

City of Midland, Michigan

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About the Cover

Located in downtown Midland, the Dow Diamond ballpark is home to the Great Lakes Loons, a Single A Affiliate of the Los Angeles Dodgers in the Midwest League. The ballpark, which is owned by the Michigan Baseball Foundation, was built on the site of the former Dow Chemical 47 building. The warning track contains crushed brick from that building.

Minor league baseball came to downtown Midland with an inaugural home game on April 13, 2007 and Dow Diamond quickly established itself as one of the top minor league baseball stadiums in the country. As such, Dow Diamond was named the *Best New Ballpark of 2007* by Baseball Digest and the Grounds Crew was named the *2007 Midwest League Grounds Crew of the Year*. In addition, the Dow Diamond baseball stadium was chosen as the site of the 2008 Midwest League All-Star Game.

Among the unique features at Dow Diamond are: 12 suites, 2 fireplaces, 2 outfield fire pits, 20,000 sq. ft. of enclosable event space, a 17 x 35 ft LED video board and 186 solar panels located beyond the right field concourse that power the video board. These amenities make the Dow Diamond baseball stadium a very popular place on a perfect summer evening in downtown Midland.