

Greek Town Casino, Detroit, Michigan



GENERAL CONTRACTOR:

Ron Bywalec,
D & B Landscaping, Inc., Detroit, MI

COMPLETION DATE:

2000

RAIN BIRD SALESPERSON:

Tom Kundrat

RAIN BIRD PRODUCTS:

- RWS (Root Watering System)

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

Time was of the essence when contractor Ron Bywalec was asked to run irrigation to a series of newly planted trees in downtown Detroit. There was already an army of people working to get the Greek Town Casino open on schedule, plus a fleet of heavy equipment on site. Ron's team had to get in, install a tree irrigation system as quickly as possible, then get out of the way.

CHALLENGE:

Quickly installing an irrigation system for approximately 40 newly planted trees on a short timetable without interfering with the other construction projects in process.

In the past, Ron would have assembled a homemade irrigation product to suit the needs of the project, even though standing in the shop drilling holes in PVC pipe and inserting a bubbler wasn't a particularly good use of his time. For this project, Ron needed an off-the-shelf solution.

SOLUTION:

He decided to try Rain Bird's new Root Watering System product. The units are all factory-assembled and self-contained, which was a big time saver. And the built-in swing assembly is flexible for fast, easy coupling with lateral lines — there is no need to have everything perfectly measured and exactly aligned in order to make the connection.

Armed with 80 RWS-B-1401 units (two per tree) and a gas-powered post hole digger, Ron and his team got to work. The project progressed quickly. They dug holes, installed the RWS units, surrounded them with gravel, then back-filled without a hitch. According to Ron, "It was definitely the best choice for this job."

RESULT:

Ron met his tight deadline with the help of the Rain Bird RWS, and now he'll never go back to making his own versions. "The time I save in the shop is better spent on other things," he said.

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