

Arcadia Brewing Company

Arcadia West Brewhouse and Production Facility

Kalamazoo, Michigan



Client Challenge

Arcadia Brewing Company chose to expand their line of Handcrafted Ales; a result of consumer demand and a recently reinvented brand. Their primary goal was to increase production from 10,000 barrels to 60,000 annually, and owners wanted a new facility to allow for expansion, while offering an open, environment with a connection to the outdoors.

TowerPinkster Solution

The new facility, located on a former brownfield site, is nestled along the Kalamazoo River Valley Trail.. Mindful site planning allows for access by canoe, kayak, and bike, and future plans will maximize green space with rain gardens, a beer garden and a canoe launch.

Inside is a large area for brewing, bottling and warehousing. The space is flanked with windows, offering daylighting and views from outdoors. Engineering systems are also exposed to showcase the brewery production process. The west end of the building contains a bar and eatery with corporate offices overlooking the entire venue. The nature of hand-crafted beer is reflected throughout with organic, durable details like polished concrete, reclaimed timbers, exposed structural elements and repurposed materials. Retractable garage doors offer natural ventilation, reducing the need for air conditioning while merging indoor and outdoor spaces for patron enjoyment.

Size: 28,500 SF

Firm Role: Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Mechanical and Electrical Engineering and Interior Design Services

