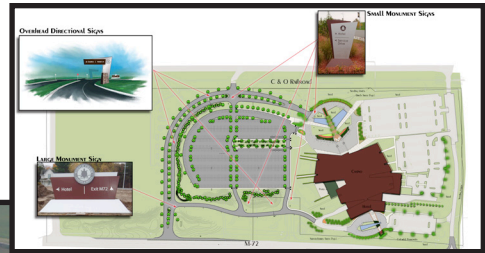


PROJECT EXPERIENCE



TURTLE CREEK ENTRY AND PARKING LOTS

R. Clark Associates, Inc. (RCAI) has worked with the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians (GTB) on a variety of construction projects. One of those projects has been the Turtle Creek properties in Grand Traverse County. Over the last four years RCAI has incorporated the vision for the Turtle Creek Property into the Tribe's Long-range Transportation Plan. Subsequently, RCAI guided the site planning process for Turtle Creek's new main entry and parking area. Through the planning process vehicular and pedestrian circulation patterns were analyzed, as well as the arrival experience to identify views to hide and others views to emphasize. In addition, RCAI was hired as the general contractor to reconstruct Turtle Creek's main entry and parking lots, which included coordinating varies contractors from a site contractor to electrical, landscaping, and irrigation contractors.

When planning for construction projects such as this one, it is always challenging to phase the project so that any surrounding use, in operation, may continue to operate without a negative impact to the bottom line. With that in mind it was very important to start construction on this project as late in the construction season as possible. Starting mid September, the RCAI's team of contractors finished the base course of asphalt by snowfall and opened the boulevard and parking up for use mid November, with the remaining landscaping and irrigation installed the following spring to complete the project.