

2010 KMB AWARDS

THE PRESIDENT'S PLAQUE

Municipalities

Old Town Hall Restoration - Alma Township

Constructed in 1893, the first Alma Township Hall, located in Van Buren County served the township well until 1996, when the township board voted to demolish the building. A small group of residents formed the Alma Historical Society to begin an intense two year effort to save, relocate and restore the building. The effort was very successful and transformed that part of Alma's history into a popular community gathering place. Dedicated in 2000, the Old Town Hall is now the heart of the community and used for family gatherings, children's activities and even weddings. The Township Parks and Recreation Committee maintains the building and grounds. A Farmer's Market was started this summer in an adjacent pavilion built by Historical Society volunteers.

George George Memorial Park Clinton Township

A Clinton Township family had a vision that would honor their grandfather, George George, and also provide a public park on property they owned - formerly Moravian Hills Country Club. This beautiful 30 acre property borders the Clinton River and was first inhabited by the Delaware National Indian Tribe. Before turning the property over to Clinton Township, the family designed and built every aspect of the park: • A towering water fountain • A 3/4 mile hiking & biking path • Large children's play area • Bricked & covered public pavilion • a wedding garden and • A rain garden • Fine restroom facilities • and semi-trucks loads of trees and plants for landscaping. To make sure that residents would not pay for any of initial cost, the family built a brick maintenance garage filled with all the equipment needed to keep the beautiful park looking its very best.

Longacre House Restoration Project - Farmington Hills

In 2006, the City of Farmington Hills acquired a historic landmark, Longacre House. Built in 1869, the 20 room Georgian house had been a community facility for programs, weddings, receptions, parties and gatherings. But over the years, the 141 year old landmark became run down. To make it a viable historic facility, Farmington Hills replaced the century old windows and old brick face but also engineered the parking lot with sustainable porous pavement (a first in the state), updated parking lot lighting, redesigned sidewalks using stamped concrete, redesigned and planted the old English style garden beds and added a gazebo to the grounds. The beautifully upgraded building and grounds have turned Longacre House into a gem for the residents to use and enjoy.

Millennium Park Recreation Core - Kent County Parks Department

A 200 acre gravel pit was transformed into a regional destination, the Millennium Park Recreation Core; this Grand Rapids area recreational facility can accommodate 10,000 visitors a day and is the core of a much larger park upon completion. The design includes a six acre swimming beach on lakes created during the mining process • a beach house with restrooms, showers, concessions • and a large verandah with an 800 foot long promenade linking the verandah to a water spray and play area. The once bleak landscape has been planted with over 11,000 trees, shrubs and groundcovers; the park is immensely popular with regional residents.

Novi Public Library

The new Novi Public Library is situated on seven acres of land, formerly orchards, overlooking Fuerst Park. The building is approximately 60,000 square feet, with an additional 6,000 square feet of outdoor patio space. "The Librarian" sculpture stands near the road greeting visitors while children, in bronze, read at the door. Commemorative brick pavers are placed under the front canopy and on the patio. Landscaping for the 90% Michigan native species uses a ground water irrigation system. A variety of ornamental trees including dogwood, river birch, serviceberry, white fir, American basswood, Bradford pear, Japanese lilac, red maple and smoke tree surround the library. Novi residents are extremely pleased with the new library which opened in June 2010.

Community Organizations

Woodland Park Foundation Committee - Battle Creek

Through the efforts of the all volunteer Woodland Park Foundation Committee, 145 acres of green space within the city of Battle Creek were transformed into Woodland Park and Nature Preserve, offering citizens the opportunity to participate in a healthy, active lifestyle, enjoy nature and engage in environmental stewardship. The continuing work of the committee's volunteers is directed at preserving, promoting, improving and protecting this public treasure. Collaboration and communication have characterized our committee's relationship with groups such as Battle Creek Community Foundation, City Commissioners, Parks and Recreation Department, community organizations and Scouts. Woodland Park is a green space and natural gem; the committee is dedicated to keeping it that way.

