



## Columbus School for Girls

The new Master Plan for the Columbus School for Girls recommends a 20 year building program to accommodate an increased school population and academic needs. In order to gain approval for the plan from local authorities and neighbors, it was critically important to develop images of the school's vision for the new construction. Viridian and SMP Architects collaborated with the Columbus School for Girls (CSG) to develop a long-range Master Plan. Working with a core group consisting of staff, faculty, trustees and students the design team helped the school envision its future needs, incorporating recommendations on how best to use CSG's facilities and properties. The existing school, with full Pre-K through 12 programs, is located on 8 acres in Bexley, an incorporated residential community with Columbus and is near many of the city's cultural attractions.

CSG is unique to Columbus, as it is the only

independent school for girls in the metropolitan area. The Bexley site has become very constricted, as facilities have been constructed to meet immediate needs, without looking to the future and continued growth of the campus.

The landscape plan calls for meadows and hedgerows to buffer the campus from adjacent properties. The rest of the campus is planted with a lush understory of shrubs and perennials and crowned with diverse canopy trees that frame key walks and begin to reforest the campus. Wetland swales collect stormwater which is funneled to the hedgerows and meadows.

**Location:** Columbus, Ohio

**Client:** Columbus School for Girls

**Size:** 10 acres

**Cost:** Not Disclosed