



# COHATCH

## NOBLESVILLE

**LOCATION**

Noblesville, Indiana

**PROJECT TYPE**

Interior

**YEAR COMPLETED**

2020

**FRAMEWORK FOR DESIGN**

**EXCELLENCE**

Design for Economy

Design for Equitable Communities

COhatch is the largest coworking company in Columbus, Ohio. We partnered with COhatch to expand into new markets as it opened its first out-of-state location in a suburban neighborhood outside of Indianapolis. The project transforms an existing retail space in the Hamilton Town Center mall into a coworking environment. We developed a complex space program that aligns the environment with COhatch’s business pro forma, financial goals, and organizational mission.

**EFFICIENCY**

The primary design goal is to maximize the small footprint with private offices and rentable coworking spaces. A mezzanine was incorporated to contain additional private offices, increasing capacity without increasing density. The design process required many ultra-precise iterations to comfortably accommodate the pre-fabricated steel mezzanine structure, communicating statement stair, and first floor mechanical systems beneath the mezzanine.

**ENERGY**

Natural light and environmental graphics are infused throughout to maintain openness and vibrancy. The open workspaces and shared amenities are focused near the double-height storefront, while windows are punched into hallways and private offices to allow light to pass through without sacrificing privacy. Garage doors open to a private patio where coworking members can socialize, rest, or even take their work outside.

**COMMUNITY**

COhatch values community first. By renovating a space in an existing shopping center in a suburban neighborhood, coworking members can find a productive work environment close to home, school, and amenities without a long commute to the Downtown Business District. Environmental graphics pay homage to the local Noblesville heritage and culture, while the open spaces, mezzanine lounge, kitchenette, and patio encourage members to engage and build relationships.

**FRAMEWORK FOR DESIGN EXCELLENCE**

The project addresses Design for Economy and Design for Equitable Communities. The design team utilized funds judiciously to transform an existing modest shell into a space that connects to community and maximizes the available square footage. The design takes advantage of the existing storefront and natural light and creatively applies economical local materials with restraint. Additionally, the project establishes an affordable “close to home” office environment for coworking members.