### The Plaza

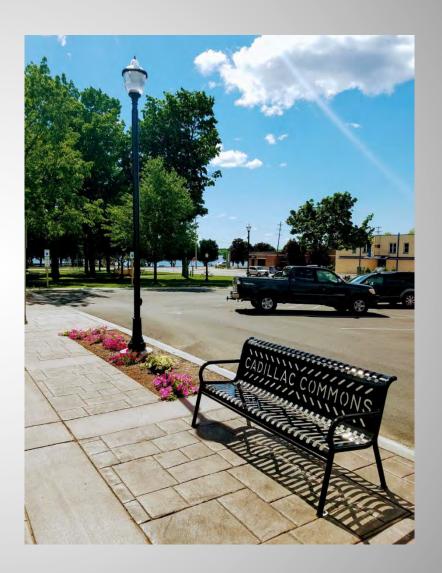
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### Placemaking

- 2014 Placemaking Study facilitated by the Michigan Municipal League, the Michigan State University School of Design, Planning, and Construction, and the MSU-Extension.
- Proposed: "Cadillac Commons"
  - City Park
  - Rotary Pavilion
  - The Plaza
  - The Market (Sept. 18 Groundbreaking)
  - White Pine Trailhead (Future Project)



## Redevelopment of The Plaza

**BEFORE** 

**Ordinary Parking Lot** 



#### **AFTER**

Parking lot & multi-use area for public events and gatherings





#### **Amenities**

- Synthetic Ice Skating Rink
- Custom Archway & Benches
- Gas Fireplace
- Splash Pad
- Misting Post
- Drinking Fountains
- Built-in Sound System

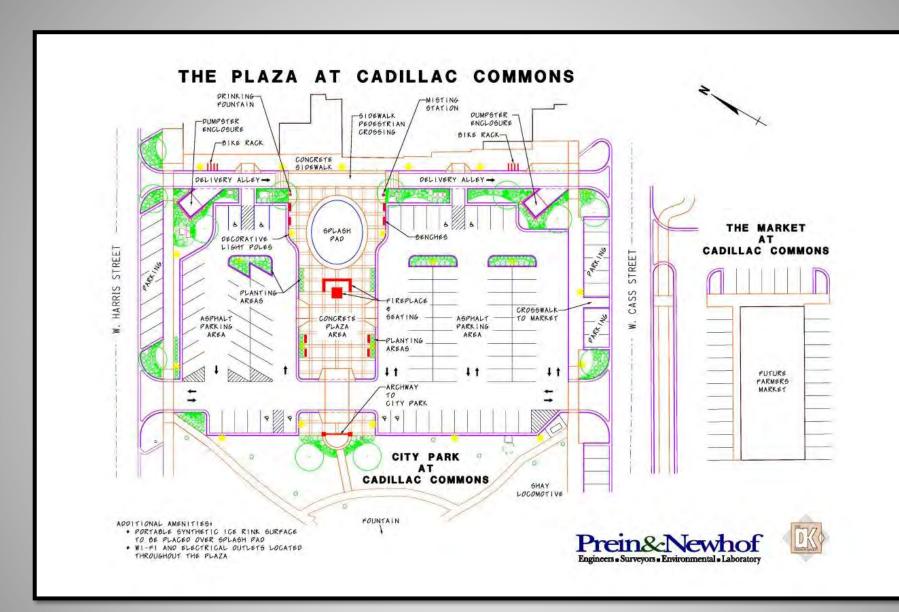






#### Civic Engagement

- Several design charrettes
- Poster boards displayed at City Hall and downtown businesses
- Social media promoted fundraising events and provided construction updates
- Weekly construction emails to stakeholders and business owners
- Construction progress meetings open to public
- www.cadillaccommons.com



#### **Public Safety**



- User-friendly parking design
- Additional sidewalks
- Added illumination increases visibility at night
- Enclosed garbage bins
- Upgraded and buried utilities

# Intergovernmental/Agency Cooperation & Recognition

#### **Key Stakeholders in Creating the PlacePlan Study** –

- Michigan State University
  - School of Planning, Design, & Construction
  - Extension

Provided planning expertise and helped facilitate community engagement

Michigan Municipal League

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Michigan Economic
Development Corporation

Provided a \$200,000 grant that was leveraged with additional outside funding to create a larger project



#### Stakeholders

- Cadillac City Council
- Downtown Development Authority
- Cadillac Area Visitors Bureau
- Consumers Energy Foundation
- Cadillac Lions Club
- Cadillac Rotary Charities
- Downtown Cadillac Association
- MEDC
- Cadillac & Kellogg for Youth Committee
- Cadillac Area Chamber of Commerce's 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Leadership Class
- Senator Darwin Booher & Representative Philip Potvin





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