

# **M-25 Harbor Beach: Road Rehabilitation and Streetscape**

## **Context**

Harbor Beach is located at M-25 and M-142 along Lake Huron in Huron County.

## **Purpose and Description**

The 1.4 mile project along M-25/Huron Street from the south to the north city limits and on M-142/State Street from Third Street consisted of roadway replacement and resurfacing, new storm and sanitary sewer, curb and gutter, and intersection improvements. In conjunction with the road rehabilitation work, the community was involved in planning a streetscaping project for Harbor Beach. The project began in April 2004 and was completed in the fall of the same year.



## **Public Engagement**

After four years of planning, meetings, and partnering successful grants and community funds, the Harbor Beach project became a reality. The project required the city and MDOT to work closely together to build a project to meet the needs of both organizations. The resulting partnership produced a road that moves traffic efficiently through the city and meets Harbor Beach's aesthetic needs to make the area desirable for businesses and to promote tourism.

## **Context Sensitive Solutions Approach**

The streetscape component of the project included the use of a specially designed insignia paver bearing Harbor Beach's logo. Other streetscaping elements included:

- New sidewalks enhanced with colored and stamped concrete
- Tree plantings and grates
- Decorative street lighting
- Pedestrian benches
- Waste receptacles

## **Outcome**

The city of Harbor Beach is a primary stopping point for tourists and business travelers in the thumb area and relies heavily on tourist dollars for economic viability. The M-25/M142 project increased both pedestrian and vehicular traffic offering residents and visitors a convenient and inviting area to work and shop. To celebrate the completion of the project, a ribbon cutting was held at the intersection of M-25 and M-142 on October 26, 2004.

## **Funding**

The streetscaping portion of the project was financed with \$626,080 of Transportation Enhancement funds and \$156,520 of matching funds from the city of Harbor Beach and MDOT.

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