

PROJECT DATA

EASTLAND MALL RENOVATION AND EXPANSION
HARPER WOODS, MI

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Cost

\$6,000,000



Eastland Mall was originally designed as an arrangement of anchor department stores with adjoining tenant buildings brought together by open-air arcades and courtyards. Over the years, as new department stores were added and exterior spaces enclosed, the mall began to appear broken up as a result of unrelated design concepts.

JM Olson Corporation was hired to provide renovation services with their goal being unification of the shopping Mall's appearance. A light cove and skylights were added at a primary intersection within the Mall that significantly improved the Mall's ambience and environment. Extensive use of terrazzo and marble adorn the Mall. New signage, color schemes and the installation of a flexible furniture system greatly contributed to the Mall's improved image. Large columns were reclad in Tucson-style column covers to enhance the appearance of common areas.

One of the greatest project challenges was renovating the mall without disrupting retail operations. Hundreds of shoppers and employees filtered through the common areas on a daily basis. Construction noise, dust and debris had to be greatly minimized. JM Olson's successful performance on this complex renovation project resulted in repeat work including a separate contract for \$1 million worth of site work and a \$1.1 million expansion of Wards Court.