Project overview
Marquette Food Co-op (MFC) rehabilitated two vacant, functionally obsolete buildings to accommodate expansion of its existing operations. This included the MFC retail grocery store, production kitchen and administrative office space. The project also included additional space for the regional Food Hub’s aggregate cold storage, teaching kitchen, and educational classroom. The renovations cover approximately 1.03 acres of downtown Marquette.

As a result, MFC has tripled their physical size, occupying 11,000 square feet of retail space and more than 9,000 square feet of additional commercial space, of which 5,600 square feet is occupied by Food Hub. A receiving and loading dock area and an adjoining passage area between the two buildings were also part of the new construction.

MEDC investment: $615,000 Michigan Community Revitalization Program (approved FY14)

Private investment: $3.4 million

Local investment: Commercial Rehabilitation District local tax abatement for a five year period: $115,000

Jobs created: 35