



O'BOYLE
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BLALOCK
& Associates, Inc.

Business Technology and Research Park

Western Michigan University

City of Kalamazoo, Michigan

Awards

Honor Award, 2003

Michigan Chapter of the American
Society of Landscape Architects

Public Works Project of the Year, 2001

Southwest Michigan Branch of the
American Public Works Association



O'Boyle, Cowell, Blalock & Associates, Inc. (OCBA) was retained by Western Michigan University (WMU) to perform land planning, consulting, site design and construction administration services for the development of a state-of-the-art Business, Technology and Research Park, as well as a new College of Engineering/Paper Technology Campus for WMU.

OCBA took the lead in addressing campus and park circulation, storm water management, site improvements and landscape elements. Due to concern by adjacent landowners about increased storm water runoff from the new development, OCBA designed a storm water management system as a focal point of the park that allows water to flow through vegetated swales, breaking down pollutants and slowing runoff released from the site. OCBA retained the services of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber and J.F. New as subconsultants to provide engineering and plant selection assistance for the development of this unique approach to storm water management.

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