



The Draw park project, Ramsey, Minnesota

Project description

The Draw offers recreation for the community. It includes an amphitheater that is a center point in Ramsey; the community will gather there for years for various events. The green space is preserved for walking and biking trails which surround a pond and wetland area created primarily for city street stormwater runoff. The pond water is then used to irrigate the landscaping and turf around the park.

The amphitheater is the focal point. It includes a colored stage surrounded by cast-in-place retaining walls for seating. Mixed with landscaping, it creates a very peaceful setting for events.

Project dates

April - October, 2010

Project specifications

6000 SF of decorative 6" sidewalks; 2500 SF of colored radius for the stage; 600 SF of 4" decorative sidewalks around the amphitheater; exposed aggregate approach panels; more than 1000 CY of vertical radius retaining walls, and 344 CY of amphitheater vertical radius concrete. Knife River supplied 2,154 CY of Ready Mix for the park.

The innovation in this project was creating this recreational park around a storm water retention pond.

Project team

Owner: City of Ramsey, Minnesota

Architect: URS

General Contractor and Concrete Contractor: W. Gohman Construction Company, Inc.

Engineer: Tim Himmer, City Engineer

Ready Mix supplier: Knife River, Sauk Rapids, Minnesota

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