

CMT-designed Road Wins APWA Award

Orchard Road Project wins Fox Valley (IL) Branch - Transportation Project of the Year

The Fox Valley Branch of the American Public Works Association's Chicago Metropolitan Chapter named the Orchard Road Reconstruction Project its Transportation Project of the Year in the \$10M to \$100M category. Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc. (CMT) provided Phase I and Phase II design services to the Kane County Division of Transportation and the City of Aurora for the widening of a section of the roadway from 2-lanes to 4-lanes to accommodate increased traffic in one of the fastest-growing areas in Illinois.

The reconstructed roadway was completed on schedule in February of 2004, and was one of the largest transportation projects in Kane County history. In addition to the added through-lanes and turn lanes, a 16-ft. raised and landscaped median was included to create a boulevard-type feel. Noise suppression fences were erected near residential areas to mitigate increased traffic noise. The project also required complex construction staging due to the existing roadway's shifting alignment and the clients' requirement that the road remain open during construction.



The landscaped 16 ft. raised median on Orchard Road is a context sensitive solution that brings an aesthetic appeal to the new roadway.

The APWA awards recognize excellence in public works projects and the alliance between the managing agency, consultant, and contractor.