



Woodward Millenium

115 Mack Avenue, Detroit

COMPLETED 2013

Project overview

Ellington WF LLC invested \$14.8 million to construct a 21,500-square-foot Whole Foods retail structure. A state tax credit valued at over \$1.4 million encouraged the redevelopment of the brownfield site in Midtown Detroit.

The project consisted of the clearing and preparing a 1.92-acre site and construction of Whole Foods structure with 86 surface parking spaces adjacent to the store. The store also includes a ramp and loading dock screened from the street, but large enough to accommodate semi-trucks for delivery. Site preparation included the demolition of a 4,000-square-foot bank branch that had been closed for 10 years, along with drive-thru ATM stations and parking surrounding the branch. The store incorporated the latest in energy saving equipment, eco-friendly materials, and other design elements as part of the Whole Foods green mission.

Whole Foods is a full-service grocery store that offers fresh produce and other high-quality natural and organic food product to the Midtown neighborhood. The new building features a brick and precast concrete panel façade with large windows and mural art panels.

MEDC investment: \$1 million Community Revitalization Program grant; \$1.4 million in Brownfield Michigan Business Tax Credit

Private investment: \$14.9 million

Local investment: \$1.2 million forgivable loan from Detroit Economic Growth Corporation

Jobs created: 80