



# The Finishing Touch

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## Featured Project - Clinch Park Marina, Traverse City

Clinch Park Marina, in downtown Traverse City on the West Bay, was the center point of the 2003 National Cherry Festival. Kent's Northern Michigan concrete group was part of a major reconstruction of this marina that will reach final completion in the spring of 2004. Clinch Park Marina is owned by the City of Traverse City, and is centrally located in the middle of all the activity that goes on in this popular tourist area.

Last spring, Kent Companies was approached by the partnered team of Molon Excavating and Glawe Incorporated to take a look at doing the concrete on this project because of previous work we had done for Molon Excavating and Traverse City. Kent Companies was selected to do this showpiece for the city and an agreement was reached.

The marina project consists of 32,000 square feet of concrete flat-work up against new sheet piling, and existing concrete, and a new bathhouse. Everyone along the beach on West Bay sees the sidewalks on the job. Miles of tooled joints with 1' x 1', 2' x 2', 3' x 4', 4' x 5', 5' x 5', 6' x 6' and 10' x 10' joint patterns made this job a challenge. It was made even more difficult by areas that were extremely hard to reach. Many areas of walk had very little fall for drainage, which made flatness very important. The schedule for the job was very tight and had to be turned over to the city before the national Cherry Festival. Through a lot of hard work and good weather toward the end of the job, the project was finished on schedule.

Almost everyone from the northern Michigan concrete group was involved in this project at some point. The core of the group included Jerry Fuller Sr., Kirk DuPont, Jerry Fuller Jr., Derrick Decker, Terry Hedrick, and James Wils. Jason Harrall would drive through, roll down his window, and yell once in while. The rest of the guys filled in the blanks. Elmers Concrete hauled the concrete and did a very nice job for Kent Companies. Molon Excavating played a big part in our success on this project, and did a great job of having work ready for us.

The owner, the City of Traverse City, was very pleased with their purchase. The job was a huge success for the owner. The marina is featured in "Marina Dock Age" magazine, and is known among the trades in marine world as "The" marina in the Great Lakes. It is truly a beautiful facility.

