

SUSSMAN ENTERPRISES COMPLETES OCEAN CITY PLAYGROUND PROJECT

UTCA member Sussman Enterprises recently completed the renovation and upgrade of two playground facilities in Ocean City, NJ. After years of use, as well as being open to salt air, the playgrounds on both 34th Street and North Street were in need of renovation and repair.

Under the direction of the firm's President, Jeff Sussman, the company began the demolition of the existing playground structures at both sites. Removed were large jungle gym



Sussman employees working at the playground.

facilities which included swings and sliding boards. The existing topsoil was stripped at the 34th Street site and additional earthwork began there. The Sussman firm utilized a Cat D4 dozer, a Cat 938 wheel loader and a Cat Skid Steer for the earthwork.

Apache Pipeline, a sitework subcontractor, installed curbing and Sussman placed 4 inch by 8 inch concrete pavers to form seating areas at the site. An additional subcontractor, Bud Concrete, installed concrete sidewalks at both playgrounds, and



Sussman equipment was utilized in various site work activities at the playground.

Apache completed a sitting wall made from block pavers at the North Street location. Irrigation systems was installed by Colonial Land Design.

Sussman Enterprises then began landscaping at both sites, which included planting, seeding and mulching. In fact, approximately 850-900 plants, trees and shrubs were installed at the playgrounds. Specific plants were selected based on the sandy soil and weather conditions of the area, including 'London Planetree' (*Platanus acerifolia*), 'Bar Harbor Juniper' (*Juniperus horizontalis*) and 'Big Blue Liriope' (*Liriope muscari*).

The next element of work involved the installation of a rubber safety surface by Frye's Athletic Surfaces which was manufactured using recycled tires. To complete this installation,



A portion of the completed playground in Ocean City.

a layer of recycled DGA was placed and graded and geotextile filter fabric was installed. Frye's then installed the poured-in-place rubberized surface, which was comprised of a base layer and a surface layer. The final thickness of the surface ranged from 3-5 inches.

The Sussman company then assembled and installed tables and chairs at both locations. At the North Street playground, the firm installed nine benches, two trash bins, two recycling receptacles, two game tables and one bike rack. The 34th Street location included ten benches, three trash bins, three recycling cans, one bike rack, two game tables, four pedestal tables and four picnic tables. The new playground equipment was installed by others in a separate contract.

Additional subcontractors and suppliers for the work included CJ's Mechanical, which performed some plumbing work, Highway Safety Systems, which supplied signs, Master Wire Manufacturing, which manufactured, installed and relocated fencing, Petersen Manufacturing, supplier of water fountains, and Accresce Nurseries, which supplied all greenery. The benches were supplied by Boyce Associates and Recreation Resource, while Custom Fabrication furnished the picnic tables.