



Capital Projects: Overview



Linn-Mar’s mission is to inspire learning, unlock potential and empower achievement. As the district expands and changes, this mission statement is reflected from the inside out. Our schools and facilities provide safe and engaging environments to provide our students the best opportunity to learn, grow and succeed.

The Linn-Mar Community School District was formed in 1948 when 17 one-room rural schools joined together to build Marion Rural Independent School. The Linn-Mar Community School District now serves more than 7,600 students in ten schools plus other buildings and facilities. Linn-Mar continues to be one of the fastest growing school districts in the state as enrollment is expected to continue to increase steadily.

Thanks to community support through voter approved programs, school buildings and facilities throughout the district are in excellent condition. Linn-Mar Community Schools has been able to use funds or borrow money against the sales tax funds for major construction and renovation projects.

Voter approved programs are:
SAVE is commonly referred to as the 1 cent local option sales tax. On February 13, 2007, voters in Linn County approved a 10 year School Infrastructure Local Option (SILO) sales tax. During the 2008 Legislative Session, SILO was replaced with a State sales tax for school infrastructure. Secure an Advanced Vision for Education (SAVE) Fund allocates equally to school districts on a per pupil basis.

PPEL stands for Physical Plant & Equipment Levy. It’s the main revenue source used to maintain infrastructure investments – a special revenue fund which can only be used for the purchase and improvement of land, purchase and improvement of buildings, purchase of a single unit of equipment exceeding \$500 in value, and other expenses defined in section 298.3 of the Code of Iowa. The PPEL fund is comprised of revenue from two levies. The first PPEL levy is a voter approved levy. Linn-Mar voters have approved the maximum \$1.34 PPEL levy. The second PPEL levy is the Board approved levy. Linn-Mar’s Board of Education has approved this levy at its

maximum level of \$0.33. Thus, the total PPEL levy is \$1.67. On April 1, 2014, voters approved a no increase PPEL levy renewal for an additional 10 year period.

PERL stands for the Public Education and Recreation Levy. It is a special revenue fund approved by voters in an election for recreation places, playgrounds and community education on school property.

Bond Referendums have also contributed to Linn-Mar’s successful growth. In addition to the revenues allowed by the state funding formula, the school district can ask voters to support a bond referendum to provide money for buildings. Bond referenda can be used for non-operating expenses such as computers, building remodeling or new construction. This funding cannot be used for operating expenses.

BUILDING HISTORY – There has been continued growth within the Linn-Mar Community School District throughout the years. Prior to 2006, original construction of District buildings and major renovation projects include: High School (1959); Indian Creek Elementary (1961); Junior High School (1963, now integrated into LMHS); Wilkins Elementary (1966); Bowman Woods Elementary (1968); Educational Services Center and Buildings and Grounds, additions to the Junior/Senior High (1975); additions to the Junior/Senior high (1980); new media centers and remodeling at Indian Creek and Bowman Woods Elementary, 14-room addition to Junior/Senior High, Linn-Mar Intermediate School (1995); Westfield Elementary, new gymnasiums and classroom additions to Wilkins and Indian Creek Elementary and a two-story addition to the Intermediate School to change to a middle school (August, 1999); new gymnasium at the High School (November, 1999); new High School auditorium (March, 2000); Oak Ridge School (August, 2003).

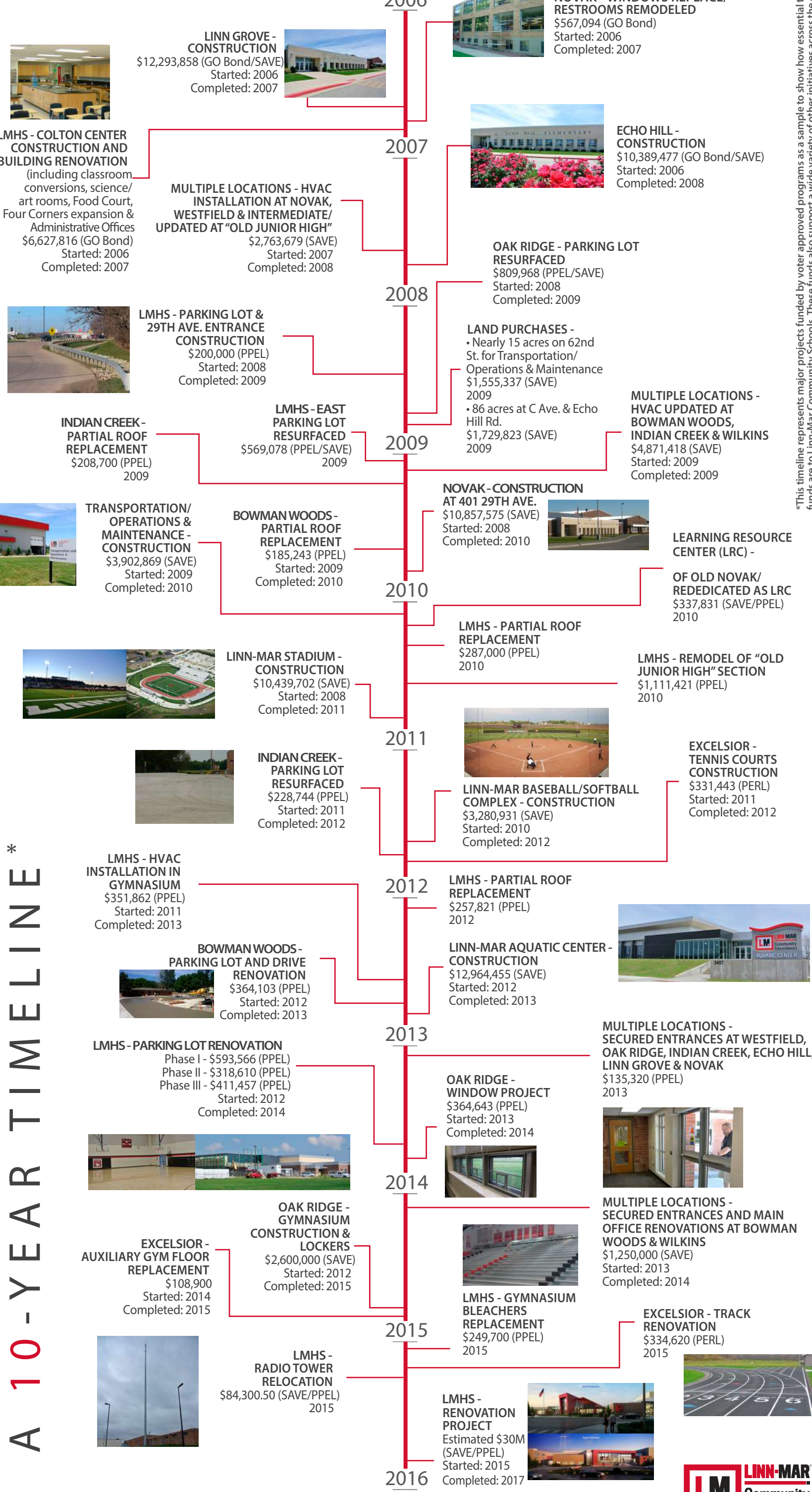


In 2006, a \$27.5 Million bond issue passed to build two new elementary schools (Echo Hill and Linn Grove), renovate and update Linn-Mar High School and update Novak Elementary and convert Oak Ridge to a middle school.



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A 10-YEAR TIMELINE *

*This timeline represents major projects funded by voter approved programs as a sample to show how essential these funds are to Linn-Mar Community Schools. These funds also support a wide variety of other initiatives across the district.