

## St. Peter Food Co-op and Deli

Everyone loves a good before and after story. From car dealership to food co-op – a very happy (and healthy) ending.



The redesign of the abandoned Nielson Chevrolet auto dealership in downtown St. Peter, MN into the St. Peter Food Co-op and Deli is almost storybook in its telling. The property starts with a dated, time-worn and inherently grimy building meant to service and sell vehicles and is transformed into a sparkling clean, efficient and health-conscious retail and dining environment.

The dramatic change—from auto service bays to produce isles and from auto showroom to a community meeting room was a fast track project that was completed in less than five months. The project included these notable features:

- ✓ The existing terrazzo show room floors were preserved and restored for classroom and meeting space as well as a deli seating area
- ✓ Outdoor seating and a garden space now sit where automobiles were once parked for weeks and months on end.
- ✓ Most of the interior was completely demolished to accommodate the new layout. After all the interior walls and ceilings were removed, the wooden roof trusses were exposed and became a beautiful interior design element.
- ✓ The customer service area features a fun recycled and locally produced ShetkaStone counter top. This sustainable counter top is made from shredded US dollar bills pressed into a durable resin material.



### Working Smart

Of course, sustainability and wise resourcing was foremost in everyone's mind while creating a space as earth and health conscious as a Food Co-op. Great efforts were taken by ISG and the Co-op and to use as many local and recycled materials as possible and make the building sustainable as well as highly energy efficient.

### Award Winning

ISG is proud of our collaborative process with the St. Peter Food Co-op and Deli and the design-build project management company RW Carlstrom. This project garnered the Design + Aesthetics Exterior Renovation/Remodel Awards from the Minnesota Shopping Center Association in 2011.

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