Saline Urban Design Plan

Envisioning the Next Twenty Years

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Concept Plan
33 Parking Spaces
22 Covered Tables
17 Truck Spaces
MARKET PLAZA

CONCEPT A

PARKING LOT

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PUBLIC RESTROOM

VENDOR STALLS

STREET SCENES

ARCHITECTURAL PLANS

MARKET WALKWAY

STALL

VENDOR STALLS

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PLAZA FACING SOUTHWEST
MARKET PLAZA

FARMER'S MARKET CANOPY - ELEVATION

Circulation Diagram

Yellow
- vendors
Blue
- shopping path
MARTKET PLAZA

Future Expansion

Assumes parking at new lot to the west.

Additional open spaces in parking lot.

Eventual construction of second shelter in center of parking lot.
Introduce Medians
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Existing Street Section

Proposed Street Section
MICHIGAN AVE.

Add Left Turn Lanes @ Lewis and Harris
Extend Downtown Streetscape
MICHIGAN AVE.

Improve Crosswalks at Lewis St., Ann Arbor St., and Harris St.
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DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL

Encourage new development within the four block core of downtown.
Design Team

Quinn Evans Architects and Cooper Design are both full service architectural design firms that have collaborated on work in the Saline community for over 25 years, on projects such as the Saline-Urban Design Plan, the Streetscape Improvement Project, Merchant Park, Michigan Avenue Corridor Study, Murphy's Crossing, the Pentad Building and the Saline Café.
DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL

Preserve the residential character on the edges of downtown.

Residences on Ann Arbor St.

Businesses in converted residences on Michigan Ave.
DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL

Promote-support a mixed use redevelopment of the R&B Tool site that includes a new cross street from Michigan Ave. to E. Henry Street.
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GOALS

- Concept for Michigan Ave. roadway and streetscape in advance of MDOT rebuilding.
- Concept for Farmer’s Market.
- Concept for new downtown park or plaza.
- Planning for potential growth in the downtown.
PROCESS

- Physical Survey

- Meetings with City Leaders and Staff
PROCESS

- Public Workshop
  - 35 Participants
  - 5 Focus Topics

GROUP 2: TRAFFIC/STREETS
1. MEDIAN ON MICHIGAN AVENUE
2. HIGH BUSINESS
3. ALLOW LEFT TURNS AT HARRIS & LEWIS
4. MICH. / MCLANE INTERSECTION
5. EXPANSION OF STREETSCAPE

GROUP 3: DOWNTOWN CENTER
1. DOWNTOWN CORE
2. HISTORIC DISTRICTS
3. POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT
4. HALL STREET EXTENSION
   - R4E
   - C420 WASH.
10 POINT ACTION PLAN

1. Create a covered structure in Parking Lot #2 to serve as a downtown gathering place for the Farmer's Market and many other community events.

2. Create a new public green space or plaza in the downtown.
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3. Create medians in the downtown section of Michigan Ave. (between Monroe and Harris) when the street is repaved in 2013.
4. Create left turns at Harris St. and Lewis St. to improve downtown circulation.
5. Improve crosswalks at Michigan Ave. in the downtown to make the crossing more pedestrian friendly (Lewis St., Ann Arbor St. and Harris St.).
6. Expand the formal downtown streetscape along Michigan Ave., west to Monroe Street and east to Harris Street.
7. Encourage new development within the four block core of downtown.

8. Promote-support a mixed use redevelopment of the R&B Tool site that includes a new cross street from Michigan Ave. to E. Henry Street.

9. Improve bicycle parking in the downtown.

10. Take Action - Move forward with the smaller downtown improvements to create momentum for the larger projects.
MARKET PLAZA

Existing Plan
40 Parking Spaces
17 Vendors