

SELECTED COMPLETED PROJECTS:

LIGHTHOUSE POINT CONDOMINIUMS

RENOVATION OF EXISTING BIL-MAR HOTEL
STORM DAMAGE 1973
6400 Harbor Ave., Grand Haven, MI 49417



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The Bil-Mar Beach Hotel located in Grand Haven, MI on Lake Michigan; the building was severely damaged by storms and high water. The entire West elevation lower floor was almost completely washed out. The owners had tried several attempts to save the property but all recommended solutions would not work. Vermurlen Architecture recommended utilizing large boulders to hold the sand with the wave and undertow action. They've developed an element of trust between us, they installed the recommendation and the sand beach immediately began to develop not only in front of the old Hotel but also in front of their restaurant three hundred feet south. The owners then hired Vermurlen Architecture to re-design the damaged hotel into condominium style single-family units. The design for this project was based upon the site and the formation of lake ice in the winter. Ice formations begin with the wave action; small ice spheres form which, then develop into large spheres hence the circular design. The project was very unique, in that the original building was a big band dance hall. The main area had a clear span of 60 feet. The local building and zoning took almost six months for approvals. The existing roof was raised in one piece, which weighed 200,000 lbs approximately 10 feet for the proper heights between floors. The owners also wanted strict controls on the sub contractors that actually did the work so Vermurlen Architecture acted as the Construction Manager for this project.



View under construction showing the roof in raised position.



View looking up into the center Atrium.



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