manager



1. Building front and north side of Wholly Grinds



2. New sign adjacent to 11th Street for Wholly Grinds