Dahlia Hill Midland

Dahlia Hill is a free garden maintained by the volunteers of the Dahlia Hill Society. The Society's mission is to educate and disseminate information to the general public about the correct methods of growing and displaying dahlias. There are eight stone terraces of the garden that are planted annually with 3,000 dahlias comprising over 250 labeled varieties. The eye-catching terraces are also enhanced by "Seasons of Life" sculptures designed by local artist and founder, Charles Breed. Dahlia enthusiasts travel from around the United States to visit this unique and awe inspiring garden each year. And to think it all began in 1966 when a mother received dahlia tubers as a Mother's Day gift from her daughter!

Midland Soccer Club Midland

The Midland Soccer Club (MSC) Complex is one of Midland's crowning jewels. The MSC complex sprawls across 60+ acres and is home to over 35 soccer fields of emerald green grass. Located on the complex is a wetlands marsh, a home to the previous inhabitants of the region. Spread throughout the complex are numerous flower gardens, rock gardens, trees and shrubbery. The fields are connected by paved walkways lined with benches. Every year, the MSC complex is home to 3000 youth soccer players, 400 adult soccer players and thousands of visitors who come from Michigan, Ohio and Canada.

Children's Garden at Rochester Hills Museum Rochester Hills

The Children's Garden at Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm began as dream in 2003 when Patrick McKay, The Museum Director, asked Teacher and Advanced Master Gardener, Michele Dunham to design a special place for children that reflected the wonderful history of the land. The resulting design was based upon the early history of the land that was settled in 1823 by the Lemuel Taylor family. Plant selection and garden "art" were chosen based on the area's history and meant to appeal to the five senses of the hundreds of children who would visit this unique garden in the years to come. Introducing History and Horticulture to children and their families was the ultimate goal of this garden. Many happy memories are created here.

Educational Programs, Schools, Youth Groups

Alma College Campus Landscaping Alma

In the fall of 2009 Alma College made a decision to re-landscape major parts of the campus. The College has been recognized over the years as one of the most beautiful in the state of Michigan. Despite the fact that Alma is a registered "Arboretum", the landscape was getting "tired". Many of the shrubs had been planted over 40 years ago; it was time to give it a "face-lift". Dave Buhl, Vice President of Business Affairs, was the real driving force behind the project. He asked Bob Eldridge, a retired Alma administrator and coach (also a Master Gardener and Executive Director of KMB) to develop the master design for landscaping. The College asked members of the Zeta Sigma Fraternity to help assist on the project that would include: the main campus mall, administration building, the library complex, the student union, dormitory/dining areas as well as the overhaul of the perimeter of the president's home. The basic concept was to give a "park like feel" to the campus by removing old shrubbery and adding a diverse number of plants with lots of color....a combination of small trees, flowering shrubs, perennials, annuals and ornamental grasses.

Waste Management Public Education Program

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Waste Management has made a corporate commitment to preserve and protect the environment. Community engagement is the critical mission of WM's Public Education Program. The landfill facilities are a well known source for teaching about "sustainability". Since 2008 WM. has tripled the number of individuals receiving an education at its facilities about the seven R's: • Reduce • Reuse • Recycle • Responsibility • Respectfully Recover the Resources in our Waste. The program teaches individuals about managing waste generation, conserving water and energy, as well as the importance of preserving and connecting to nature, all the things that help Keep Michigan Beautiful!

Business & Industry

Botsford Hospital Cancer Center

Farmington Hills

Henry Ford restored the historic 1836 Botsford Inn in 1925; Botsford Hospital built a Silver LEED certified outpatient Cancer Center and the George F. Riley Healing Garden on the Botsford Inn site, removing some old wings, while returning the Inn's exterior to its beautiful Ford era appearance. The design of the new Cancer Center complements the 19th century Botsford Inn. Along with being an environmentally friendly building, other special features include garden walls and a fountain built from reclaimed stones from Clara Ford's rose garden walls. A bioswale helps manage storm water runoff and provides an attractive visual separation between the site and traffic on Grand River Avenue.

The Village of Rochester Hills

Rochester Hills

The Village of Rochester Hills is the first mall in Michigan to use the outdoor streetscape concept. The 375,000 square foot lifestyle center brings fashion, dining and seasonal ambiance together to create Rochester Hills very own unique downtown. Anchored by 120,000 square foot Parisian department store and a 55,000 square foot state of the art Whole Foods Market, the Village features fifty national and local shops and restaurants all nestled into picturesque, tree lined streets. Guests can stroll down Main Street and find architecturally diverse storefronts, lush flower baskets hanging from each light pole, unique flower beds, two children's parks as well as sidewalk art and weathervanes created by Michigan artists. The floral displays and outdoor decor change with the seasons.

