

PROJECT DATA

CAMPUS MARTIUS PARK
DETROIT, MI

Client

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Cost

\$12,500,000



Campus Martius is a unique office, retail and residential environment situated around a small public gathering space. The park is the epicenter of social activity in downtown Detroit, MI.

JM Olson Corporation (JMOC) was the Construction Manager for the revitalization effort on the 1.6 acre public park. This revitalization effort transformed this main intersection in downtown Detroit into a spectacular civic square. The park offers visitors entertainment including live concerts, festivals, outdoor movies, ice skating, flower gardens, water fountains, park cafe, and a variety of other attractions.

Project challenges included accommodating all the designated uses on less than two acres; reducing set-up and take-down; reducing time for set-up and breakdown time while working with fixed performance lights, sound and stages; creating a park that is active year-round; creating a multipurpose space; and working within a small, heavy-traffic area of the city that remained open during construction. Innovative solutions to accommodate limited working space and inconspicuously power a fountain included the installation of a mechanical room, fountain pumps, a transformer, master controls and control room underground.

Special light poles were specifically designed to light the park and accommodate speakers for sound transmittal of park performances. In addition, area of the plaza surface can be raised and lowered for performances, creating stage space at the north end of the north lawn as well as the north side of the central fountain.

