



Northern Home for Children - Circulation Improvements

Northern Home for Children is a not for profit organization, dedicated to providing, developing, or accessing services that can support healthy, productive, and responsible lives for children throughout the Delaware Valley. The existing facilities were not designed for the organizations current broad continuum of services. Old buildings and an unwieldy layout make the site feel service disjointed.

Viridian Landscape Studio adapted their previous master plan to respond to the new City of Philadelphia stormwater regulations. Working with Hunt Engineering, they developed this plan which includes a combination of porous paving and bioswales to allow for infiltration of the first inch of rainfall.

The plan creates a new campus 'green' for recreation, an attractive entrance to the new administration building while providing clear auto and pedestrian circulation. This plan was quickly supported by the neighborhood civic association. They are using it as a benchmark ecological project for the neighborhood.

Location: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Client: Northern Home for Children
Size: 2.5 acres
Status: Completed 2008