Velmeir Companies - CVS Pharmacy

Waterford

The property at 4994 Highland Road in Waterford was formerly occupied by an old Township Hall and the Police and Fire Departments. Finding the land surplus after new Township facilities were built, the Velmeir Companies purchased the property for a CVS Pharmacy with certain site and architectural stipulations. Using the natural topography, a plaza style setting was developed with terraces up to the building. Decorative brick retaining walls and planters were incorporated into the design with beds filled with flowering trees, plants and perennials. Benches provide a restful spot to view this now beautiful intersection in Waterford.

Individuals

Helen Bai

Grosse Pointe Shores

Helen Bai lives by the philosophy that we can each play a part in making the world a better place to live. For nearly two decades following her retirement from teaching and raising her children, Helen has been an active volunteer in the community dedicated to the causes of beautification, environmental enhancement and education. As a Master Gardener, community servant educator and leader she has given selflessly of her time, talents and resources to leave a legacy of remarkable projects in Grosse Pointe Shores and its environs. A fellow citizen said of Helen: "The U.S. possesses many national treasures: however, Helen Bai belongs to Grosse Pointe Shores."

THE MICHIGAN PLAQUE

Municipalities

City of Farmington - Grand River Avenue Streetscape

In September 2009, Farmington saw the realization of an idea that began as part of the 2004 Downtown Master Plan. The Grand River Avenue Streetscape was designed to attract business, improve traffic safety, improve walkability and create an aesthetically pleasant Downtown Farmington. Grand River was altered for better traffic flow, bumpouts were added to protect pedestrians and parked cars, pavers replaced sidewalks, new lights, park benches, outdoor dining spaces and landscaping were added. Over 100 volunteer made the Streetscape possible, informing and engaging residents for each stage of the project. The community has embraced the Streetscape and its revitalized downtown.

City of Rochester Hills - Recycling Program

In 2009, the City of Rochester Hills launched the most innovative and comprehensive recycling program in the state of Michigan. Through a partnership with Recycle Bank, Rochester Hills residents are able to recycle right at their curb and earn points to receive exclusive rewards redeemable at national and local businesses. Residents have made this cutting-edge recycling program an overwhelming success with regular participation rates of 90%, up from 18% in 2008. As a result, 8,421 tons of trash have been diverted from landfills; the equivalent of 85+ thousand trees and 5.6 million gallons of oil have been saved thus far.

City of Wyandotte - Arts Center

The Wyandotte Arts Center project was conceived by Mayor James DeSana in 2008. The city had purchased a 100 year old former Masonic Temple building for \$375,000 and was trying to find a suitable use for the building. In a seven page letter to the city council, Mayor DeSana outlined his concept for turning it into an incubator space for artists. Through the efforts of many Wyandotte employees, volunteers and civic organizations, the planning was formulated, assisted by the architectural firm of Wilkie and Zanley. The completed project was dedicated in 2010 and includes galleries, exhibition space, offices and a third floor auditorium. The renovation cost was approximately \$625,000.

Kalamazoo Nature Center - Urban Park

The Kalamazoo Nature Center's Urban Nature Park is a 4 acre parcel in downtown Kalamazoo along Portage Creek. The purpose of the park is to provide access to green space for the downtown community and the surrounding low income neighborhoods. The location was chosen for potential restoration of natural historic features and has become an integral part of urban brownfield redevelopment in Kalamazoo; it demonstrates that the cleanup of contaminated land and wetlands and the restoration of native plants shows the positive impact of green space for the surrounding environment, property values and quality of life.

Parks & Beautification Commission - Garden Project Manistee

This project involved the establishment of twin elliptical gardens in the upper Marina Park area of Downtown Manistee. It began as a transition project as the Beautification Committee and the Parks Commission combined to become one commission, the Parks and Beautification Commission. A Butterfly Garden began in 2008 with a giant aluminum butterfly and butterfly-attracting plants. A Winter Garden was opened in spring of 2009. This garden contains unusual cone and berry bearing shrubs and exotic trees. Both completed gardens attract many viewers and photographers.

