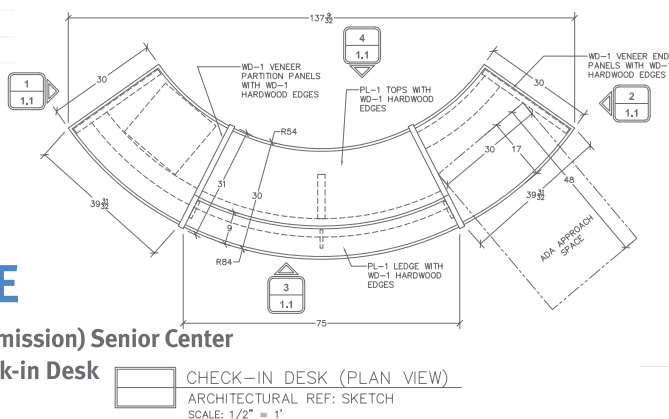
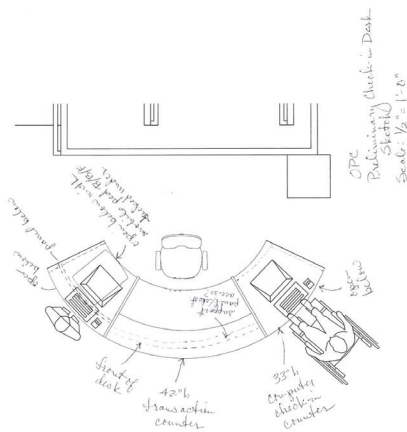
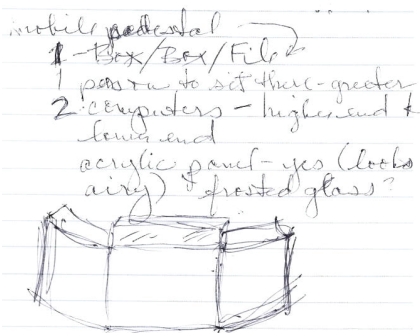


Sketches that transform into the architectural drawings, ending in the final result on the opposite page.



## HPS DESIGN PROJECT PROFILE

**MEMBER:** OPC (Older Persons' Commission) Senior Center

**PROJECT:** Custom Greeter and Check-in Desk

**LOCATION:** Rochester, Michigan

It started with a need and a picture from a catalog. Not every project involves a whole building or even a single room, and such was the nature of this endeavor. OPC Senior Center in Rochester, Michigan, serves hundreds of people every day through various programs, activities and support groups. Like most places, they have a computerized self-serve check-in station for their participants. In this case, it involved a folding table, two computers and a side chair, but Renee Cortright, executive director, had a vision—a vision of something nicer, more permanent, user-friendly and welcoming. She found a picture in a furniture catalog that appealed to her, but after much thought and consideration, it wasn't quite right. She really wanted it to match the rift oak woodwork style and stain of the existing desks in a nearby area, and accommodate both able-bodied and wheelchair users easily.

"As we spoke on the phone one afternoon," said Interior Designer Laura Purdy, IIDA, "I began to sketch out a rough idea of what I thought Renee had in mind—a rounded desk to encompass a greeter with a transaction counter they could see over, a mobile pedestal with one at standing height and one at wheelchair height." It made sense to have the greeter section in the center with a wing on either side for the check-in stations, and she liked the idea of an acrylic panel across the front to give it a lighter feel.

# Custom



That rough hand-drawn sketch evolved into a preliminary CAD drawing. “I sent Grand Valley Wood Products the CAD drawing and some photos of the existing desk woodworking to get a ballpark estimate. The price was right, and they felt they could match up to the style and stain color, so we moved forward,” said Purdy. The preliminary CAD drawing turned into shop drawings, and with a few tweaks here and there, the design was just what OPC wanted. Often it doesn’t cost much more to have something made to order, for the look and functionality you need. Sometimes it just takes an idea from a picture in a catalog to evolve and the right resources to bring it to fruition.

Above and below are photos of the finished product.



# Casework