

NIAGARA FALLS CITY MARKET

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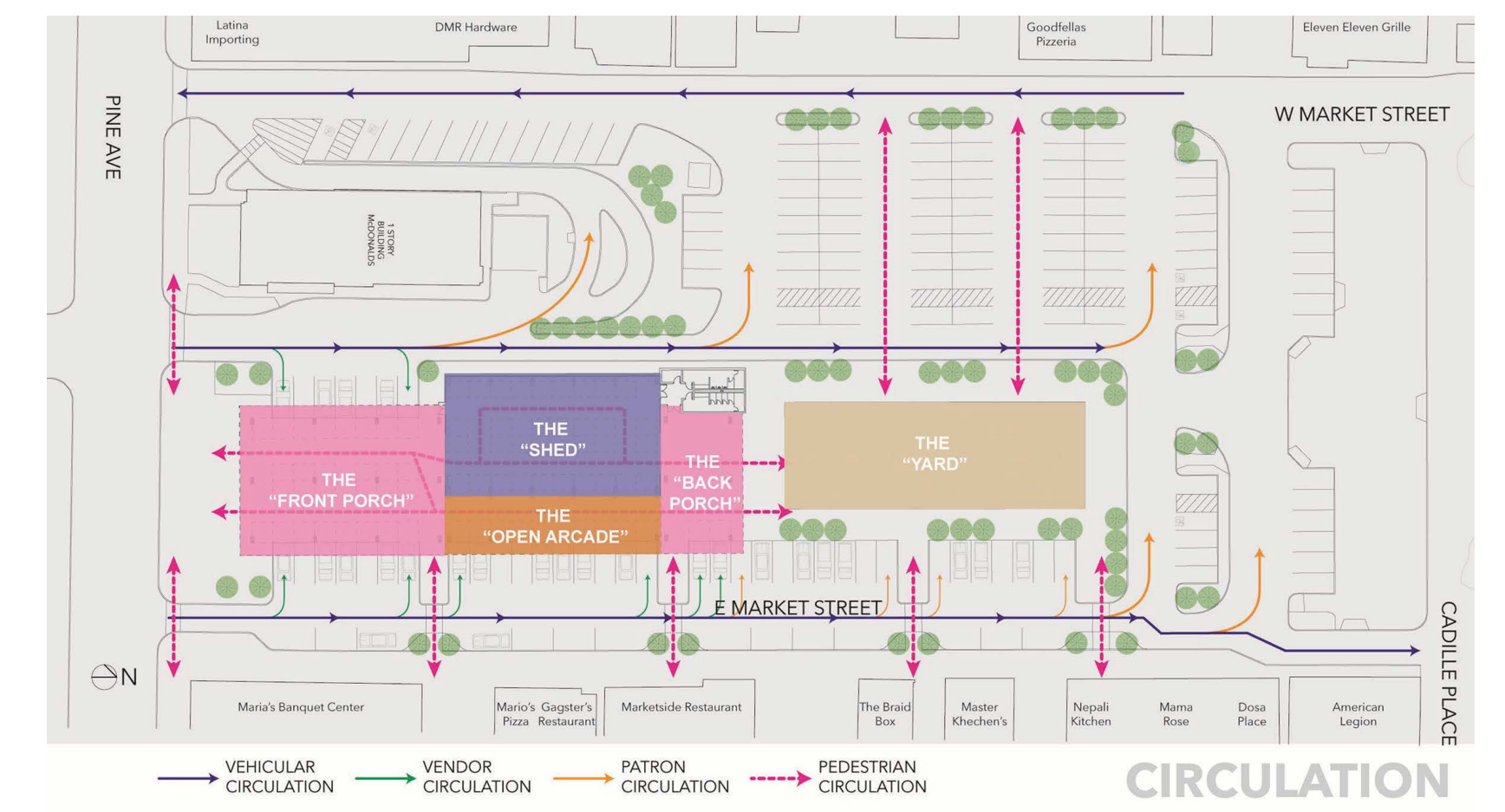
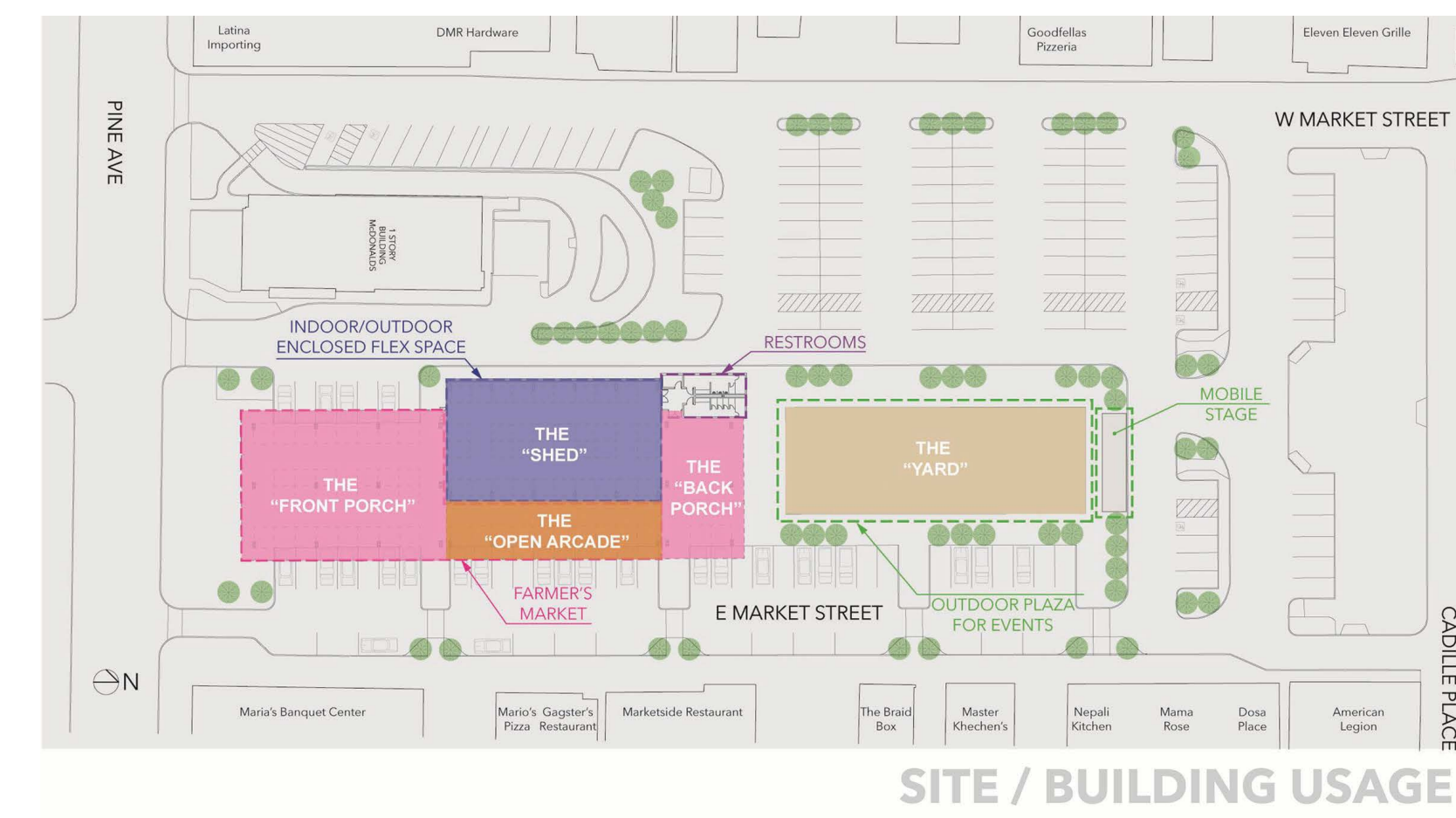
INTRODUCTION

