



Willow Creek Middle School

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Location:

Willow Creek Middle School
Rochester, MN

Contractor:

A&E All Green Pavers
Owatonna, MN

Project:

Outdoor Classroom
1,000 Sq Ft

Solution:

VAST Composite
Landscape Pavers

Completed:

2009



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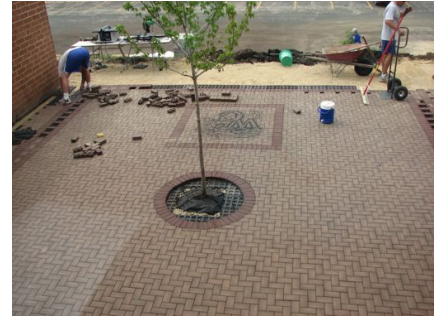
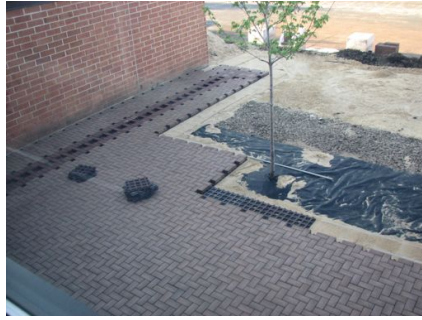
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Willow Creek Middle School Goes Green for Outdoor Classroom

In 2009, Willow Creek Middle School established an outdoor classroom for science and technology classes. Since Willow Creek is adopting sustainable practices, they wanted to use green building materials.

"Using green materials enables our students to see and experience real applications of the ideas they learn in class. VAST Composite Pavers gives them an example that can help them envision all sorts of new possibilities for recycling," Jeff Elstad, Principal, Willow Creek Middle School.

Manufactured with VAST's proprietary composite blend of up to 95 percent recycled car tires and plastic containers, VAST Composite Pavers are more than green. They fulfill the most demanding requirements for hardscape beauty, design versatility, toughness, and installation efficiency. Immune to salt and other chemicals and absorbing almost no water, VAST withstands freeze-thaw cycles better than concrete pavers. VAST pavers are stain- and impact-resistant and UV-treated to minimize fading and look brilliant year after year.



Efficient Installation

"It took two days to excavate the site, get the base down, and install the pavers. Using concrete pavers, it would have taken twice as long."

Jerry Eggermont, A&E All Green Pavers, LLC

According to Marc Achterkirch, A&E All Green Pavers, LLC, VAST was a great solution for the project. VAST is a green product that stands up to tough winter conditions. And professional contractors can complete projects faster with VAST.

"You can cut VAST pavers with a regular miter saw, their light weight makes them easier to handle than concrete pavers, and they are automatically aligned by the VAST grid system. VAST makes it easier to get the job done right — and faster," Marc Achterkirch, A&E All Green Pavers, LLC.

VAST's patented grid system enables contractors to set and align pavers quicker. The VAST grids are laid out on the same type of base used for conventional pavers. Installers then insert VAST pavers into the grid, in any designed pattern, and the pavers are automatically spaced and aligned.

"We held a Buy-a Brick-campaign to raise funds for outdoor education. For \$25, you got your name engraved on one of the pavers that outline the classroom. That got parents and staff excited," Jeff Elstad, Principal, Willow Creek.

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VAST applies its patented technology to transform recycled materials into a new resource for green building: composite masonry. VAST composite products — including landscape pavers, permeable pavers for stormwater management, deck pavers and thin brick — offer an engineered alternative to molded concrete and clay brick. Award-winning VAST pavers are cradle-to-cradle green and deliver rich colors, superior slip resistance and unbeatable strength at one-third the weight of concrete pavers.

Made from 95 Percent Recycled Materials

VAST can contribute to qualification for more LEED® credits than any other paver.

By using VAST for the project, Willow Creek kept 500 old tires and 15,000 plastic containers out of U.S. landfills.



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