

## **COMERICA PARK MOVING IN THE FENCES**

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Prior to undertaking any task, a Project Manager endeavors hard to foresee all possible snags and potential pitfalls of the project before commencing. However, no matter how thorough you plan, organize and map out the project. The true test of your competence comes to surface when faced with the unknown. What do you do when all your experience and knowledge comes up against solving dilemmas you have never encountered? The answer is creativity and team work. Relying on these two foundations for success enabled a challenging situation to hit a home run.

The project was delayed until winter. Bare frozen earth was the challenge as the left field home run fence was moved closer to home plate by 25 feet. Deadline date was March 30, 2003, opening day. The earliest opening day the Tigers have scheduled in their history. The process and methods were recalculated and adjusted to meet the deadline. Specialized equipment plus some ingenuity and working late into the night accomplished our goal. Working with the grounds staff and management of the Tigers organization also contributed to the success of the project. We partnered together and worked as one as all winning teams do.