

Project Description:

In 2012 The Vernon Hills Park District (VHPD) began investigating opportunities regarding new facilities for their Parks Maintenance Staff and Equipment. The goal was to establish 15,000 S.F. of space in a strategic location that would give them immediate access to the Vernon Hills Parks.

The VHPD worked with the Village of Vernon Hills to identify a suitable site which met the established criteria and offered economic benefits for the VHPD moving forward. The site existed as undeveloped land, adjacent to the Canadian National Railroad to the North and Park District land to the South. Critical drainage conditions existed with the site's relationship to the Seavey Ditch and regional stormwater detention areas. Sustainable drainage applications have been designed in the form of a 730 foot long bio-swale and 5,400 S.F. rain garden to treat site stormwater run-off before it reaches the Seavey ditch and downstream stormwater ponds and creeks.

Hezner initiated meetings with surrounding residential Home Owners Associations (HOA's) to facilitate community awareness for the project. The Park District is very focused on satisfying public interests regarding their facilities. Public communication was very transparent and open by televising Park Board meetings and offering invitations to community meetings which resulted in public responses being supportive and encouraging.

Initial building shell designs included metal, masonry, and precast concrete. After budget and life cycle considerations were reviewed, the project team determined that the greatest short and long term value for this facility would come in the form of a precast concrete shell. The result is a building that was constructed quickly, at a high quality level, and one that will perform well with low maintenance needs for many years.

The Hezner Corporation/Hezcorp Construction Services team is proud to be able to say that we interviewed for and procured this commission, planned and designed the project in the public forum, prepared and navigated a public bid, and constructed the project within a 12 month time period. We worked well with local government and County agencies and feel we have maintained excellent relationships with all. This effort serves as an excellent example of how well a project can be executed when using qualified local consultants. Our team was 10 minutes from this site, we remained available on short notice throughout the entire process, and were on the project site daily over the 12 month duration.



Project:

**Vernon Park District - New
Maintenance Facility
1400 Indianwood Drive
Vernon Hills, IL**

Architects:

The Hezner Corporation

Civil Engineering:

Gewalt Hamilton Associates

Structural Engineering:

Pease Borst & Associates

MEFP Engineering:

Cartland Kraus Engineering

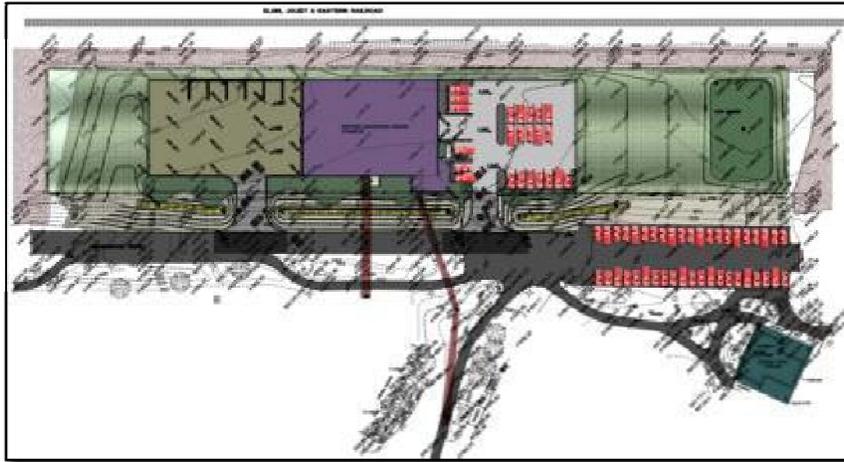
Landscape Architecture

Brusseau Design Group

CM at Risk to Construct:

Hezcorp Construction Services

Hezner



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