

Name of Project: **Forest Hills Fine Arts Center**

Owner: Forest Hills Public Schools

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Location of Project: Grand Rapids Township, Kent County, Michigan

Date Completed: 2003

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Project Description: Designed to serve as a regional icon, the Forest Hills Fine Arts Center is the focal point of several communities that are represented in the Forest Hills School District. The 1,212 seat facility operates as a self-supporting regional theater, capable of accomplishing full scale professional productions as well as school events.

This facility was designed to achieve a United States Green Building Council LEED rating. It is believed this project is the first K-12 fine arts center to seek LEED certification.



Several sustainable (green) strategies were utilized in this project, including green islands in the parking lot to provide rain water collection, filtration and shade. This project has won several awards and includes several different civil engineering components including site master planning, design and construction, public utility extension, county road widening, soil erosion and control measures, and a complicated storm water management system.