Name of Project:	**Central Lake Downtown Reconstruction**
Owners:	Village of Central Lake
Contact:	Mr. Larry Eckhardt (231) 544-6483
Location of Project:	Central Lake, Antrim County
Date of Completion:	October 29, 2004
Dollar Value:	$1,500,000
Project Team:	Gary Voogt, P.E., Principal in Charge Steve Groenenboom, P.E., Project Manager Tim Athy, P.E., Project Engineer Mark DeVries, ASLA, Streetscape Designer Greg White, Landscape Designer Kelly Jacobsen, CAD Ray Brace, Project Inspector H&D Incorporated, Contractor

Main Street

Colored Concrete with Brick Stamp Pattern

Project Description: This project involved the design and reconstruction of the Village of Central Lake's downtown district. The downtown serves as the main hub for a telecommunication company, and as a result, there were numerous aerial telephone and power wires. The sidewalk along the storefronts was cracked and sunken, and the curb and gutter had settled and did not drain. The Village was able to secure an Enhancement Grant and limited trunkline funds from MDOT, but well over two-thirds of the $1.5 million dollar project was provided by the Village. The streetscape design needed to provide a fresh look for the entire downtown while staying within this budget.

The project included coordination with utility companies to remove all aerial electrical and telephone wires and poles. This was a costly proposition, and the Village invested nearly $500,000 to remove and replace all of the aerial wires underground. The streetscape was designed to provide an "Up North" look. The landscape treatments needed to be cost effective and able to withstand the harsh north Michigan winters. As a result, the landscape design utilized arborviteas along the store fronts with wildflower plantings at intersections. The old sidewalk was replaced with new and accented with colored and stamped sidewalk rather than more expensive brick pavers. New ornamental street lights were installed. The project has provided dramatic improvements.

State Street - Before

State Street - After