

RURAL FABRIC

Composite urban pattern of streets, buildings, and open spaces - the "fabric" of the city
 - Collin Rowe in Roger Trancik's, *Finding Lost Space*

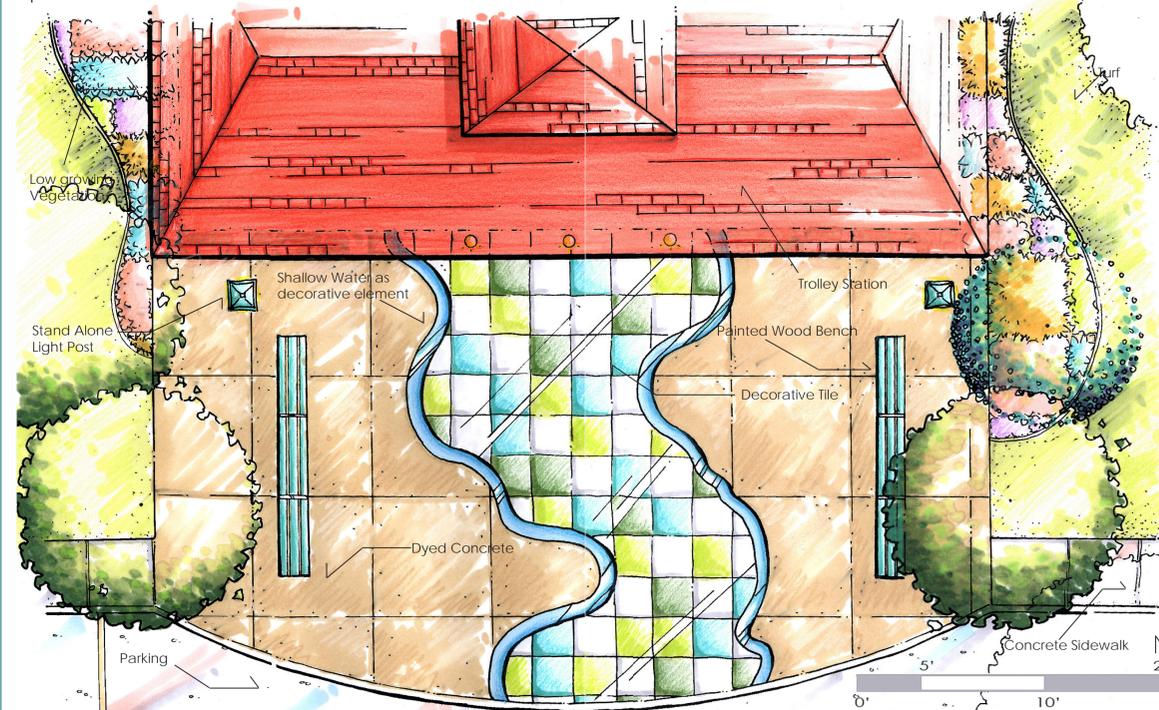
Rain Garden

The rain garden patches together the town and the new Webberville Park. Situated at the primary entrance of the park, the garden acts as a gateway into the quiet public green. Permeable pavers filled with foot friendly vegetation create paths into the garden and add to the grid like aesthetic already established by the arrangement of planting beds. Purple cone flower, black eyed susan, wild columbine, and joe pye weed, along with a variety of other flowering perennials, add color and interest year round. The garden is not simply an aesthetic gateway into the park, but is also functional catchment device for excess storm water. This vegetation provides a place for runoff to collect, percolate back into the ground in a clean manner before it reaches the Kalamink Creek.



Trolley Plaza

The Trolley and Information Station connects Webberville to the BRT stop at the Meridian Mall. The trolley creates a unique point of interest in the town and is accentuated at the trolley station. The station becomes a place of excitement, welcoming guests to Webberville. While walking through the site, the warm colored concrete immediately sets the plaza apart from the rest of the site. The two small streams of water divide the roughly textured concrete from the smooth colored tiles in the center of the plaza. This design references the city grid along the Kalamink Creek, showing the flowing water along the geometric, man-made forms. The plaza is framed by several trees and brightly painted wooden benches. Patchwork gardens, recessed up-lighting and lamp posts highlight the building façade and direct pedestrians to the doors of the information station.



