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East Lansing Park District Renovation

Connections of Scale Studio

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The challenge for this site was to redesign a section of downtown East Lansing at a few of its critical transitional points. The current site is under-utilized and doesn’t match the more modern feel of the city and university. This design brings this little piece of East Lansing up to date with modern materials, functional and social spaces, and a collaborative spirit that bridges the gap between the school and the city.
Analysis Thumbnails

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Circulation

Climatic Conditions

Pedestrian Walking Distance in minutes

Current Site Use

Topography & Drainage
Current Site Layout

• Little Connectivity
• Sparse
• Automobile Oriented
• Lacks Unity
• No Main Attraction

Adjacent to Notable Places
✓ Valley Court Park
✓ The People’s Church
✓ Michigan State University
✓ City Hall
✓ Dublin Square
- Strong Directional Movement
- Green Space
- Promotes Pedestrian Use
- Strong Unity
- Several Major Nodes/Points of Interest
- Connects to the Surrounding Spaces

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Concept: Process

- Old City → New Place
- New Future
- Moving Forward
- Growing Up
- Upward Movement
- Climbing Up
- Soaring Higher

One step at a time
3 IMAGES OF CONNECTION → SketchUp/Photoshop/CAD
Life is a like staircase, traveled one step forward and one step up.

At times we make this journey alone, toward a personal future only we can achieve. Other times we come together as a force, building upward toward new heights. The communities of East Lansing and Michigan State University are one such combined force. They are tied together by a shared history and common goals for the future.
• Plaza/Arcade
• Beer Garden
• Outdoor Games
• Farmers Market
• Ice Skating
• Pedestrian Walkways
• Open air seating/ Picnic

• Mixed Use Buildings
• On Street Parking
• Public Transit Shelters
• Outdoor Cafe' Space
• Urban Grocery
• Pools and Fountains
• Building A
  • Hotel, Retail, Irish Pub, Café, Commercial

• Building B
  • Retail, Urban Grocery, Retail, Small Restaurants, Small Business

• Building C
  • Retail, Specialty Grocery, Bakery, Atrium, Small Business

• Building D
  • Mixed Use Parking Garage Structure

• Building E
  • Parking, Coffee Shop, Mixed Use
Main Plaza

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Transit Stops

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Streetscape

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* Not to Scale

Curb 6"
Planter/Furniture 4'
Pedestrian Travel 8'
Building Frontage 2'
Beer Garden

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Farmer’s Market

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Serial Sketches

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Farmer’s Market
Festival Avenue
Serial Sketches

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Beer Garden & Outdoor Games
Main Plaza
Serial Sketches

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View onto Campus
Life is like a staircase. It takes only one step to climb toward a new future.