

Ford Community and Performing Arts Center

Dearborn, Michigan



The City of Dearborn's aged Recreation Center (also known as Dearborn Civic Center) was renovated and enlarged. This project, located on a 30-acre site, consisted of major renovations and additions to the existing facility, as well as upgrades to the existing athletic facilities and parking areas. The work more than doubled the size of the building to 140,000 square feet. Ford Center is currently

the largest municipal recreational facility in North America.

The site improvements included complete modifications to the site amenities, including new softball and soccer fields, a skate park, new parking lots, and new access roads. New infrastructure consisted of over 2,000 lineal feet of new storm sewer, 2,000 lineal feet of new water main, and 1,200 lineal feet of new sanitary sewer.



Ford Center has a unique mix of recreational activities and community spaces, all of which are housed under one roof. The Center features a 1,200-seat performing arts venue, a 15,000 square foot indoor aquatics area, a 4,000 square foot fitness center with a climbing wall, a 13,000 square foot events hall with a senior lounge.

Spalding DeDecker Associates, Inc. (SDA) was the Surveying and Civil Engineering consultant for the proposed additions and site renovations. SDA provided full services from the initial topographic survey phase through the site civil design phase and also provided construction layout services for portions of the site improvements.

SDA's design also included renovation of the existing four-acre parking lot and approximately two acres of new parking areas on the site.

SPECIAL FEATURES

Throughout the design phase, SDA worked closely with the City of Dearborn's Engineering Department. Drawings were provided in compliance with the City's requirements, and approvals were obtained to keep the project on schedule.



OWNER / CLIENT

City of Dearborn
TMP Associates Inc.

PROJECT START - END

November 1997 - December 2001

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AWARDS

2003 Innovative Architecture and Design
Recreation Management

2002 Facility of Merit:

Athletic Business

2001 Outstanding Facility Design Award:

Michigan Recreation and Parks Association