

Excellence In Landscape
Awards Program

Gold Award
2005

Commercial Landscape
Construction



Moffat Mall was created in 1961 as a gift from the Winnetka Garden Club to the Village of Winnetka, and named "in recognition of Mrs. William Moffat, a Club member who had long dreamed of beautifying the space."

In 2001, the Garden Club wished to replace the deteriorating landscape. The block-long median between the Village Hall (1923) and the Village Post Office had been showing its age long before the Garden Club began its search for a redesign. By 2003, volunteers had raised much of the needed money and the Village Board, an enthusiastic partner, had promised to help with funds and the expertise of its engineers. During the installation from March to August 2004, skilled layout, careful

supervision, and expert craftsmanship were required. Thoughtful layout was imperative. The rigorous, symmetrical design applied to the sloping site, with its many access covers and ventilation grills, created challenges. Grades needed adjusting and brickwork aligned.

Excellent supervision was paramount. In addition to coordination of plumbing, sewer, irrigation, electri-

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cal, and concrete work, the high traffic location, public ownership, and merchants' worries demanded diplomacy daily. After completion, the business owners initiated and hosted a gala on-

site party, inviting all workers and other project participants.

The workers' craftsmanship made the greatest impact on the finished product. The installation of the Haddonstone pool surround and fountain required pouring a concrete foundation and careful alignment. The brick paving with its varied patterns, stepped edge details, and countless careful cuts,

demanded both skill and patience. Real artistry was shown in the hardworking of the flagstone details. Careful bed preparation, planting, and pruning guaranteed the garden's beauty. ❀