

## **Downtown Market**

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We are so excited to welcome you all to Grand Rapids! I highly encouraged you to visit the downtown market. The original market was established in the early 1900s and was the 2nd largest in the country during that time. In the early 1900s the market provided the perfect place for the surrounding farmers to sell their fresh produce. Unfortunately, during the mid-century the market fell into disrepair and was closed. In 2012, construction began on what is now known as the downtown market.



The market provides for outdoor and indoor shopping. The Market Hall hosts a culinary collective of butchers, bakers, fishmongers, and more. You'll see that we're all huge fans of all things fresh, which is pretty much all you'll find. So fresh, in fact, that tasty morsel was likely made that morning—or even that hour. The Incubator Kitchen provides a supportive, efficient, flexible environment to develop and to produce your product or service. The licensed commercial kitchen spaces are open 24/7 and are fully outfitted with professional-grade equipment ready for food production, packaging, prepping, catering, and more. The educational foundation is designed to empower the workforce, nurture the community, and support food entrepreneurs. The market holds many classes and events and is available for rental.

We hope that while you are in Grand Rapids, you take the time to visit the downtown market to stroll through the market hall shops or try one of the farm to table restaurants. The link can be found here: <http://downtownmarketgr.com/>