



the small second floor event space, cramped showers, and outdated restrooms were constructed prior to the 1992 Americans with Disabilities Act and did not adequately accommodate disabled park users. The new building designed its way out of these issues by providing a durable, tight building envelope all on a single accessible level.

Further, the county sought to expand the usefulness of the new building beyond serving only as the Sauk County Parks offices. The new design incorporated into the new structure a spacious gathering room overlooking White Mound Lake cutting could accommodate weddings or other community events. When not in use by rental parties, the space can serve as a “living room” for the campers at the park.

The new White Mound Community Building houses the administrative offices for the Sauk County parks and recreation, provides concessions, rentals, and a backup shower to the nearby campground, as well as has a spacious community room that is available to host meetings, weddings, or retirement parties. Whether the building is housing park staff during the

week or hosting a large gathering on the weekend around its fireplace, the gracious spaces are tailored to feel cozy but not cramped.

Further, the accessibility of the park has been greatly increased through the construction of the project as well. In addition to its fully compliant restrooms and shower, the White Mound community building serves as a stopping point on a new carefully graded ADA path to the previously inaccessible beach. The beach itself was made accessible through the introduction of a Mobi Mat at the base of the asphalt access path.

The modern lines to the building were inspired by both the landscape of the park and the utilitarian farm buildings in the surrounding countryside. The gentle sloping roof of the building mimics the rolling hills of the native oak savanna within the park. The building shape is comprised of a series of interconnected, pitched roof, volumes that suggests addition and modification over time. Its straightforward yet elegant design would be equally at home on one of the many nearby farms. Once the prairie is allowed to grow in

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05.03.19 The ribbon cutting which occurred on a sun filled day in May 2019.



05.16.19 The ADA path curves towards the building and extends access down to the lake.



01.08.19 Glass garage doors open the community room onto Prairie Smoke Terrace.