Community Organizations

Frankenmuth Jaycees Beyer Road Bridge Park Frankenmuth

The Beyer Road Bridge Park was built by a group of young leaders from the Frankenmuth Jaycees to enhance the restoration of a historic bridge. Before the restoration of the bridge and park, there was limited access and use of the waterfront property. The bridge added walking and biking accessibility while the park provides eco friendly use of the waterfront with benches and a

canoe launch amid natural and indigenous landscaping. The park has transformed a once vacant wooded lot into a welcoming recreational area for residents.

Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve Garden Guild - Rochester

The Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve Garden Guild has created three gardens around the nature center each with a unique theme. One, a native plant garden, showcases the beautiful flowers, grasses and ferns native to Michigan. The second, a summer wildflower garden, blooms with abundant color each summer while the third garden is a butterfly garden that attracts insect visitors. Not only are the gardens visually stunning but they also serve an educational function for the visiting public and school children. The Garden Guild is also an excellent example of Michigan's ethic of community service, dedicating hundreds of hours over the past ten years to make this project a reality.

Saginaw Chamber Leadership Class of 2008 Saginaw County

The Leadership Saginaw Class of 2008 invested one day a month discovering Saginaw County and what a great community it is. Each leadership class is required to complete a community project. The 2008 class selected the "Gateway Project" to welcome visitors to the region. The project is located at the northbound I-75 Birch Run exit. The project consists of tiered landscape blocks holding a large limestone slab with the greeting: "Welcome to the Great Lakes Bay Region". Seasonal blooming perennials, shrubs and a background of trees are accented by energy efficient LED lighting that draws the eyes of the 60,000 northbound drivers each day and night.

Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy

The Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy (SWMLC) engages its membership and partners to be actively involved in the stewardship of the natural areas they protect. A key element of the SWMLC Stewardship program is the Wednesday Workday Warriors, a volunteer-led group which meets on Wednesday mornings to look after SWMLC preserves. There are over 150 Wednesday Morning Warriors who have grown into an "army" that meets weekly from March through October to work in over 20 preserves. They battle invasive species, restore wildlife habitat, build and maintain trails, post property boundaries and generally provide preserve "reconnaissance".

Business & Industry

Masonic Pathways - Annual Flower Planting Alma

Masonic Pathways, one of central Michigan's famous landmarks and historic sites, is known for its beautiful campus. The tree lined and flower filled boulevard, the flower gardens within the front drive and the hanging baskets across the grand front porch are a source of pride to the 400+ seniors who call Masonic Pathways "home". The annual flower planting project begins in November, when the color scheme is chosen and the plants are ordered. In early June, dozens of staff and resident volunteers get together to "plant" more than 375 flower filled pots. By mid July, traffic stopping blankets of flowers are enjoyed by the entire community.

Buddy's Pizza Auburn Hills

Buddy's Pizza has held a reputation for excellence in the Detroit area for over 60 years. However, the store's location in Rochester Hills presented a problem; because it was in shopping plaza, there was little to set the store apart from the other tenants. Last year, the manager decorated with summer flowers, changing the theme with the seasons. Autumn brought hay bales, corn stalks and 300 pound pumpkins; Winter saw Christmas trees, garland and bright red bows. Employees create and maintain the storefront; other staff members care daily for the plants which this summer included: 20 hanging baskets, 12 wall planters, 4 large upright pots and a sidewalk planter. The community is amazed at the effort and Buddy's hopes to inspire other tenants to do the same.

Finsilver/Friedman Management Corp. Farmington Hills

Finsilver/Friedman Management Corporation acquired two sister buildings, North Valley I and North Valley II, in June 2008. Both the buildings and the landscaping had been grossly neglected. Trees were so overgrown you couldn't see the buildings. Over 100 trees were removed and replaced with Cleveland Pear, Red Maple, Norway Maple and Norway Spruce. Overgrown

perennials were divided and transplanted. New plants of Rubeckia, Pink Cone Flowers, Day Lilies and Sedum were added. The restoration has resulted in a natural landscape that the owners, tenants and community are proud of.

