

# Beechnut Baby Food Facility

## Commercial Site Development

**Location:** Town of Florida, NY

**Client:** The Facility Group/Hero U.S.A.

**Value:** \$11.2 million

### Overview

Beechnut Baby Foods, long located in Montgomery County in the village of Canajoharie, had outgrown its original plant but made a commitment to stay in the county by building a modern new facility on a 94-acre site. Our work on this commercial site development project included 700,000 cubic yards of cut to fill, which included blasting 300,000 cubic yards of rock. In addition, we were responsible for infrastructure work including storm sewer, sanitary sewer, domestic water, and fire protection. Paving, landscaping, and fencing will complete this job.

### Challenge

Both the rock we encountered and soil conditions presented challenges. In addition, the season was a wet one, creating a muddy, difficult-to-work site. We corrected the composition of the soil by bringing in sand. The rock, which was not at the same level, could only be moved to certain locations and placed a certain depth and could not be placed in the building area.

**“Because conditions changed frequently, we stayed flexible to meet the goals of the project.”**



### Solution

Because of our experience in complex site development, we knew how to adjust for conditions on this design/build project, even on a daily basis. Our approach to moving earth changed depending on the soil we encountered and its shale content. We responded to other challenges, such as a change in road location, by accommodating to the circumstances.

### Result

Slated for completion in July 2009, this rewarding and challenging project finds us on track and on schedule. The client, pleased with our work to date, expanded our scope of services to include additional sitework such as utilities.

**“Moving the amount of rock we encountered was a challenge, but we placed it strategically in an efficient manner.”**

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