

WESCO Restoration and Renovation The Morris Civic Auditorium Fountain

Project Overview

Owner: City of South Bend
Location: South Bend, Indiana
Date: 2001

The City fountain in front of The Morris Civic Auditorium had gone through many changes over the years. The original design included a sculptural element in the center with nozzles that sprayed onto the sculpture. That element had been removed, leaving the nozzles to freely spray into the air - an effect not originally intended.

Further more, the original fountain had the unfortunate design of being in an open, wind blown area, with a lower pool at ground level designed to hold the water that flowed over the upper weir. Both of those elements led to problematic maintenance issue when the wind caused trash and debris to fill the lower pool, creating suction issues and damage - inhibiting the proper function of the feature.

WESCO Fountains, based on their functional renovation solution, won over the city, and the work began. To address the trash and debris issue, WESCO constructed a short retaining wall that encircled the feature's lower pool, preventing anything to blow directly into the water. New nozzles were employed which created a better effect and addressed the windy open area. Brand new pumping systems were installed to better handle the feature nozzles and the water flow of the weirs. Finally, all new electrical, filtration and control systems were installed within the existing equipment room to now fully restore this feature for the City of South Bend.



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1. The Morris Center Auditorium fountain fully restored.
2. The original fountain shortly before restoration.
3. A sample of the debris that collected in the lower basin.



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