Trott Financial Center Farmington Hills

The Trott Financial Center relocated from Detroit and opened in its present building in June 2007 following an extensive interior renovation. However, the exterior had been neglected for three years and a two phase landscaping project removed old growth shrubs, old trees and rotting retaining walls in 2008 -2009. The installation of Cleveland pears trees, burning bush, day lilies, speedwell and assorted hostas, ornamental grasses and other perennials along with iron benches on flat stone areas provided employees a place to enjoy nice weather. An attractive office building with beautiful landscaping is the final result.

Karmanos - Crittenton Cancer Center Rochester Hills

The 30,600 square foot Karmanos - Crittenton Cancer Center unites in one building the services of the Barbara Ann Karmanos Center based in Detroit and the Crittenton Hospital Medical Center of Rochester. The center opened in April 2010 and is a state of the art healing environment with many green features such as a white roof, occupancy sensors and energy efficient lighting. The exterior of the building utilizes natural stone, expansive glass walls and warm toned wood, offering a welcoming facade to the patients and families who enter. With the exterior atmosphere of a cozy ski lodge, the center houses world class cancer experts.

Shriners Silver Garden - Garden/Gazebo Project Southfield

The Shriners beautiful building had a small courtyard that was an ideal place to install a lovely gazebo, soothing waterfall and colorful garden. While it has been a work in progress over three years, it has truly evolved into a gorgeous area for wedding ceremonies, an ideal back drop for special occasion pictures and as a spot that is used for the purpose of "corporate rejuvenation breaks". With newly added sod, a curving brick paver pathway, annual and perennial plants and mulch, the garden and gazebo have had their most scenic summer yet. Plans to create year round color are in the offing to enhance this picturesque courtyard.

MSU Master Gardeners - Evangelical Home Sterling Heights

The MSU Master Gardeners began a project at the Evangelical home 20 years ago. They took a heavily wooded area 500 feet long and 40 feet wide to transform into a park. The first trail was available to residents and their families in 1991. A courtyard and hospice garden provides horticultural therapy and is a joy to visitors. The park and gardens provide places to visit, sit and talk. A nearby Senior Center also enjoys the natural beauty of the flowers, trees and vegetables. 150 Master Gardeners and many other volunteers have worked to make this area beautiful; the work is ongoing and has no scheduled end.

Chrysler - Trenton South Engine Plant Trenton

Construction of a new engine plant was required to manufacture Chrysler's next generation V-6 engines. A Brownfield property in Trenton was chosen for the new 822,000 sq. ft. facility. The building was constructed over an existing parking lot and designed with the highest environmental standards; energy, environmental and aesthetic savings/ enhancements include: • Lighting which reduced typical usage by 30-40%, • Water saving technology - 1,5 million gallons saved annually, • CO2 emissions reduced, • Total energy reduced by 39%, • Van Horn Road transformed into a landscaped boulevard. • Best of all, the new plant received LEED certification, the first engine facility in the world to do so.

DTE Energy - Trenton Channel Power Plant Trenton

Local residents and DTE Energy employees are beautifying their little corner of the world - the southeast corner of West Jefferson Avenue and Grosse Ile Parkway in Trenton. That location is one of two entrances to the island community undergoing beautification. It is the site of DTE Energy's Trenton Channel Power Plant. The DTE Energy provided native trees, shrubs, perennials, topsoil, mulch and landscaping boulders. Company and community volunteers planted the garden on May 15, 2010. The area provides habitat for butterflies and other

pollinators and helped the TCPP achieve wildlife site recertification through the Wildlife Habitat Council.

Gerry's Auto Care, Inc. Waterford

The goal of this project was to restore and enhance the property, with an eye toward curb appeal, for the new business that was to open at this location. New signage was erected, the building was cleaned, sod was laid and trees were planted. Beds for annual plants were created and large exterior pots for plants were placed in front of the building. Many colorful, eye-catching annuals were planted in the beds while the pots were filled to overflowing with visually appealing plants. The goal was reached because after only three months in business, Gerry's Auto Care received a 2010 Beautification Award from the Charter Township of Waterford.

Individuals

Noah Christian Conner Warren

Noah is a 14 year old Boy Scout in Troop 1954 in Warren. As his Eagle Scout project, he restored the stockade fence behind the Spanish-American Guardhouse located on the grounds of Detroit's Historic Fort Wayne. He coordinated volunteers and the fundraising of over \$1,400 to purchase the necessary supplies to refurbish the structure. The project entailed the removal of broken boards, caps, posts and stumps. It also included stripping and sanding the 140 foot fence. He then set new posts, replaced boards, built a wider gate, replaced the lock, then primed and painted the entire stockade structure.

