

Recent Awards

2006 American Institute of Architects (AIA) Committee on the Environment (COTE) Top Ten Green Award

*Campus Master Plan and Phased Site Improvements
Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Monroe Michigan*

“The projects chosen in the Top Ten for 2006 included striking examples of integrated thinking, design excellence, strong energy performance, and mindfulness of water, site, and community matters.” – Henry Siegel, FAIA, of the COTE national advisory group. Jury Comments: “The sisters’ comment that sustainability is a moral mandate was compelling. And here they showed how to be smart with reuse. There is also a strong connection to the neighborhood and a reconstructed wetland, showing how the building engaged in its site and place. There’s a real sensitivity to aging occupants...”

2006 Philadelphia Water Department Stormwater Best Management Practices Recognition Awards

*Overbrook Environmental Education Center
Community Design Collaborative of AIA Philadelphia
Philadelphia PA*

This award is given to projects which support the Office of Watershed’s vision for a “Clean Water - Green City” the goal of which is to unite the City with its water environment, creating a green legacy for future generations while incorporating a balance between ecology, economics and equity.

2005 American Society of Landscape Architects Award of Excellence, Analysis and Planning

*Noisette Community Master Plan
North Charleston SC*

Developed with the hands-on participation in a three-year community-driven design process – the master plan sets forth guidelines and recommendations to create “The New American City” in North Charleston

The ASLA competition jurors called the master plan a “great example at every scale of investigation” that addresses “important issues for our time” with an “unclipped and compelling presentation”. The Noisette process of “inventorying the asset”, looking at the community’s strengths to determine long-term, sustainable solutions was cited by the ASLA web site as, “Together, these elements form the integrated planning basis for establishing the Noisette Community of North Charleston as the leading sustainable redevelopment of an urban environment in the United States.”



Immaculate Heart of Mary courtyard, Monroe, Michigan



above: On site with the students of Overbrook Environmental Education Center, Phila. PA; left: The Master Plan includes porous paving, rain gardens, flow-through planters and a restored woodland



Noisette Creek and the Cooper River

(Left) Noisette Creek Preserve with proposed multi-use trails connecting from the river back to the community.

Recent Awards, continued

2005 Community Design Award

*Community Design Collaborative of AIA Philadelphia
Overbrook Environmental Education Center
Philadelphia PA*

Developed a plan to transform a brownfield into an urban oasis. "Most environmental centers are in parks or natural areas. This one will be on a commercial corridor – you can't get more urban than that!"

2005 Design Honor Award for Renovation

*Faith & Form Magazine and The Interfaith
Forum on Religion, Arts and Architecture
Renovation of the Motherhouse
Monroe MI*

2004 Honor Award for Historic Preservation & Citation of Merit

*Pennsylvania Chapter of The American Institute of Architects
The Philadelphia Navy Yard Building 10
Philadelphia PA*

2004 Citation of Merit

*Pennsylvania Chapter of The American Institute of Architects
Roberts Hall Renovation & Addition at the
University of Pennsylvania Law School
Philadelphia PA*

2004 Green Building Award

*First Place, Excellence in Design, Multi-use Residential, NE Energy Association &
AIA Pittsburgh, Green Design Citation
Felician Sisters Convent & School
Coraopolis PA*



Newly planted meadows for the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary



Constructed wetlands at the Immaculate Heart of Mary treat graywater from the facility



(Left) Courtyard at Roberts Hall,
University of Pennsylvania Law School,
Philadelphia PA



St. Francis in meadows at the Felician Sisters Convent & School, Coraopolis PA