

TEAM ELMER'S RECEIVES TWO BUILDERS EXCHANGE AWARDS

TRAVERSE CITY, MICH., May 23, 2018 – Team Elmer's was recognized by the Builders Exchange of Northwest Michigan for two of their highest-profile projects from the past year. The Builders Exchange presents their Award of Excellence program to recognize and promote quality workmanship performed by contractors, subcontractors, and their employees. Team Elmer's won two awards for their work on Lot D Boat Launch and Parking Lot in Traverse City, Michigan and Lower Shore Drive in Harbor Springs, Michigan.

"It's an honor to be recognized by the Builders Exchange alongside our colleagues in this great community," said Troy Broad, president of Team Elmer's.

The first project honored with an award was the Lot D Boat Launch and Parking Lot Reconstruction. After many long years of use, the parking lot and boat launch were in need of significant repairs. After gaining support for the redesign project, plans moved forward on reconstruction of the boat launch area and parking lot to install an accessible kayak and canoe launch, storm water filtration devices to reduce storm water run-off into the Boardman River, pedestrian bump outs, new concrete curb and gutter, paving, striping, and overall aesthetic improvements to the parking lot.

Sheet piling and dewatering equipment were installed to keep the Boardman River out of the construction area while Elmer's constructed the boat launch and boardwalk foundations. Then, new storm water structures were installed to allow sediment to settle prior to any storm water entering the Boardman River. The crew also installed new curb and gutter and the lot was capped with new asphalt.

Al MacDonald, project manager for Team Elmer's, explained the challenges of the project, "We had to maintain all of the crush and shape and fill on site. We couldn't haul it out until the site was balanced, so until the curb went in we were moving piles of dirt around several times."

Despite the challenges, the project was completed in time for the 2017 National Cherry Festival in downtown Traverse City.

Since its incorporation in 1959, the Builders Exchange of Northwest Michigan has been dedicated to fostering the growth and progress of the northwest Michigan area by encouraging high quality workmanship. The organization believes that construction projects such as those honored at their annual awards event will play key roles in a healthy community.

The second project honored was the Lower Shore Drive Reconstruct in Harbor Springs, Michigan. The road was constructed on the side of a hill over 50 years ago and the road was starting to slide down the hill, threatening the homes below. Team Elmer's had to find a solution to save the road, protect the houses, and prevent future shifting.

Project Foreman Chris Kelly explained the solution: "We built a soldier pile wood lagging wall, which consists of H-pile 400-feet long. In between the piling we're sliding wood down for the retaining wall. And after that we use grouted tiebacks – drill a hole into the wood perpendicular to the wall and underneath the road."

Team Elmer's, a family owned company since 1956, specializes in site development, including excavation, earth moving, underground utility installation, piers and piling, retaining wall construction, directional boring, aggregate production, concrete ready-mix, asphalt installation (commercial and residential), milling, and crane/rigging, among other specialties. Today, Traverse City, Mich.-based Team Elmer's has grown to include more than 400 skilled personnel in 13 northern Michigan locations.

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