



northville township municipal building

# Municipal Building

Charter Township of Northville

Northville, Michigan  
Completed in 2004  
39,000 sf  
\$6,000,000

The building design incorporates elements traditionally found on bridges, symbolic of the main building function; connecting the community.

Visitors are greeted in a two story lobby, with service counters located on either side. The lobby can be closed off by security gates during after-hour functions. All staff and non-public office spaces are located in the lower level. The grading of the build site allowed for a walk-out lower level at the south-west corner of the building. This walk-out features a landscaped plaza for use during outdoor community events. Administrative offices are located on the second level, accessible by a stairway located in the tower, a feature element of the building's exterior. A suspension bridge spans the two-story lobby, connecting the offices with the Community Room on the opposite side of the tower. This community room is used for many of the township's democratic functions.

“The creativity, competence and expertise [of French Associates] are matched by their ability to explain difficult issues...in terms that staff, elected official and residents find understandable.”

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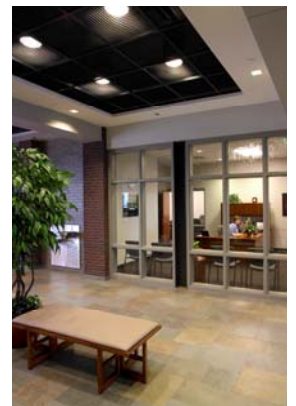
community room



outdoor patio area



walking path



administrative office