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Millennium Park Receives Keep Michigan Beautiful Award

**Kalamazoo, Michigan, 9 November 2010** —O'Boyle, Cowell, Blalock & Associates, Inc. (OCBA) is pleased to announce

that the Kent County Parks and Recreation Department has been awarded the President's Plaque for the Millennium

Park Recreation Core from Keep Michigan Beautiful, Inc. (KMB).

KMB's annual awards program recognizes programs and projects that contribute to clean-up, site restoration,

historic preservation, and environmental enhancement in Michigan. Millennium Park was formerly a 200 acre gravel pit

that has been transformed into a regional destination serving as many as 10,000 visitors per day. Once all phases are

complete Millennium Park will be one of the largest urban parks in the country, more than twice the size of New York

City's Central Park.

OCBA led the site design team from preliminary design through construction administration for the Recreation

Core at Millennium Park. OCBA has also designed and constructed a spray park and several phases of trail development

throughout the park.

OCBA has provided landscape architecture, urban design, waterfront planning, land planning, and site design

services to Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids and communities throughout Michigan for over 46 years.

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