

# FROM SEARS TO ROECO



Iconic department store, Sears, opened its Lansing location in 1928. In 1954, it moved to this location, where it operated until 2020.

While Richard Sears was the iconic name, many forget the other founder, Alvah Roebuck. Established in 1892, Sears, Roebuck and Co. was an innovative mailorder company, selling watches and jewelry. The catalog grew to a whopping 532-page catalog, selling everything from cars to dolls. In 1906 Sears became the first major retailer to have an IPO in American financial history. They eventually moved into brick and mortar locations in the 1920's, and in 1974 completed the Sears Tower in Chicago, the world's tallest building in the world at the time.

And now jump to 2022, where this brand will be repurposed yet again, into an iconic lifestyle center, developed by the innovative Gillespie Group.

WELCOME TO ROECO.



Driven by creative solutions and a grit for reinvention, Gillespie Group specializes in creative development, revitalizing communities, and pursuing excellence in all that they do. With an eye to the future, they take creative risks – visualizing energetic spaces that breathe new life into city neighborhoods. Bold, innovative designs and a transformative vision for a better Michigan are at the heart of each effort. Through creative real estate solutions for residential, commercial, and new development initiatives, they are rejuvenating Michigan and creating a place where groundbreaking new ideas are realized and people are motivated to invest in their communities.

Gillespie Group was originally founded in 1994 as Gillespie Development, and has since built a portfolio boasting an excess of 1,800 residential rental units in addition to over 675,000 square feet of commercial/retail space. Injecting energy into creative real estate solutions, Gillespie Group has created innovative communities in the Michigan market for over 25 years. They continually reinvent their methods while keeping experience–based options as the focus to better meet the needs of their residents and commercial businesses.

With a strong focus over the past several years on the Stadium District in downtown Lansing, Gillespie Group responds to today's pursuit of 'live, work, play' destinations by providing mixed-use developments that promote 'smart growth.' Characteristics like walkability, interconnectivity, efficiency, and diversity of open space are quickly becoming the hallmark traits of their signature development style.

The City of Lansing, Michigan is the capital of the State of Michigan in the region known as "Mid-Michigan." A halfway point between Detroit and Grand Rapids, it boasts the 3rd largest population in the State with over 550,000 people.

Lansing is home to General Motor's Lansing-Delta Assembly plant, one of the most advanced manufacturing plants in the world, and to the headquarters of some of Michigan's largest insurance providers, including Farm Bureau and Auto Owners. The city has also enjoyed impressive retail center growth in recent years.

### A RETAIL MECCA

Eastwood Towne Center houses locations for both national and local retail and food & beverage brands, including Apple, Iululemon, Pottery Barn, and P.F. Chang's. The Center City District, a recent mixed-use development in the heart of MSU's Campus, boasts 367 new apartments, a new 600 space parking deck, a new urban Target, the new Graduate Hotel, and hip restaurants such as Barrio and Jolly Pumpkin. The Red Cedar Development is the latest mixeduse project under construction—a \$256 milliondollar development that will consist of 800 student housing units, a new AC Hotel, a new Hyatt House Hotel, 500 units of luxury senior housing, and retail.



IN Q1 2022, GENERAL MOTORS ANNOUNCED A \$2.6 BILLION INVESTMENT THAT WILL CREATE UP TO 1,700 JOBS IN THE LANSING AREA.





### **LARGEST EMPLOYERS**



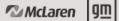




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### **EVENT VENUES**

### **SPARTAN STADIUM**

CAPACITY: 75,000 ANNUAL ATTENDANCE: 500,000

#### **BRESLIN CENTER**

**CAPACITY: 15,000** ANNUAL NUNMBER OF EVENTS: 250

### WHARTON CENTER

CAPACITY: 2.254 ANNUAL NUNMBER OF EVENTS: 120

### **JACKSON FIELD**

CAPACITY: 10,000 ANNUAL NUNMBER OF EVENTS: 70

# SPARTY

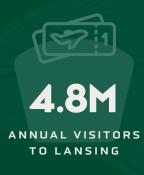
Lansing is more famously home to Michigan State University, a premier public research university with over 50,000 students. The 6-Time Football National Champions play at Spartan Stadium, which holds 75,000 fans, and the 2-Time NCAA Basketball Champions play at the Breslin Center, which holds 15,000 fans. MSU is one of the nation's premier land-grant universities, with one of the top agricultural programs in the world. The MSU Pavilion is a 100,000 SF exhibition venue, hosting over 100 events for agriculture and livestock education yearly.



