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PLACEMAKING AND BUILDING COMMUNITY IN DOWNTOWN GRANDVILLE: THE COMMUNITY COMMONS & MARKET PAVILION

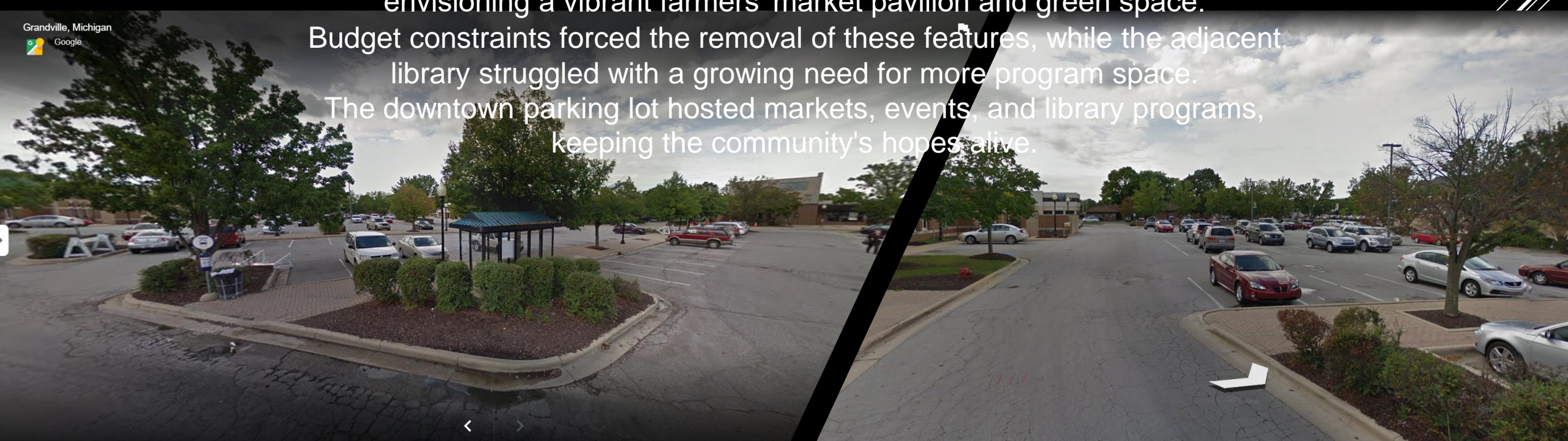
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In 2012, the Grandville DDA launched a major streetscape project, initially envisioning a vibrant farmers' market pavilion and green space.

Budget constraints forced the removal of these features, while the adjacent library struggled with a growing need for more program space.

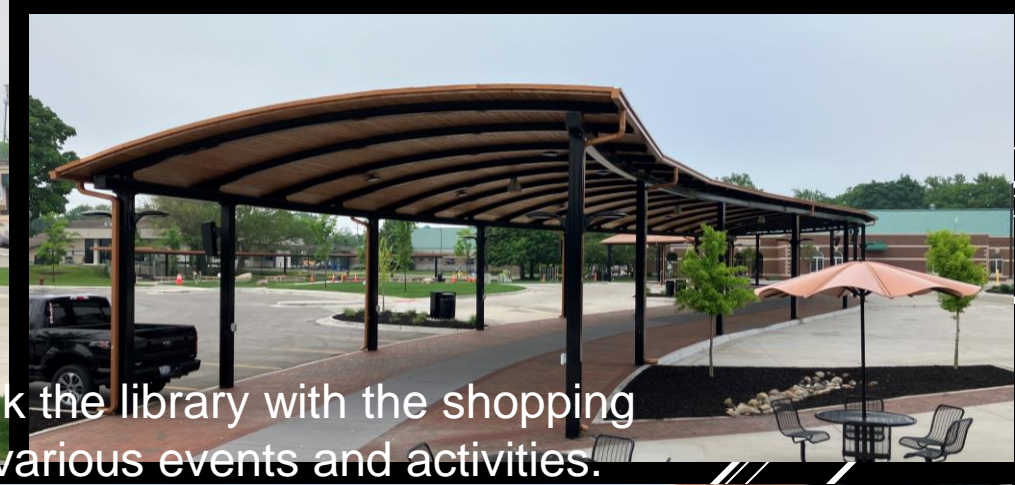
The downtown parking lot hosted markets, events, and library programs, keeping the community's hopes alive.





