

# Building's winners saluted

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ty, Genoa Township, designed by Ellis/Naeyaert/Genhelmer Associates of Troy.

• One Detroit Center, Detroit, no local connection. Nominated projects must have been completed since January of 1988. A panel of out-of-state engineers judged. At least 40 nominations were received, Komar said, declining to be more specific.

**SOME 2.5 MILLION** square feet of the Chrysler Tech Center, a research and design facility, has been completed — all under one roof. Architects devised a plan with a central gathering space dubbed Technology Plaza and four office/laboratory wings.

Skylit concourses and glass-walled offices are everywhere. "One of the goals of the project was to break down traditional barriers in the process of styling a vehicle, then doing product engineering, manufacturing, purchasing components in separate stages," said Ronald C. Marketter, project architect for Harley Ellison Pierce Yee.

"This building will allow all actions to be done in platform teams," he added. Stroh River Place Historic Apartments, a remodeling of a former pharmaceutical laboratory and warehouse, was designed by Redstone Architects.

Some 250 one- and two-bedroom units ranging from 600 to 1,700 square feet were designed into existing three- and four-story structures. The units contain 14-foot high ceilings and extensive use of oak trim and railings.

Attention was paid to historical detail. "WE REALLY took a lot of effort to restore windows and all the brickwork that made up the perimeter of the building," said Michael D. Shea, marketing director for Redstone. "It's reminiscent of a European town or old Boston."

Redstone also designed Roof Top Garden Townhomes, 54 two- and three-bedroom units with a more contemporary look on a six-level parking deck at the site.

A new central maintenance building for the Livingston County Road Commission was designed to consolidate all operations — engineering, storage, vehicle maintenance and administration.

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A partial circular office module is unique. The warehouse section of the structure was attached to hide outdoor storage and fueling areas. Skylights were included in the maintenance section.

"The aim was to use funds wisely and achieve functionalism at a reasonable cost," said Nicholas P. Raab, project manager for Ellis/Naeyaert/Genhelmer. "Our objective was to help the road commission stretch their dollars."

"THE FACILITY'S design also reflects the owner's concern for energy conservation and safety," Raab added.

It took just 10 months from the time NTH Consultants first investigated a large open clay pit filled with water in Allen Park to the time the site was transformed into a solid waste landfill ready for use.

The pit, 35 feet deep, covers 21 acres and will be used for industrial waste, not hazardous materials, said Jerome C. Neyer, chief executive officer for NTH.

Computer models determined that placing a berm on the pit's floor would better stabilize the sloping sides. More than 400,000 cubic yards of earth were moved during the renovation.

"The thing that sticks out most was the ability to take a piece of property that wasn't very attractive and make it a resource for Ford Motor Co. and southeastern Michigan — to make it a state of the art landfill," Neyer said.

The Nissan Research and Design Facility consists of a three-story administration section of some 167,000 square feet and a 173,000-square-foot single-story prototype/testing segment covered by an atrium. THE ARCHITECTURAL challenge was to encourage communication among different team members, stimulate creativity, make vendors

and other visitors welcome while segregating them from confidential areas and blend Japanese and American cultures.

A large piece of glass in the form of a Japanese fan at the entrance sets the tone.

"Something not as readily visible is organizational content of the building," said Rowland J. Mitchell, project manager. "We took two diverse architectural elements and blended them into one. The atrium is the interfacing area for staff."

Barton Malow was the general contractor for the expansion and renovation of the oncology center at Harper Hospital.

A new entrance provides easier access to treatment areas for patients. The Gershenson Center, located in the basement, incorporates skylights plus carpeting, soft colors and diverse lighting with the aim of making the environment less stressful.

Perhaps Barton Malow's biggest task was moving a 25-ton cyclotron used in treatment into place. One of the largest cranes in the Midwest, some 350 tons, was used. Clearance in some places was only four inches.

One Detroit Center, located behind the City-County Building downtown, contains a million square feet of office space and a parking garage that can hold 2,000 cars.

Judging criteria included land use, materials; overall design, engineering systems, energy consciousness and social/economic impact.



The Stroh River Place apartments were designed by Redstone Architects of Southfield.

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