Introduction:
The Village of Orland Park and renowned Midwest multifamily developer Flaherty & Collins Properties are committed to excellence. They united to create a link between the past and the present of the village while developing a new downtown area. McHugh Construction brought their masonry knowledge to the table to save the project 4 million dollars in construction!
The first phase of the Orland Park, IL downtown project is the multifamily Ninety 7 Fifty on the Park with 178 one bedroom apartments and 117 two bedroom apartments for a total of 295 total units. The total floor area for the multifamily building is 486,445 ft². Located near the Metra station and major highways this development is slotted to bring in population to the new downtown.

“The System”, load bearing concrete masonry with hollow core precast planks provides a fast, efficient, and cost effective building solution for multifamily residences. Ninety7Fifty on the Park in Orland Park, Illinois was a great success story for “The System”. These days’ general contractors are often brought into the building planning process before architects and act as the owner’s advisors for cost savings during construction. General contractors align themselves with different structural systems that have worked in the past for jobs.

At Ninety7Fifty on the Park two general contractors were brought in before McHugh, and each brought with them their preferred structural system. One brought structural steel and another brought precast panels. The final choice for the structural system was load bearing concrete masonry with hollow core precast planks based largely on cost savings versus steel and precast structural systems. The Illinois Structural Masonry Coalition commissioned two independent estimators to analyze the cost comparisons between the precast panels and masonry construction. Their separate estimates both showed masonry savings upwards of $4,000,000 dollars.

Masonry was shown on this job to shorten the schedule and save time. Masonry does not require prefabrication, and masons can be on a job with a week’s notice constructing on a foundation. McHugh chose the structural system to be masonry construction because buildings up to six stories tall can be efficiently constructed for the best cost. Another reason that masonry was chosen over precast was the varying heights
and openings in the exterior were difficult to manufacture. Masonry provided the architect with more avenues for creativity in design.

The concrete masonry units were specified in the structural plans to be 4500 psi ASTM C-90 block, Type S Portland cement/lime mortar for load bearing applications and 2500 psi for minimum for the grout. These increases to the individual components in the wall assembly allowed the structural engineer to feel comfortable specifying 2500 psi for the compressive strength of the masonry assemblage, $f'_{m}$. A one foot length of wall with 10” grouted cells using 2500 psi compressive strength will support 300,000 lbs at the very least.

Below: CMU pier between large openings in between garage doors
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ORLAND PARK MASONRY ORDINANCE

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Building Director. Brick or other masonry materials are required on all sides of nonresidential development.

The encouragement for predominance of masonry on new development continues to support Orland Park’s long range planning goals of maintaining the value of housing within their neighborhoods. The use of masonry also supports the community’s goal of supporting building materials on new development that conserve energy and also encourage the character the Village wishes to preserve within their built environment.

Time lapse of construction

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nnSyuzOe57k

Right: Structural detail of load bearing
12" CMU with supporting hollow core precast planks with a brick veneer
# Masonry Wall Schedule

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**Masonry Notes:**

- Provide full mortared bed (FMB) for all masonry walls.
- Continue reinforcing in schedule up through 7th floor.
- See details on this sheet for additional masonry reinforcing.
- Provide domes to concrete to match wall reinforcing.
- Provide additional (12) vertical bar at each side of opening up to 2'-0" wide, placed 1'-0" max. from edge of opening.
- Provide additional (12) vertical bar at each side of opening greater than 2'-0" wide, placed 1'-0" max. from edge of opening (typ. u.c.l.)
- Provide additional (12) vertical bar at each masonry wall end, placed 8'-0" max. from end of wall. This is applicable each side of moment walls.
- All vertical bars to be grooved solid in cau cores.
- Provide 9 gage 2-0" long, threaded type, galvanized, joint reinforcing vertically at 12" o.c., max. see accompanying specs for coordination with other anchorages.
- Provide joint reinforcing within first two bed joints above and below all wall openings and extend minimum 2'-0" past the edge of such openings.
- Provide joint reinforcing within 6" of the top of all walls.
- Solid core may be solid, 6 inch, hollow units or minimize the solid units.
- See 1/2" plans for locations of masonry keys.
- All horizontal or horizontal deformed reinforcing to be lapped a minimum of 12 gage diameters where laps are required.
- All non-bearing masonry walls to be reinforced with 9 gage, 2-0" long, placed 1 additional, bar at all corners, ends and openings. Provide 9 gage, joint reinforcing at 12" o.c., max.
- Specify all below grade cau cores solid.

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**Masonry wall schedule and general notes**
Right: Wall assembly plan and section view
Left: Wall cross-section