When it opened on July 11, 1968, Campau Commons was Grand Rapids’ first low-income housing project. The project was intended to be centered around the Campau Park School and recreation area, including the large above-ground circular public swimming pool. When completed in the early 1970’s, it had taken up much of the former Campau Park with its walkways and gardens; completely vacated Ionia Avenue between Franklin and Albany, all of Agnew Avenue and Ryerson Street, and Antoine, Delaware, and most of Albany west of Ionia; and further eliminated all the buildings on the west side of Division from Franklin to Albany, on the south side of Franklin west of Division, on the north side of Albany, and on all the remaining portions of Antoine and Delaware Streets. The project’s townhouses, duplexes, and single units were all poorly built, and quickly came to be regarded by many as a slum. The homes were addressed on Division Avenue, Franklin Street, Antoine Street, and Commons Avenue, a new north-south thoroughfare connecting Antoine and Delaware west of the old Ionia Avenue. A few tenants were long-time residents, and Campau Commons was home to some 350 people in 112 households. They were gradually moved out in the first part of 2006, and the old project was demolished in the late summer of that year. Completion of a newly developed Campau Commons was anticipated for November, 2007. It was to include 60 townhouses, 32 duplexes, a new community center, and an expanded park.
2-story frame dwelling.

Urban Renewal--Pitsch

Neighborhood Improvement
Rehabilitated.

Campau Project

No cutoff.

Campau Commons

Campau Project

Pitsch

Urban Renewal--Pitsch
2-story frame dwelling.

Urban Renewal--Pitsch
Duplex flat.

King-Kennedy Day Care Center.

2-story frame dwelling at west rear of 28-30.

Urban Renewal--Pitsch
Large apartment house with attached apartments at 40.

Campau Project

1-story frame stores.

Economic Development

Cooke

Urban Renewal--Pitsch (cancelled)
Double house.

Economic Development

Urban Renewal--Loader & Dump

2-story frame dwelling.

Campau Project
Franklin S.W. Franklin Street Station. The Grand Rapids Fire Department occupied this “super station” on December 26, 1979, relocating Engine 7 from Madison & Franklin, Engine 10 from Division & Brown, and Truck 2 from Hall & Grandville to this new facility. That arrangement continued until 2006, when Engine 7 was permanently replaced by a small medical emergency vehicle, Squad 7.

2-story frame dwelling.

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Coal yard.

Old Franklin Fuel Co. office. 2-story brick building had been built to meet the height of the viaduct.
201-11  1937
1-story frame warehouse.


321  04/03/69  3010  Cooke
323  04/03/69  3011  Cooke
329  03/21/66  2136  Diamond Salvage
335  04/03/69  3009  Cooke
2-story frame dwelling.

400  05/22/95  8498  McMaster
Old Franklin Street Christian School.

405  11/25/96  8689  Bogard, Inc.

405½-r  11/15/74  4673  Urban Renewal--Cross
No gas.

426  Gas station, s.e. corner Franklin & Grandville.

439  11/16/70  3688  Dohm

443  11/10/83  7230  Neighborhood Improvement--Courtade

450  08/21/62  1347  M. Kelly
To reuse sewer and water mains.