Several years later, discussions resumed to create a dynamic space for outdoor and indoor activities. The library, isolated by the parking lot, also needed a better connection to the downtown area.





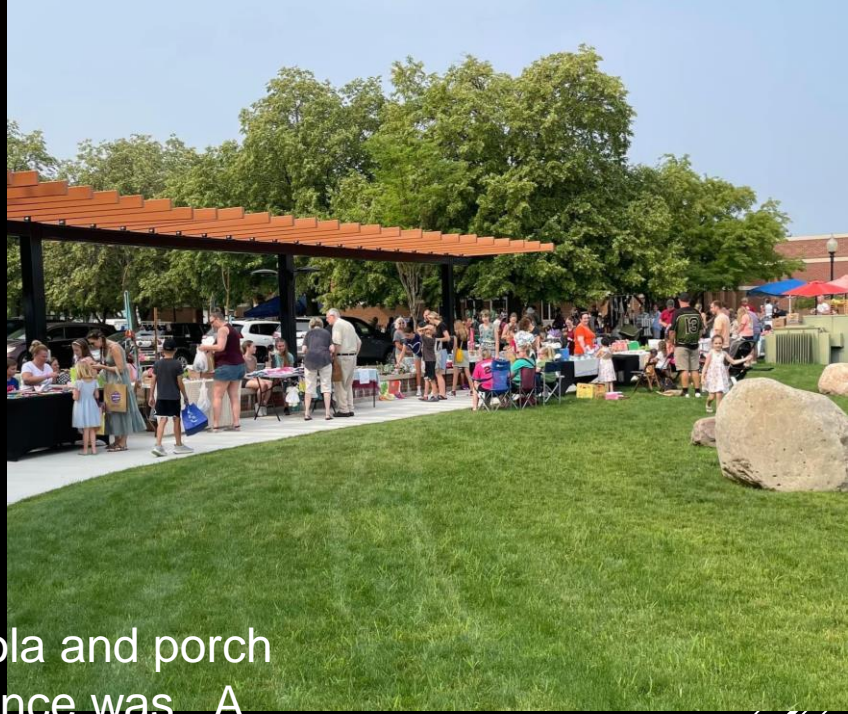
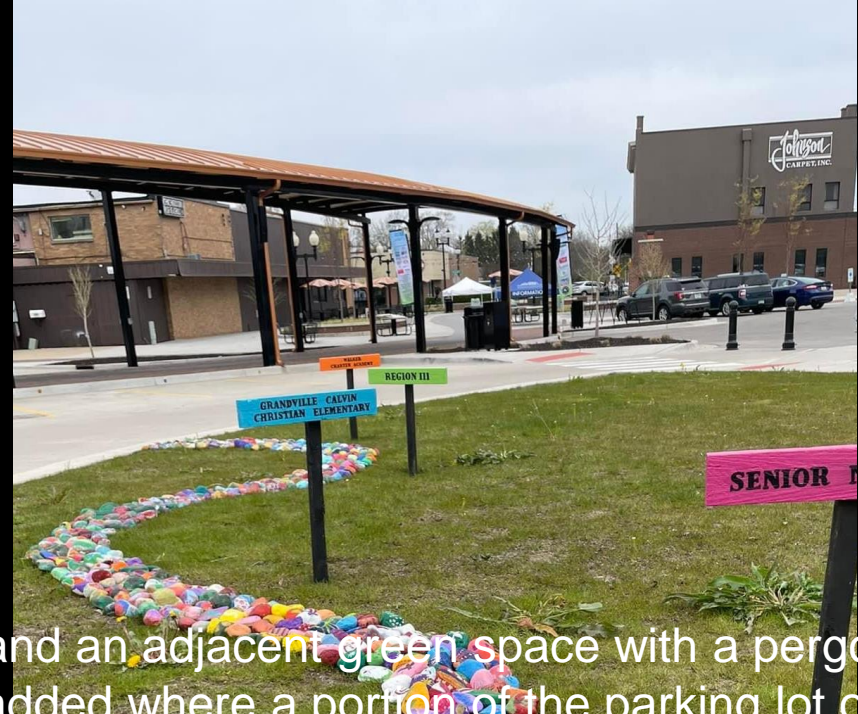
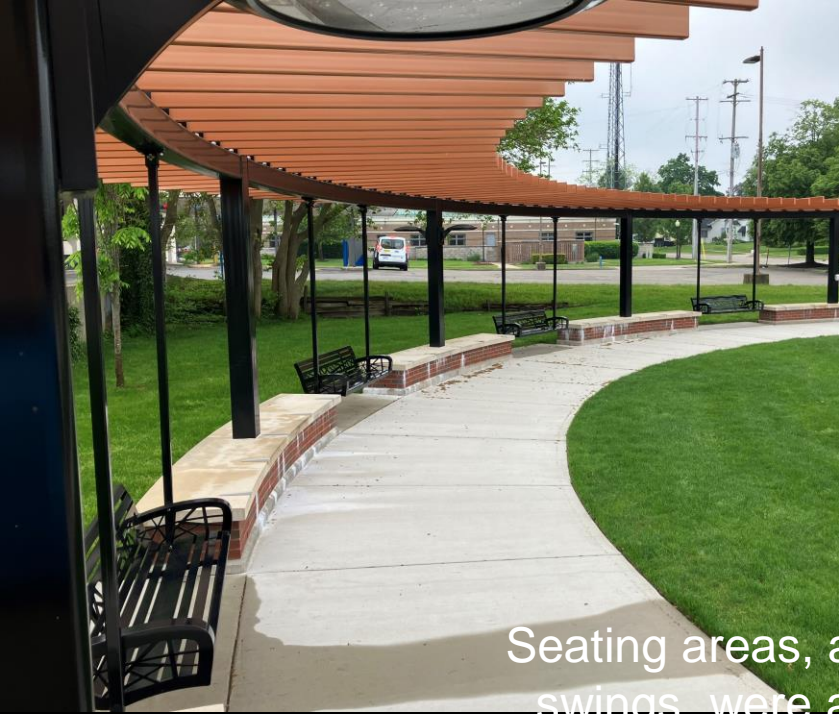
A covered walking path and pavilion were designed to link the library with the shopping center, including modern amenities capable of hosting various events and activities.



