

LARGE-SCALE INDUSTRIAL / ADAPTIVE REUSE

Selective Demolition & Environmental Remediation

Former Shaw Walker Factory 920 Washington Avenue, Muskegon, MI

MELCHING, INC.

Client: Higley Construction

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Project Overview

Melching completed a 730,000 sq. ft. selective demolition at the former Shaw-Walker Production Facility to support redevelopment. The work focused on clearing interior spaces while preserving the building's structural shell.

Scope included removal of interior walls, finishes, roofing elements, and discontinued areas, along with environmental abatement and surface preparation. All work was carefully sequenced to protect the structure and limit weather exposure, delivering a clean, open interior ready for future residential construction.



Approach

- Selective demolition across a 730,000 sq. ft. facility
- Removal of interior finishes and non-structural elements
- Demolition of discontinued building areas
- Saw cutting for new stairways and mechanical openings
- Interior concrete removal
- Sequenced work to protect structure and limit weather exposure

Environmental & Abatement

- Asbestos abatement throughout the facility
- Paint removal from all interior surfaces
- Lead coatings handled per requirements
- Surface preparation for future construction

Equipment & Resources

- Telehandlers and telehandler crane
- Man lifts and fork trucks
- Compact excavators for interior work
- Specialized saw-cutting equipment

Schedule & Results

- 20-month duration
- Work sequenced to protect from weather
- Clean, open interiors delivered
- Structure prepared for residential redevelopment

As a Compass-certified contractor, Melching met stringent safety and compliance standards on this selective demolition project.

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Before



During



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