Karen and Jim Taylor Taylor

Karen and Jim Taylor were the driving force behind the creation of the Monarch way station butterfly garden in their Rose Garden subdivision. They coordinated the efforts of their neighbors to create, design, plant, maintain, contribute and otherwise take pride in the garden located at the entrance of the 140 home development at Goddard and Dudley Roads in Taylor. The garden is certified through the Monarch Watch Program. It is one of the original eight public gardens sponsored by the Taylor Garden Club, Taylor Beautification Commission, the City of Taylor and local residents. The garden was part of the Open House of way stations last year.

Nicholas D. Williams Novi

For his Eagle Scout project, Nicholas constructed a permanent walk through vine covered maze at Michigan State Tollgate Farms in Novi. It is located in the Children's Garden and is a 20 x 30 foot structure of wood, covered with cattle grating so that a variety of vines can grow and fill in the fence. Nicholas recruited volunteers, received donations and also checked with Miss Dig before beginning his project; he sank six inch round fence posts and attached cattle grating as the vine support. 2x6's support the top and bottom. PVC pipe halves cover the rough edges of the grating. Children enjoy the maze very much. Nick began pursuing his degree in engineering at the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy in July.

THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE PLAQUE

Municipalities

Warren Beautification Commission The Big W, Warren

The Beautification Commission of the City of Warren is especially pleased with its ongoing project of the big "W" welcoming everyone to the City of Warren. The "W" is a huge letter made of shrubbery - and, in 2010, enhanced by seventy flats of planted marigolds, the city flower. It is on a hill in the center of a turn-around at Van Dyke and Chicago Road; easily visible from all four directions. This busy intersection could not have a more pleasant adornment! It truly fills the Beautification Commission's commitment to Keep Warren Beautiful.

Community Organizations

Green Oak Township Historical Society Township Hall Renovation

The Green Oak Township Historical Society has been renovating the historic 1856 Township Hall on Silver Lake Road in Green Oak since 2004. The hall was the longest continuously used township hall in Michigan until the offices moved into a new building a mile down the road in 2001. The Historical Society is in the second year of a thirty year lease on the building; a new roof, historically correct windows, a period front door and a Colonial garden with 1800 era plants have been installed so far. The Society's mission is to preserve, restore and protect this important part of Michigan's history.

Wild Ones Oakland Headwaters Chapter (Formerly Clarkston Watershed Group) Clarkston Depot Park Rain Garden

This project was started to highlight the use of native plants in a rain garden. The purpose was to create a highly visible demonstration garden for our local citizens to appreciate and learn from. The benefits of storm water mitigation, such as improving water quality in the local watershed of the Clinton River was a high priority. The importance of protecting the watershed, what people can do in their own yards, and the role Michigan native plants play were additional objectives. Depot Park was selected because thousands of people use the park year round and the demonstration garden would have great visibility.

Educational Programs, Schools, Youth Groups

Frankenmuth School District Tennis Courts - Memorial Park Frankenmuth

The Frankenmuth School District recently unveiled a newly constructed tennis facility. Students, tennis team participants and residents now have access to eight state of the art tennis courts which replaced the 50 year old aging and deteriorating community courts. The tennis facility is located in beautiful memorial Park directly behind the schools. Students and the community utilize the lighted courts whenever Michigan weather permits. Tennis is part of the physical education class, the FHS tennis team practices and hosts competitions, and the community enjoys the courts when they are not being used for school events.

Chippewa Valley High School - Native Plant Garden Clinton Township

The 2009 construction of a native plants garden near the rear doors of Chippewa Valley High School in Clinton Township has transformed a cold, concrete area into a colorful, fragrant and inviting one. Teachers Rosemary Stuehmer, Tony Maniscalco and Kevin Bai united to bring the project to fruition. The school's administration provided topsoil and mulch. Donations of plant stock were solicited and received. Student volunteers from Mr. Maniscalco's Student Government class and Mr. Bai's Ecology Club removed existing crushed concrete, spread topsoil and installed plants and shrubs. The addition of this beautification project received high praise from Chippewa students, teachers and visitors.