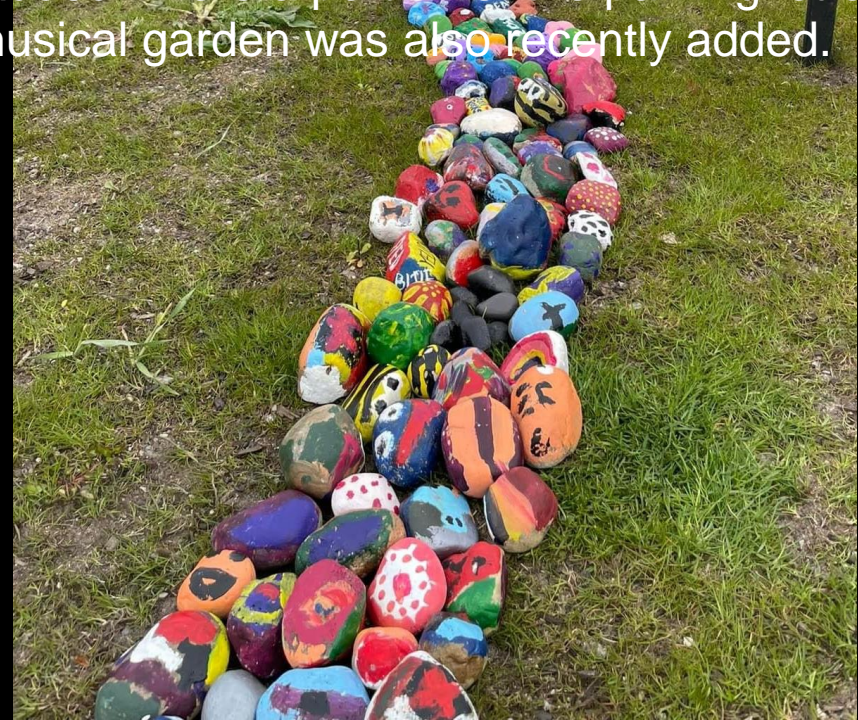


The library expansion included over 6,600 sq ft of flexible program space, meeting rooms, a fireplace, and restrooms.





Seating areas, and an adjacent green space with a pergola and porch swings, were added where a portion of the parking lot once was. A musical garden was also recently added.





The Grandville Community Commons hosts a variety of library-sponsored and community-sponsored events, including programs for adults and children.





The pavilion has hosted several community events, including concerts, festivals, and markets.



During the holiday season, Christmas at the Commons has quickly become a popular annual tradition.



Completed in 2022, the Grandville Community Commons and Market Pavilion has created a place for public gatherings in Grandville's downtown, boosting local commerce and promoting community engagement.

