Ann Arbor farmers market
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FARMERS MARKET
OFFICE BUILDING DEMOLITION
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Q: Why is the farmers market office building being demolished?

A: The market office building is being demolished because the foundations of the building were found to be compromised, making the building unsafe for long-term use. To provide safe conditions for both staff and the public, the building will need to be closed and demolished.



Foundation separation

Q: When is the farmers market office building being demolished?

A: The office building was closed to staff and the public beginning on May 1, 2024. Demolition of the office building is expected to begin in Summer/Fall 2024.

Q: When was the farmers market office building originally built?

A: The office building was built in 1984, making it 40 years old. Because it is less than 50 years old, it is not considered a “historic” or “historically significant” building.

Q: What is the relationship between the farmers market office building demolition and the 121 Catherine St. housing project?

A: The office building demolition and the construction of 121 Catherine St. are two separate projects operating independently of one another. Both projects are aware of each other and will coordinate when needed throughout the process.

Please note that the 121 Catherine St. parking lot will be closed for the duration of that project. For more information on 121 Catherine St., please visit www.a2gov.org or scan the QR code on the back of this flyer.

Q: Weren’t the restrooms in the farmers market office building just renovated?

A: The restrooms in the office building received minor ADA upgrades in 2021 to make them more accessible. At the time the restrooms were updated, it was unknown that the building’s foundation was compromised.

Q: What are the next steps after the office building is demolished?

A: While the demolition of the office building is unplanned, the community has been presented with a unique opportunity to re-envision the future of the farmers market. Following the demolition of the market office building, we will be embarking on a study of the market, looking holistically at the farmers market site, allowing us to plan and make decisions that will support the future of Ann Arbor’s Farmers Market. Our study will involve extensive community engagement, taking into account the needs and wants of the community, market vendors and stakeholders. This process is anticipated to start later this year.