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SCHOOL BUILDING RESTORATION – SPRINGFIELD



In 2004 FFI was selected by the Springfield School District # 186 to provide design and bidding services for the masonry restoration and window replacement work on nine different school buildings over a period of three years. Completion of the project is planned for 2007.

OLD SOUTHTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD RESTORATION



FFI was selected by the City of Springfield to plan, design, and bid the neighborhood restoration/redevelopment program funded thru the City and property owners for restoration of building facades. The City is also funding the restoration of the Southtown Theatre marquee and facade, providing off street parking, and new streetscape with trees, benches, new lighting, all in a four block area of 11th and South Grand Avenue.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AT STATE PARK



In 2005 we were selected by the State of Illinois to design a 10 mile bike/hiking trail thru the campground and wildlife viewing areas of Eldon Hazlett State Park in Carlyle, Illinois. The trail is to complement the swimming pool complex that we designed, constructed in 2004 and open for use. The pool complex contains shower rooms, mechanical rooms, zero entry pool area, and meets Illinois High School Assn. competition standards.



COUNTY MARKET FOR NIEMANN FOODS



Fitch-Fitzgerald, Inc. was retained to design the exterior and interior renovations to the existing Jewel/Osco supermarket/drug store located at Fairhills Mall on West Monroe in Springfield. The exterior renovations will completely change the look of the facade and locations of the exits and cart pickup areas. The interior changes will give a completely new layout to the store.



FIRE ALARM AND COMMUNICATION SYSTEM AT MERIDIAN HIGH SCHOOL

The Meridian Community Unit School District contracted with Fitch-Fitzgerald, Inc. to design and upgrade a new high school fire alarm and communication system. New alarm devices, door closers, annunciation panels, automatic dialers, and wiring was installed for the fire alarm system. New classroom call phones and speakers were installed in each classroom with a central control panel that provides for individual room call/answer, all call, storm warnings, emergency tones, and outdoor notification.

NEW 911 CALL FACILITY



Sangamon County retained Fitch-Fitzgerald, Inc. to design the new 911 Emergency Telephone System building. We utilized concrete panel tilt up construction for the walls, concrete structural bridge tee sections for the roof, creating an enclosure for the 911 operators that would withstand tornado force 140 mph winds and intrusion security. The building is equipped with a sophisticated security and monitoring system, generators for auxiliary power, dual HVAC equipment, and battery backups for all 911 call stations.