

CMT Wins APWA Award for Reservoir Project

Project overcomes severe site constraints to provide City of Park Ridge with much needed facility

The Suburban Branch of the American Public Works Association's Chicago Chapter selected the City of Park Ridge New Reservoir as the 2005 Project of the Year in the environmental category. Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc. (CMT) served as prime consultant for the design and construction of the reservoir and pump station project that overcame severe site restrictions in a municipality with little available open space for new public works facilities.

The new reservoir is located in a city park where restrictions prohibiting the disruption of recreational-use land greatly limited the space available for construction. CMT responded with a unique L-shaped design that wraps the 10MB reservoir around the park's tennis courts and doesn't encroach on the park district's maintenance facilities which would have required that they be relocated. The project also featured extensive coordination with the public who wanted to make sure that the facilities would not disturb the existing aesthetics of the park and surrounding neighborhood. Construction was completed on an accelerated schedule to expedite demolition of the former facilities that were located in an area earmarked for new commercial development.



The ornamental staircase is one of the aesthetic enhancements included in the reservoir design

The APWA awards recognize excellence in public works projects and the alliance between the managing agency, consultant, and contractor. The award was presented at a luncheon on January 24, 2006.