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How Long is Long-Life?

Many pavements across the U.S. are decades old...and still counting! ACPA is excited to look back at a few previous award-winning pavements to show they are still going strong.

Village of Kimberly, Wisconsin

ACPA recognized the Village of Kimberly, Wis., in 2018 with its Harold J. Halm Presidential Award, an award presented selectively to individuals or organizations showing distinguished achievement...and an achievement is exactly what this village's commitment to concrete pavement was. Devising and executing a plan to pave exclusively with concrete, the village reconstructed 1,500–2,000 linear feet per year of its asphalt roadways over a number of years to reach 100 percent concrete pavements in 2018.

“Because the Village of Kimberly invested in long-life concrete streets, their roads remain in excellent condition even today, with little to no issues—freeing up funds once spent on maintenance to now enhance parks and recreation for the community,” said Jackie Spoor, president, Wisconsin Concrete Pavement Association.

The Village of Kimberly Department of Public Works website indicates there are “no streets budgeted to be reconstructed [in 2025].” The department also expects minimal road projects in upcoming years, with reconstruction anticipated for only one street in 2026, one in 2028 and one in 2029. With a smaller percentage of tax revenue going to street maintenance, the Village has reallocated those funds to enhance



their parks and other community areas. This means concrete has enhanced residents' lives in two ways: creating smoother roads to drive on and allowing for a greater number of recreational offerings.

Village of Kimberly's Concrete Pavement Strategy

The Village of Kimberly is located in Outagamie County, Wis., and covers an area of 2.4 square miles. Its roads serve a population of 7,529 people (as of 2024).

The decision to use concrete came in response to residents who were dismayed, in the mid-1980s, to find they were being charged assessments to repair asphalt streets that had been placed only 20 years earlier. The residents were looking for a

longer-lived solution, so village administrators conducted a life-cycle cost analysis that indicated concrete streets would help them avoid the cost of repeated repaving projects.

A reconstruction schedule was developed that took into consideration the replacement of infrastructure below the road, which limited the total amount of construction time. Village residents, who are assessed the cost of repaving the road on which their homes or businesses are located, were kept apprised of when they would be paying their assessments, enabling them to plan for the expenditure. As a result of careful planning and communication, along with concrete's inherent durability, village administrators reported at the time of the award “No one has ever asked us to go back to paving streets with asphalt.” ▲