OF STUDENTS







**MAGIC JOHNSON** 

ATHLETE & PART OWNER OF LOS ANGELES DODGERS

TOM **GORFS** 

ENTREPRENEUR & OWNER OF DETROIT PISTONS

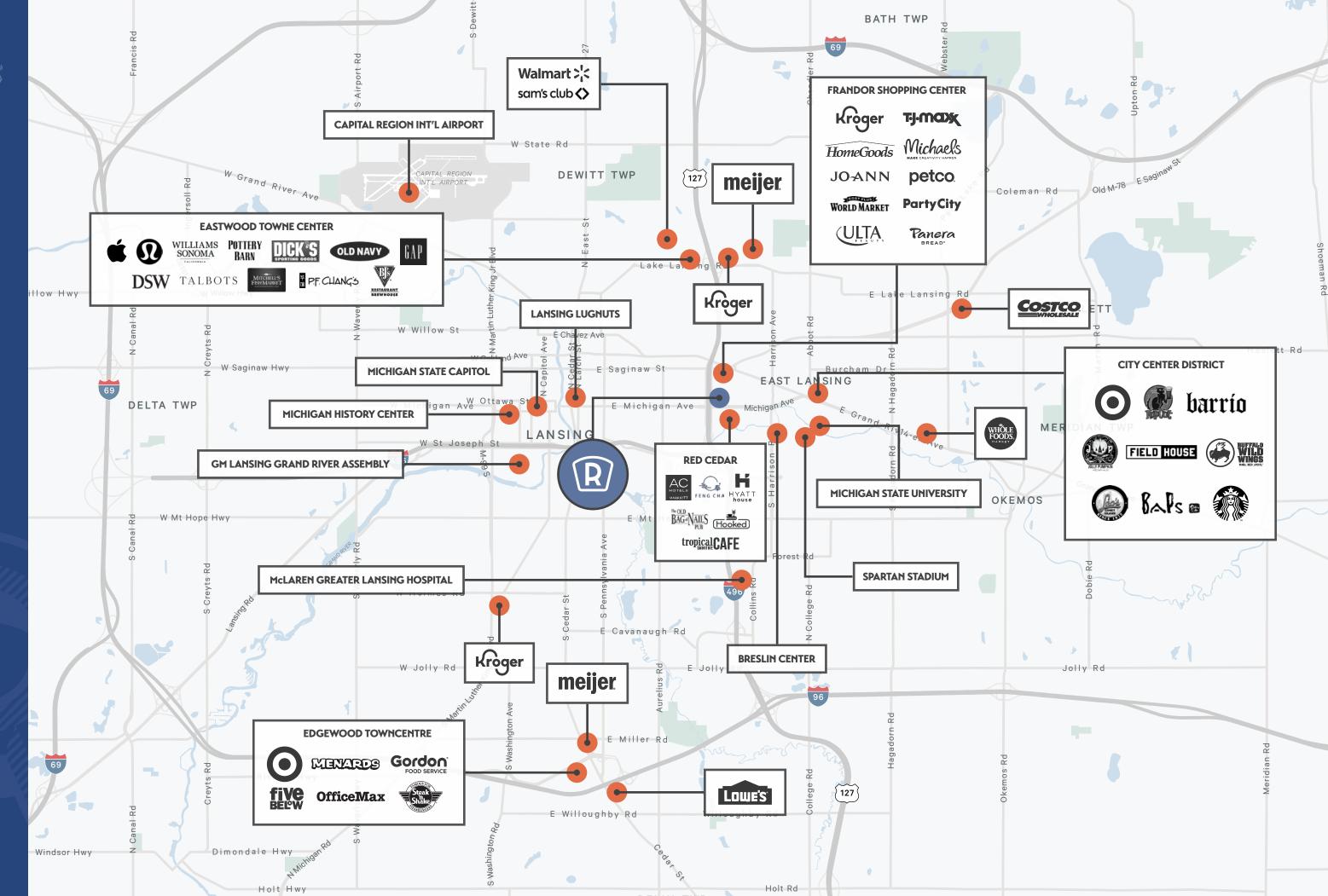
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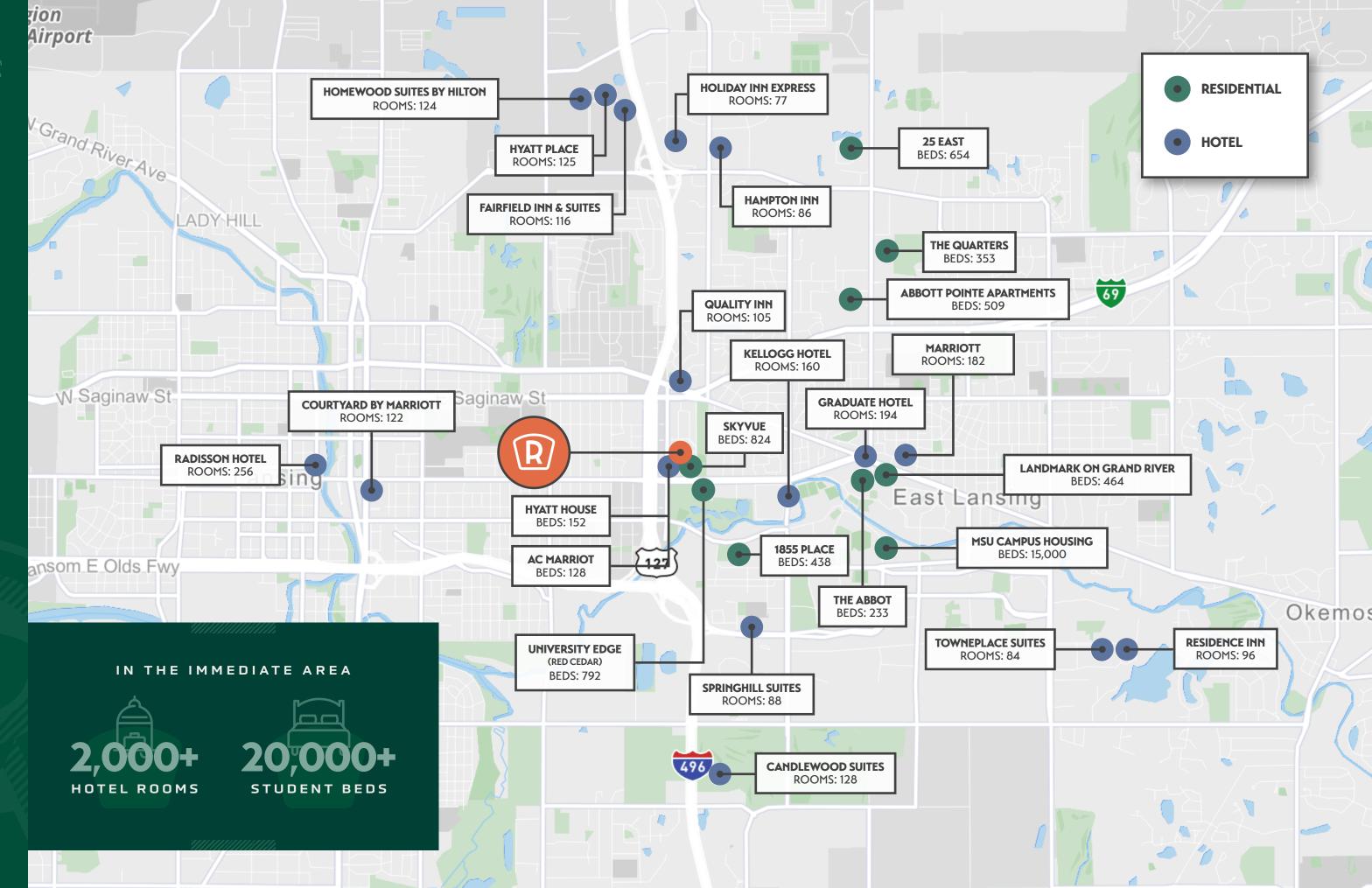
SAM **RAIMI** DIRECTOR

