TAMARACK VILLAGE - WOODBURY, MN
Belgard® Hardscapes Provides 35,000 Square Feet of Diamond Pro Stone Cut® Retaining Wall System.

The Challenge
Located in the fast-growing Twin Cities suburb of Woodbury, Minnesota, the Tamarack Village project presented several challenges. A brand-new development created from the ground up out of corn and soybean fields, the project involved the creation of shopping areas, businesses and parking lots, all of which required extensive hardscaping. Contractors faced the challenge of installing 35,000 square feet of retaining wall, creating a land bridge and a detention pond, all while keeping within state and city building codes and watershed requirements.

The Solution
Completing the project required extensive coordination among the developers, engineers and contractors, especially involving the creation of the detention pond. According to lead contractor Matt Barron of Burnsville, Minnesota-based Hardscape Construction, Inc., the contractors had to work quickly to install the retaining wall before any rain had a chance to fall.

“We timed the construction of the pond during July and August, when we wouldn’t be as likely to have any rain, we had to plan out what to build each day to make sure it went up on time.”

Matt Barron
Hardscape Construction, Inc.

Barron agreed that using the Diamond Pro Stone Cut® retaining wall system played a large part in the success of the project.
I've been working with the Anchor Block Company and Belgard® products for years, and I think that of all the distressed-face styles of block out there, the Diamond Pro Stone Cut block is the easiest to install and work with. I think if we had used a traditional beveled-face block, the site would have been overwhelmed with gray concrete. The Diamond Pro Stone Cut wall system has a much more natural, stone-like appearance in its face and color. You end up seeing the whole site at once, not just the retaining walls.

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The Results

In the end, everyone was pleased with how the project turned out. Tamarack Village is now a thriving shopping and business area that continues to grow, and the planning and construction efforts of the engineers and contractors have clearly paid off.

It's definitely a keepsake project for our company—we're really proud of it. We plan on showing this one off for a long time.

Matt Barron
Hardscape Construction, Inc.

About Belgard®

Belgard, part of Oldcastle APG, offers a complete collection of paver and wall products for outdoor living spaces, walkways, driveways, parking areas and retaining walls. Available in a range of styles, premium Belgard products have been found in America’s finest homes and award-winning commercial and retail properties since 1995. For more information, visit Belgard.com or call 1-877-Belgard (235-4273). Oldcastle APG is part of CRH’s Building Products division. CRH is a leading global diversified building materials group, employing c.85,000 people at c.3,600 operating locations in 32 countries worldwide. CRH is the largest building materials company in North America and the second largest worldwide.

The project incorporates small, artistic details like planters and fences to give the large wall personality.

The contractors needed to build the detention pond quickly, before it filled with storm water.