THE CARRIAGE HILLS SHOPPING CENTER IS DESIGNED WITH HEALTH IN MIND. IT PROVIDES PLACES FOR INDIVIDUALS TO IMPROVE THEIR MIND AND BODY, PLACES FOR FAMILIES TO SPEND TIME TOGETHER, AND PLACES FOR THE COMMUNITY TO GATHER. THROUGH THE CREATION OF ACTIVE AND SOCIAL OUTDOOR AREAS SITE VIBRANCY AND WALKABILITY ARE INCREASED.


DETAILS 2, 3, AND 4: SHOW VARIOUS OUTDOOR PLAZA SPACES. THE LARGE PLAZA PICTURE ABOVE PROVIDES SPACE FOR LARGER GATHERINGS AND EVENTS WHILE GIVING THE AREA A "TOWN SQUARE" FEEL THAT IS OFTEN FOUND IN EUROPE. WITH A FOUNTAIN IN THE CENTER AND GATEWAY ARCHES ON THE WEST AND EAST, THE SITE PROVIDES MANY SPACES FOR PEOPLE TO SOCIALIZING.

THE SERIES OF SMALL PLAZAS PICTURED TO THE LEFT IS ENVISIONED AS AN AREA FOR A FARMERS MARKET AND OTHER SEASONAL VENDORS. EACH BRICK PLAZA FEATURES MOVABLE TABLES AND CHAIRS, TEXTURE BRICK PAVING, AND FRAMING PLANTINGS TO CREATE SOME SEPARATION. THE CORE LINKAGE RUNNING FROM EAST TO WEST CONNECTS BUDDY'S AND THE NORTH/SOUTH CORRIDOR TO THE BUS STOP AND SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOODS TO THE EAST. THE CENTRAL PEDESTRIAN SPINE RUNNING NORTH AND SOUTH PROVIDES CONNECTION TO THE ARCADE AND SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOODS TO THE NORTH AS WELL AS THE AMPHITHEATER AND LARGE PLAZA TO THE SOUTH.
CARRIAGE HILLS FEATURES AN ARRAY OF LARGE SOCIAL GATHERING SPACES, BUT IT ALSO INCLUDES SMALLER SPECIAL AREAS. THE ABILITY FOR ALL PEOPLE TO BE ABLE TO EXPERIENCE AND ENJOY THE SITE WAS KEY TO DRIVING THE DESIGN. INNOVATION AND BEAUTY LEAD TO OUTSTANDING FUNCTIONALITY, ACCESSIBILITY, AND AESTHETIC INTEREST.

DETAIL 1/3 AND 2/3 SHOW THE OUTDOOR PERFORMANCE SPACE. THE AMPHITHEATER FEATURES A BAND SHELL, Modeled from the one that once existed on the campus of Michigan State University, Tiered seating with accessible options, and poured rubber paving to limit the hardscape on the site. The adjacent music center, ice cream stand, and swing set provide vibrant activity on and around the site. Just off of Lake Lansing Road, the space is sure to draw the attention of those who are driving by. Addition entry signage frames the main pedestrian corridor, giving the site identity and purpose.

The bus stop, shown in detail 3/3, has been relocated to land on the major pedestrian access between the site and the community. A chain of plazas and social nodes, with seasonal vendors and cafe spaces, connect the stop and surrounding community to the major pedestrian corridor and retail/social area. Accessibility is built into the design with tactile and audible cross walks and spaces large enough to maneuver in. The bus stop itself features a covered waiting area with a green roof.

Detail 4/3 shows a new social space created adjacent to the existing grocery store. An alcove of ground level jumping fountains provides children a place to play while waiting for parents. The seatwall on the east side of the plaza provides parents a place to sit while separating playing children from the adjacent traffic. The next alcove features a food vendor and pergola-covered cafe space. The presence of a vendor encourages people to use the space, while the sound of the nearby water and screening from the adjacent traffic creates a pleasant atmosphere.

The area and surrounding traffic layouts are further explored in detail 5/3.

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