**KIRK GIBSON** ATHLETE

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**ENTREPRENEUR & OWNER** OF CLEVELAND CAVALIERS OF FAME







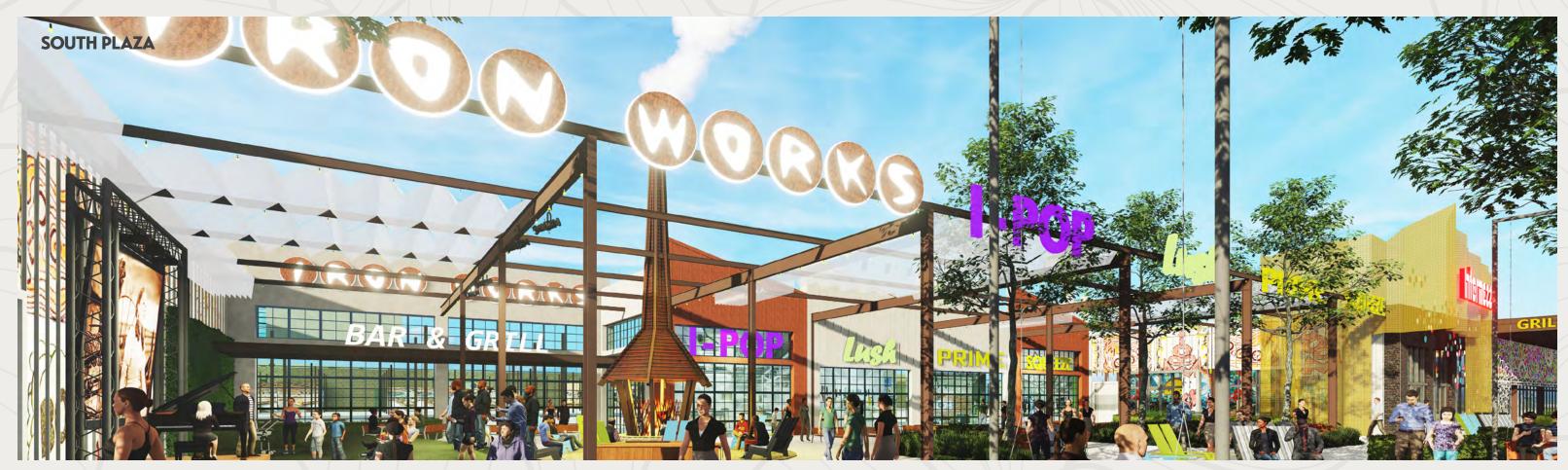




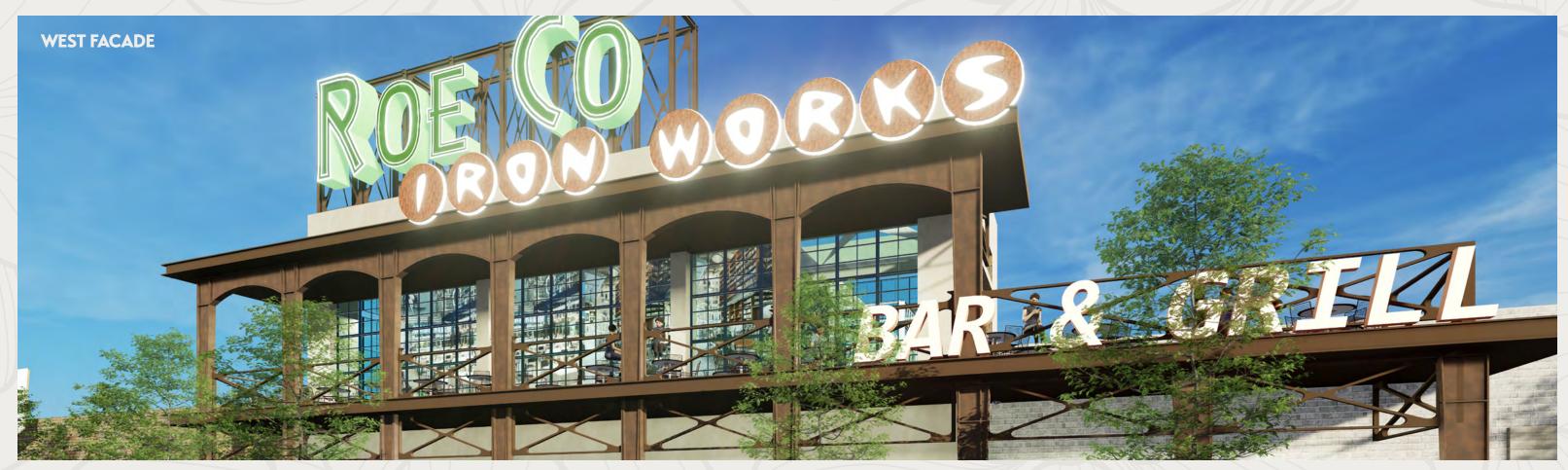


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DEMOGRAPHIC	5 MILES
2021 EMPLOYEES	162,267
2021 POPULATION	185,110
2021-2026 ANNUAL POP. GROWTH RATE	0.33%
2021 MEDIAN AGE	29.9
MILLENIAL & GEN Z POPULATION	59.5%
AT LEAST SOME COLLEGE EDUCATION	72.2%
BACHELOR'S DEGREE OR GREATER	42.6%
2021 AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME	\$66,580
2026 PROJECTED AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME	\$75,039
EMPLOYMENT RATE	94.8%
DAYTIME WORKERS	121,275
DAYTIME RESIDENTS	99,485
POPULATION WITH AT LEAST ONE VEHICLE	89.7%

# TOP **CATEGORIES**

### LIFEMODE GROUP - SCHOLARS & PATRIOTS

### **DORMS TO DIPLOMAS**

#### WHO ARE WE?

On their own for the first time, Dorms to Diplomas residents are just learning about finance and cooking. Frozen dinners and fast food are common options. Shopping trips are sporadic, and preferences for products are still being established. Many carry a balance on their credit card so they can buy what they want now. Although school and part-time work take up many hours of the day, the remainder is usually filled with socializing and having fun with friends. They are looking to learn life lessons inside and outside of the classroom. This is the first online generation, having had lifelong use of computers, the Internet, and cell phones.

HOUSEHOLDS:









## LIFEMODE GROUP - GEN X URBAN **IN STYLE**

### WHO ARE WE?

In Style denizens embrace an urbane lifestyle that includes support of the arts, travel, and extensive reading. They are connected and make full use of the advantages of mobile devices. Professional couples or single households without children, they have the time to focus on their homes and their interests. The population is slightly older and already planning for their retirement.











Residents in this segment live primarily in low-density, settled neighborhoods in the Midwest. The households are a mix of married-couple families and singles. Many families encompass two generations who have lived and worked in the community; their children are likely to follow suit. The manufacturing, retail trade, and health care sectors are the primary sources of employment are juggling the responsibilities of living on their own or a new marriage, while retaining their youthful interests in style and fun.











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