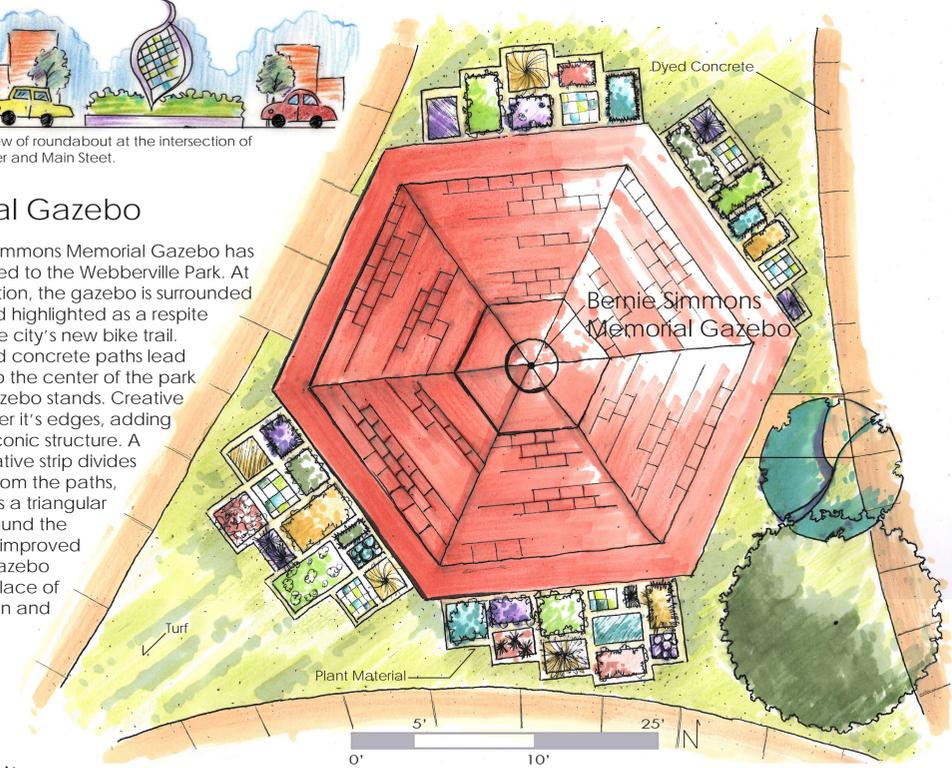
A wide variety of plants decorate the village of Webberville to accentuate the towns beauty. From blooming wildflowers in the spring to interesting branching patterns and colors of shrubs during the fall and winter, there is always a characteristic showing the beauty of Webberville.



Section view of roundabout at the intersection of Grand River and Main Street.

Memorial Gazebo

The Bernine Simmons Memorial Gazebo has been relocated to the Webberville Park. At this new location, the gazebo is surrounded by nature and highlighted as a respite stop along the city's new bike trail. Warm colored concrete paths lead pedestrians to the center of the park where the gazebo stands. Creative planters border it's edges, adding color to the iconic structure. A grassy vegetative strip divides the gazebo from the paths, which creates a triangular enclosure around the space. In this improved setting, the gazebo becomes a place of contemplation and relaxation.



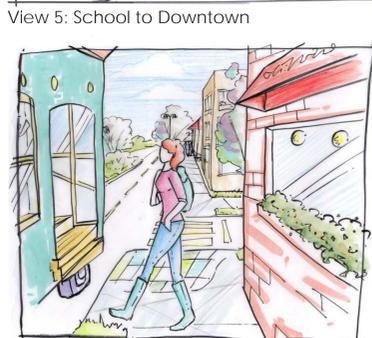
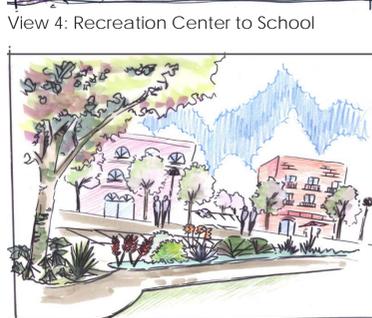
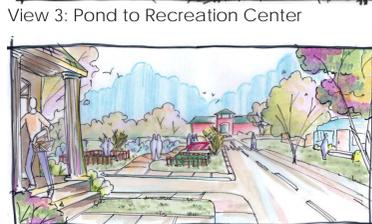
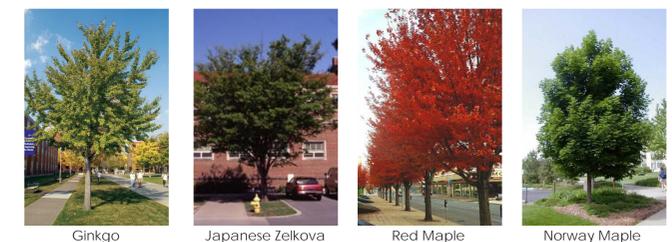
Community Garden

The community garden is located next to the new Recreation Center, just down the street from the historic elementary school. The garden would be an ideal place for groups like the local garden club, the FFA and the nearby school system to gather and participate in public activities. Small fenced in beds support various crops like tomatoes, squash and strawberries while beans and corn border the garden. Slate pavers lead to the polished concrete sculptures that protect and support vegetation along with adding interest to the space. By incorporating art and a primary concrete pathway, this green doubles as a stroll garden. At night, lamp posts light the path and up-lights illuminate the bright red sculptures.



Decorating the streets of Webberville are a selection of trees creating a sense of enclosure and giving the village a sense of place.

- Shade for pedestrians walking and riding bikes
- Trees provide shelter for pedestrians from wind
- Tolerant of urban conditions
- Fall color ranges from yellow, orange to red
- Attractive texture compliments the village character
- Create feeling of enclosure giving way to a sense of place



Webberville, MI Design Vision

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