

Detroit Opera House Selects AZEK Pavers to Bring Scenic City Views to “Sky Deck”

Skokie, IL - The Detroit Opera House has selected AZEK Pavers to transform its “Sky Deck,” with spectacular views of the city, into an outdoor entertainment and events venue. Manufactured by AZEK Building Products, AZEK Pavers are made with up to 95% recycled content. They install up to three times faster than traditional pavers on a unique grid system and are about one-third the weight.

As a non-profit, the Detroit Opera House rooftop project was funded by a private donation from Northville, MI, residents Lee and Floy Barthel. According to Jason Warzecha, Director of Operations, 9,800 square feet of AZEK Pavers, in Boardwalk and Redwood colors, were quickly and easily installed by the Theater’s maintenance staff.

“The AZEK Paver installation allowed our four-person team to finish the job in two weeks without any issues,” said Warzecha. “It would have taken months with traditional pavers.” He noted the pavers are much easier to engrave, and 25 engraved pavers in the center of the patio are dedicated to the Barthels’ generosity.

The building’s 360° view includes the Fisher Theater, Detroit Tiger’s baseball field, and other scenic marvels. “It’s truly one of the best views in the city and now our patrons have access to it,” says Warzecha.

Constructed in 1922, the opera house’s original gravel and tar roof remained unused. “The gravel was uncomfortable to walk on and the surface was uneven, so when it rained there were



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puddles,” said Warzecha. “We love the AZEK Paver patio - it’s a much more forgiving surface. And we know it will last a long time with little maintenance.” He was impressed that AZEK Pavers added little weight to the project with no wet saws or special tools needed for installation.

The crew used EnkaDrain 3801® drainage mats under the pavers, once the substrate was evened out. The mats lay flat and the breathable fabric allows water to pass through from top to bottom, preventing stagnant water from collecting underneath.

Already a popular venue for weddings and private parties, the newly beautified Sky Deck opens up a new source of revenue and should pay for itself rather quickly, according to Warzecha.

“The AZEK Paver patio adds an exciting new dimension to the Opera House’s ability to entertain and host events, with views you cannot find anywhere else in the city,” he added.

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