Site: Temple Theater
Location: 201 North Washington Avenue, Saginaw
Historic District: East Saginaw Historic Business District
Owner: Samuel and Peter Shaheen
Original Use: Multi-Function Theater Complex
Current/Future Use: Multi-Function Theater Complex
Completed: 2004
SHPO Contact: Robbert McKay, Historical Architect
Type Of Project: Federal Tax Credit Project

Project Description: “It is a theater of which any city twice the size of Saginaw might well be proud.” Those were the words of theater mogul William S. Butterfield in 1927. Those same words ring true today thanks to the extensive rehabilitation undertaken by the Shaheen family.

The restoration of the Temple Theater required painstaking attention to the elaborate detailing, and removing years of over-painting and neglect by previous owners.

The Shaheens, however, were equal to the task. Their efforts not only represent nearly $5 million in private investment, but also a commitment to the highest quality rehabilitation possible. The hard work of “Team Shaheen” not only restored the luster to one of Saginaw’s gems, but also demonstrates what is possible when you mix passion, imagination, and determination. In recognition of their efforts and commitment to the preservation of Michigan’s historic assets, Governor Granholm awarded the Shaheen family a 2005 Governor’s Award for Historic Preservation.

Rehabilitation Investment: $5,000,000
Total Project Investment: $5,000,000
Tax Credit Available: $15,572
Jobs Created (Direct & Indirect): 123.5