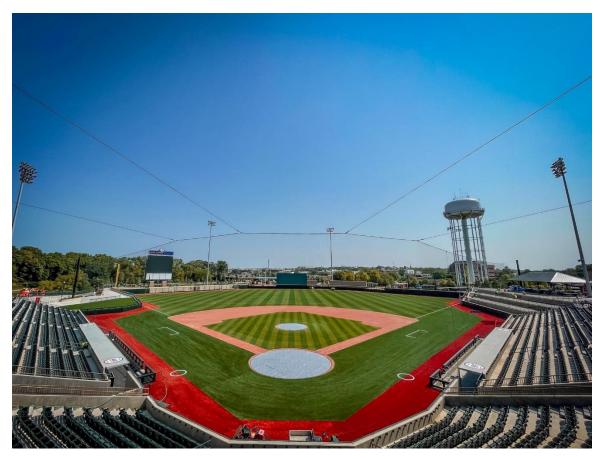


Proud Partner of ABC Supply Stadium: Home of the Beloit Sky Carp



(Photo courtesy of the Beloit Sky Carp.)

While the <u>Beloit Sky Carp</u> kick off the 2022 Season at <u>ABC Supply Stadium</u> this month, it wasn't that long ago the possibility of Minor League Baseball disappearing from Beloit felt very real.

You see, the Beloit Sky Carp (formerly known as the Beloit Snappers) previously called Pohlman Field home. It was an older stadium located in the middle of an older neighborhood with no other attractions to being fans in, and the team's attendance numbers reflected that. So, when the Beloit Snappers found themselves on the list of potential teams to eliminate when the MLB took over the governance of the Minors, three very important people pulled together to save Minor League Baseball in Beloit.

Diane Hendricks, a pillar of the Beloit community, Quint Studer, owner of the Pensacola Blue Wahoos baseball team, and his wife Mary Studer pitched a plan to Major League Baseball for how they would build a stadium entirely through private funding, and that Studer would own the franchise and make it a success. And as an added bonus to saving baseball in the Beloit community, the stadium would be constructed with as much local manpower and materials as possible.

"CCI is honored to have been chosen as the general contractor to build ABC Supply Stadium," said Mark Hartwig, Project Manager for CCI. "The stadium will serve as a catalyst to help create vibrancy in downtown Beloit and the surrounding community. The first stadium in the nation to meet all current MLB facility standards, it's also more than just a place to watch baseball. The family-friendly venue will host concerts, youth sports, and other seasonal events."

While CCI explored its options for stadium risers - including form and pour concrete and composite deck type systems with structural steel. Hartwig said precast was chosen for its flexibility, durability, and quality of design. Mid-States Concrete provided more than 220 riser pieces for the stadium.

"Besides baseball being the American pastime, you do not get many opportunities to be part of building a state-of-the-art baseball stadium in your hometown," said Jeremy Olivotti, Vice President of Preconstruction for Mid-States. "This is a park our community will enjoy. A park our team and their families will enjoy and that we can be proud of."

Hartwig said the use of precast concrete risers saved probably about 40-percent compared to other systems, as well as four- to six-weeks of schedule. Logistically, precast concrete was a huge benefit as once the precast concrete is set, there is very little work that needs to be done after and the crew could move on to the next trade.

"The stadium will be in use for generations to come," added Mid-States Project Manager Brad McCaslin. "Each (visitor) will walk, stand, and sit on our risers."

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Senior Living Projects Utilize Precast Foundation Walls, Find Savings: Part 2



Caption: The Waters of Pewaukee is a three-story, 115 apartment building, with a one-story wing with memory care units, as well as 24 individual cottages. Precast concrete was used for the foundation walls and parking structure of the building.

When <u>Continental Building Co.</u> became the general contractor on the Waters of Pewaukee project in Pewaukee, Wisc., one of the first things that needed consideration was the foundation of the building.

Project Manager John Vitovsky said while his team typically goes with CMU foundation walls, while the project was still in the design phase his team anticipated precast foundation wall panels would be much faster that using CIP or even CMU. They also selected precast foundation walls due to the region of the project.

"At the time we anticipated setting during the winter, which cast-in-place would have created schedule issues due to weather," Vitovsky said.

And although Vitovsky didn't necessarily find material savings by utilizing precast, savings are realized elsewhere.

"Definitely through schedule, which tends to be priceless when working for a client such as The Waters," he said.

Vitovsky acknowledged that as of the design phase, he would definitely recommend the use

of precast foundation walls, since the scheduling aspect is very enticing, but felt his experience could be better evaluated at the end of the project.

"We have a lot of experience with precast from other projects... and feel this is much easier for coordination and for scheduling," he said.

Precast Components:

28,994 square feet of hollow core

41 beams

43 columns

167 wall panels

1,318 square feet of solid slabs

Project Partners:

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