

## Oakland Schools Conference and Administrative Services Center

Waterford, Michigan

A new Oakland Schools office and administrative services center was built on an unusually shaped 20-acre site. The 153,000 square foot building has three stories and houses 200 employees. A glass-enclosed atrium divides the conference facility from the office functions. The S-shaped building is designed to protect the wetlands that surround it.



**Spalding DeDecker Associates, Inc. (SDA)** provided site engineering services including schematic design, design development, and construction documents during the bidding and construction phases of the project. Additionally, SDA assisted with landscape coordination, community meetings, and wetland mitigation.

Design measures had to take into account the sensitive nature of the surrounding wetland areas and county drain. SDA coordinated the wetland permit submittal to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and provided drawings and details to meet the MDEQ's stringent requirements for protecting the wetlands.

Prior to the owner's decision to move forward with the project, SDA provided a Site Development Investigation Report to assess potential development constraints on the site and to develop conceptual layouts for the project.

### OWNER / CLIENT

Oakland Schools (ISD)  
French Associates, Inc.

### PROJECT START - END

August 2000 - June 2003

### SDA PROJECT NO.

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