

# Your Guide to Low Impact Developments in Greater Grand Rapids

## Fairmount Square

920 and 924 Cherry Street, S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan



### History

The building at 920 Cherry has a long tradition of serving the community. D.A. Blodgett Homes constructed an orphanage on the site in 1908 with a major gift from Mr. Delos A. Blodgett. It functioned as an orphanage until 1948 when the facility was gifted to the Mary Free Bed Guild and used for rehabilitative medicine, particularly for polio survivors. Mary Free Bed vacated the site in 1976. Since then, the building has had marginal use for ten years and been largely vacant for the last 20, falling into considerable disrepair.

In 2005, the 4-acre site was purchased and prepped for rehabilitation of the 920 Cherry Street building, a new 4-bay commercial building, and 37 town homes to be constructed down Hollister Avenue and a new road, Blodgett Street.

### LID Features

All of the storm water that falls on the Fairmount Square site is handled onsite rather than sent to the municipal storm sewer. This is accomplished with several different LID techniques including rainwater capture, porous pavement, and rain gardens. The storm water from the roof of the 920 Cherry Street building and the 924 Cherry Street building is captured in an underground cistern and will be used to water the formal gardens and parking lot landscaping.

### Other Green Features

Both the 920 Cherry building rehabilitation and the construction of the 924 Cherry Street retail building are seeking LEED® certification. The Green Well restaurant that will be in the 924 Cherry Street building will be seeking a separate LEED® certification for its buildout.

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### LID Features

Net-zero storm water discharge infill project

Brownfield urban infill project of blighted former orphanage property

LEED®-registered projects

### Design, Construction

920 Cherry Street Building

Design:  
Cornerstone Architects  
Construction:  
Rockford Construction

924 Cherry Street  
Design, Construction:

Bazzani Associates