City Market is located in the old Italian neighborhood of the City of Niagara Falls. It was established in 1893 and moved to its present site along Pine Avenue in 1913. The market in those early years consisted of 3 open-air, steel framed sheds that were connected to an enclosed brick head house that had toilets and offices for the market. At its peak, the market hosted between 50-100 active vendors daily, serving up to 15,000 patrons.

In the 1980's the old sheds were demolished for parking and a single, small shed was constructed in the back of the parking lot. Lack of visibility and poor design has hampered the market ever since. The market is presently owned and operated by the City of Niagara Falls Parks Department, but upon completion of the new design, the market will be managed by a new non-profit.

PROGRAM

- Covered open-air farmers market shed for 40 farmers' stalls that allowed for their trucks to back up to their individual stalls.
- 6000 sq. ft. four-seasons shed for events and an indoor winter's farmers market with attached restrooms.
- Landscaped plazas to expand the variety of events.
- Incorporate sustainable design features like solar panel arrays on the roofs and collecting roof-top rain water in below grade cisterns for the restrooms and landscape.



APPROACH

The design will move the market back to a prominent location on Pine Avenue and create a combination of a covered, open air pavilion for the seasonal farmers that wraps around a four-seasons enclosed shed for indoor vendors and events. The shed is surrounded on three sides with large garage doors that will open out to the surrounding plazas. The solid rear façade of the shed hides the adjacent McDonalds' trash areas yet stills has a high clerestory for natural light.

Great emphasis is being placed on creating a variety of spaces for gathering and seating. The new structures will be constructed with wood glu-lam beams fabricated at a local mill that has been producing glu-lam beams for over 100 years.



City Market along Pine Avenue in the 1920's