

City of Ann Arbor Drop-Off Station

This project involved the design of a new 21,000SF recycling drop-off and processing center and an associated 2,100SF office/interpretive center for residents of the City of Ann Arbor.

It offered a unique opportunity to express the fundamental nature of a sustainable future, one in which waste is a forgotten concept, and the cyclical existence of people, materials, and energy is celebrated.

The project scope included many technical challenges: integration of complex circulation patterns, rapid temperature fluctuations in vehicular use areas, acoustical issues, stormwater management, and materials management.

The project also included many opportunities for exemplifying sustainable design to the community including: a 100% daylit facility, the utilization of passive solar design and thermal storage, and considerations for the eventual deconstruction and reuse of the building materials. But most of all, the project offered a unique opportunity to engage the community in reaching forward to a sustainable future and in celebrating the cycles of life.

