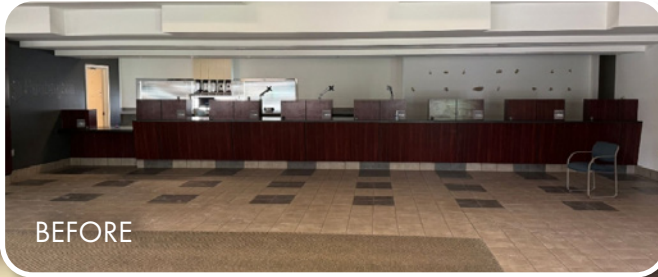


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A Fresh Take on Banking

Sometimes the best way to create something new is to start with what's already there. When Dort Financial Credit Union was looking to expand into Clarkston, Michigan, FUNchitecture was challenged with transforming a former bank building into a modern credit union branch that would feel distinctly Dort Financial while making the most of its existing architecture.

Located just off Sashabaw Road, the Clarkston branch represents Dort Financial's continued growth into Oakland County and its commitment to making financial services more accessible. The extensive renovation completely reimaged the

existing building, creating a fresh, welcoming environment for both members and staff.

The design balances the building's existing character with the clean, contemporary aesthetic found across Dort Financial's growing network. Thoughtful architectural updates, refreshed finishes, and signature Dort Financial blue create a cohesive brand experience from the exterior through the interior. Rather than treating the existing structure as a limitation, FUNchitecture used the building's bones as a starting point for a more efficient and FUNCTIONal branch.

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Technology was central to the transformation. Video tellers provide members with convenient access to personalized service, while a drive-thru and ATM extend the branch's accessibility beyond the traditional lobby experience. Inside, the layout was carefully considered to support both everyday transactions and more personal conversations between members and staff.

The result is a branch that feels new without starting from scratch – an efficient, contemporary financial environment created through thoughtful renovation rather than ground-up construction. It's proof that with the right vision, an existing building can have plenty of life left in it.

