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NEW BLUEWATER YMCA OPENS

Bloomfield Hills, Mich., May 1, 2009 — The new Bluewater YMCA, Port Huron, Michigan, is officially open. The family-friendly YMCA offers state-of-the-art facilities and amenities for a wide range of age groups and interests. The Y includes a full service day care wing as well as a suite for drop-in childcare during workouts. TMP Associates, architects for the new YMCA, designed the facility to accommodate multi-tiered membership options as well as access to covered parking. The new building allows the Y to provide increased programming opportunities to the community in a safe and comfortable environment. One important example is the natatorium, which accommodates lap swimming in one pool but also features a water playground for children and parents to enjoy year round in the leisure pool.

The 65,000 square foot riverfront facility is organized around a central spine with a public entry at each end, while a third entry provides secure, controlled access to the childcare center. Patrons have dramatic views from the upper lobby into the aquatics center, the gymnasium and of the adjacent St. Clair River. In addition to the central spine acting as the facility's lobby, it separates member functions from non-member functions and is easily supervised from the control desk area.

TMP, celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, has offices in Bloomfield Hills and Portage, Michigan as well as Columbus, Ohio. The firm produces a variety of sports and recreation projects for K-12 educational, college / university and municipal clients. Recent award-winning projects include two new LEED Silver Certified high schools in Michigan: Whitmore Lake High School, Whitmore Lake and Skyline High School, Ann Arbor. Some of the firm's current projects include a new Community Recreation Center for the City of Dearborn Heights, Michigan and a Life Sciences Facility for Michigan State University's College of Nursing.

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