Comfort meets community in an environment fueled by innovation

Case Study | Clackamas County Bank



Project Specs:

Location: Gresham, Oregon Space: 8,400 sq. ft. Stories: 2 Employees: 20 A

The ODP Business Solutions[™] Workspace Interiors team helped create a new facility for Clackamas County Bank, which was built to suit on purchased land. This new location accommodates the rapid growth in Gresham, Oregon, a commuter town for many working in Portland.

Founded in 1911, Clackamas County Bank is the oldest community bank in Oregon. Evolving from hitching posts and water troughs to interactive transaction machines, the bank has a storied family history that includes surviving the Great Depression and being home to the first female bank president in Oregon. But throughout the years, the bank's Gresham branch outgrew its location, which was also rented. Workspace Interiors leveraged the bank's membership in the Oregon Bankers Association to receive additional discounting for this project through the Association's endorsed program with ODP Business Solutions.

In December 2018, ground was broken for the new 8,400-square-foot, two-story office with multiple amenities, and Workspace Interiors was there from the beginning. The new building nearly doubled the bank's previous space in Gresham and was designed to accommodate investment property and casualty services as well as regular banking. In addition to space for current and future staff, the location features a two-lane, drive-through area, including automatic and interactive teller machines along with a community room and kitchen, which business and community groups can use for meetings and events.

Opening doors by breaking new ground.

With the creation of this new bank location, Clackamas County Bank established a branch that was fueled by innovation and community — and designed to deliver by Workspace Interiors.





Rendering results, from start to finish.

Because Clackamas County Bank hadn't built a new facility in decades, having a consultative approach was essential. Workspace Interiors presented a variety of "good," "better" and "best" design options to the bank's stakeholders. The entire project was rendered in 3D color images of the actual furniture and finishes to help members of the project team clearly visualize the results, so that they could make informed and unanimous selections during each step of the project. These options were then provided to the bank's interior design firm, SUM Design Studio + architecture. Workspace Interiors also provided specifications and handled all installation of the furniture, which included pieces from known brands such as OFS and ESI.

Inspiring innovation every step of the way.

Furniture and finish options were selected to align with the bank's stone and wood elements, as well as match the structure that complemented the Pacific Northwest design.





Providing specialized services from one source.

Working with a single vendor allowed for economies of scale, shipping consolidation and project discounting.



Optimizing environments and maximizing value.

The partnership with the Oregon Bankers Association, along with presentations and ongoing interface from Workspace Interiors, reassured everyone involved of the value that Workspace Interiors provided.

This also allowed Clackamas County Bank to leverage a reserved manufacturing and shipping schedule. Workspace Interiors received the bank's products and stored them locally to meet the bank's opening date, which occurred four months after work began. During that time, weekly meetings were held, in person, in Oregon, along with videoconferencing and phone meetings so the bank could select components and elements that would help bring its new location to life.



From design to build, every component of the project shared a singular focus: be inviting to the community and customers of Clackamas County Bank. With the addition of a large community room that includes amenities — such as a full kitchen and outdoor deck with fireplace, as well as private conference rooms — the bank is now able to extend invitations to local nonprofits as well as to their customers to reserve and use these spaces.

"We hope everybody wants to use it," said Julie Snell, former executive vice president and chief information officer of Clackamas County Bank."A lot of the nonprofit groups will utilize it and enjoy being there. We feel like giving back to community, so [we wanted] a nice place to hold meetings and events."

Welcoming community and wowing customers.

The design and interiors of the facility enable Clackamas County Bank to be a cornerstone in the community.





Empowering space to work with room to grow.

The two-level storefront entry floods the lobby with natural light, and contrasting brick siding and wood trellises give this bank a modern look.



Inspiring innovation through nature.

The new location is comprised of a central floor with the main branch area as well as offices and support spaces. Workspace Interiors provided custom solutions for the private offices. The second floor contains loan offices and the aforementioned community room. Off to the side of the community room, visitors can enjoy a large outdoor fireplace during cold months.

Rainwater is collected over the entry canopy and flows down the face of the building in an open downspout manner, so visitors can actually see the water going into the rain garden. Cladded with 80% brick, light gray and dark gray, the branch includes natural wood and natural Loon Lake stone. This new look complements the culture of the bank: a warm, inviting place that offers a professional, but very personal, atmosphere for its customers.



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"I want to tell you what a pleasure it was working with you and your team at Workspace Interiors. The folks working at the Gresham branch can't believe how beautiful it is. After seeing the finished product, some employees from other branches jokingly said [that] they want to transfer. Thanks again!"

Julie Snell Clackamas County Bank

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