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Investment in New Headquarters and Branch Reaps Improved Member and Employee Rewards

ELGA Credit Union continues to grow and expand its operations in mid Michigan. To help facilitate that growth, they contracted with FUNchitecture to bring their vision for a new branch office and headquarters building to life in Grand Blanc, Michigan.

The site design itself is impressive, and FUNchitecture teamed up with Wade Trim on site development ideas after completing the initial designs. FUNchitecture's vision and layout included managing the 20 ft grade change over the length of the site by creating a "walk-out" lower level with floor-to-ceiling glass windows for offices, and a site plan that features parking lots for the branch and headquarters, drive-through lanes for ATMs,

and connections to walking trails at General Motors' SPO facility and Grand Blanc's Bicentennial Park. These opportunities provide healthy options for outdoor exercise and complement the workout room designed into the headquarters building, contributing to the overall wellness goals for ELGA employees. An onsite retention pond is situated between the two buildings and will capture rain run-off from paved surfaces as part of the site's stormwater management strategy. The area around the pond will be beautifully landscaped with native plants and wildflowers. The FUNctional pond, beyond serving as the primary stormwater management element, provides a beautiful site feature.

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The headquarters will have patios facing the pond and an outdoor dining terrace adjacent to the employee cafeteria for scenic lunches and fresh air breaks.

BRANCH OFFICE

A new branch office is another brand advancement in customer service, offering loans, mortgages, investment advice, general financial services and so much more! Four advanced Intelligent Teller Machines allow real-time interaction with a human teller through a drive-up screen with access for deposits, withdrawals and more – all with the advice of your local ELGA agent. The building features a ventilated façade that allows for the weeping away of moisture and continuous tempering of air in the wall cavity, providing excellent energy savings over the life of the building. High open ceilings feature the same wood soffit from the outside. Sculptural LED pendant lighting in the lobby highlights ELGA's signature brand colors of purple and gold, while helping to save on energy costs. High-efficiency, low-flush plumbing fixtures and touchfree sensors for opening doors, turning on sinks and flushing toilets all help contribute to a healthier building for its occupants.

CREDIT UNION HEADQUARTERS

The headquarters building features a two-story design with employees, members and visitors entering from the south and west sides of the site. The site grade naturally falls as you move toward the retention pond and the branch at the far north corner of the site, revealing its grand three-story glass façade. A ventilated façade system features durable and timeless porcelain tile and natural limestone products in a framed "shadowbox" of high-efficiency low-e and tinted storefront glazing providing interiors with an abundance of natural daylight and a cheerful and vibrant work environment. The porcelain panels are accented by cultured stone at the building's base. The glass entry vestibule and lobby are shielded by deep long canopy overhangs with beautiful wood soffits that carry into the lobby ceiling. High-efficiency, yet FUNctional and fabulous, lighting take center stage in the design, and FUNtastic fixtures are located in the lobby, conference rooms, member meeting rooms, and throughout the offices. Pops of ELGA's brand colors make the interior a FUN and inspirational workplace, with a combination of closed offices and open workstations providing staff with options for how they go about their daily business.



Grand Blanc Branch



Regional Headquarters