JKL Bahweting School - 6th Grade Yellow Service Learning Project Sault Ste. Marie

What started out as a small "spring cleaning" project became a large Service Learning project. The technology teacher wanted the students to do a project that would leave a legacy while integrating technology to accomplish it. The sixth graders grabbed garbage bags and digital cameras to document the project. After collecting trash around the school, they sorted, weighed, documented and took the sorted items to the recycling center. After the informative visit to the center, they decided to inform others about the importance of recycling and how it can save money and the environment. The students then used photos, data and computers to create motivational posters.

Business & Industry

Hartwell Family Dentistry & Tolstyka & Co., Trenton

Dr. Brian Hartwell has been serving Trenton residents for over three decades. As an ongoing way of giving back to the community, his practice, Hartwell Family Dentistry, has for many years made

the office a floral focal point on West Road. The lighted sign in front is surrounded by a large floral garden set in an emerald green lawn. As the seasons change, the display changes from spring tulips to colorful autumn perennials. In addition to the front of the building, the patients are treated to a stroll through a country garden along the walkway from the rear parking lot to the office door.

Dobski's Restaurant Waterford

The owners of Dobski's Restaurant take great pride in the appearance of their restaurant and their community. To improve the landscaping and grounds of the building, they installed a natural looking small pond with a fountain and waterfall at the entrance to the restaurant. It not only provides a home for the Dobski goldfish but is an inviting welcome view for guests and members of the community. Additional plantings on the borders of the parking lot add pleasing green growth and colorful flowers to the restaurant as the owners strive to Keep Michigan Beautiful at their establishment.

The Mill - A Michigan Historic Site Almont

The goal has been to return the exterior of the Mill to a more historic nature and to preserve the building as a "Barn For The Future". Some of the original line shafts and pulleys can still be seen while a 21st century enterprise inside keeps alive the spirit of the site as a hub for the community with an espresso bar and an antique and vintage goods shop. Professionals and volunteers helped with this ongoing restoration. Two other buildings in Almont have restored their facades also. It is hoped that a university will be interested in excavating an original wheel pit of this former 1843 Carding and Fulling Mill.

Sellers Buick GMC Farmington Hills

The project was to revamp our aging, existing facility and add a new, "green" showroom to it. Many interior and exterior improvements were made including a landscaped area in front of the dealership which is visually appealing from the street intersection. Soft colors for the new addition blend well with the older building and the surroundings. A new tree line on the front and side yards make the property more attractive, while the "green" plantings on the traffic islands add to the appearance. Sellers is proud that it's new building is LEED certified as a Green Building.

THE WALLY BRONNER LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Wally Bronner was a great friend and supporter of Keep Michigan Beautiful, Inc. When he passed away two years ago, the Board of Directors of KMB created this very special award in his honor. While it may not be presented each year, the KMB Award Committee has chosen to present the second Wally Bronner Lifetime Achievement Plaque at this award ceremony to:

Bette R. Tollar - Midland

Bette R. Tollar, recipient the first Lifetime Achievement Award from the Midland Beautification Advisory Committee in November 2009, has devoted over forty years to the beautification of her community and continues to do so today. Bette was appointed to the Midland Beautification Commission in when it was founded in 1969, and became a Charter member. She served for 25 years with an additional 15 years as an Emeritus Member. Bette promotes beautification by supporting many projects while generously recognizing others for their accomplishments in beautification. In 1970 she was named Chair of the Midland County Chapter of Keep Michigan Beautiful, Inc. She has served on the Board of Directors since 1981, as KMB's President in 1994-95 and continues as a member on the KMB Executive Committee.

Special Awards

WOJO'S GREENHOUSE - Ortonville

Keep Michigan Beautiful, Inc. is pleased to present to Wojo's Greenhouse this award in thanks for the beautiful flowers and plants that have graced our meetings and conferences over the years

EDURNE (Noonie) KOWALSKI - Ortonville

Keep Michigan Beautiful, Inc. extends to Edurne (Noonie) Kowalski its thanks and gratitude for her loyal service through the years and especially for the beautiful floral arrangements she has provided to KMB for its meetings and conferences

