



Liberty Property Trust Axalta

In the Philadelphia Navy Yard, Viridian's resilient landscapes unify two distinctive properties owned by one developer, reinforcing the client's brand and values.

Liberty Property Trust, one of the most prolific and impactful developers in Philadelphia, asked Viridian to develop beautiful, sustainable landscapes for two of their properties in The Navy Yard. Viridian's solutions successfully balance the needs and desires of both the developer and their tenants, reinforces the design of the new buildings, and deters an overactive deer population – all while working with the Navy Yard's overall stormwater mitigation system.

At the Axalta Global Innovation Center, the world's largest coatings research and development lab, Viridian developed a colorful, sweeping landscape inspired by Axalta's groundbreaking work in color technologies and the bold form of their new building. Organized in bands of shifting year-round color, the landscape echoes the sweeping arc of the building's curved facade. Low maintenance and deer-resistant, the plants create a riverine ecosystem that will be a habitat for myriad native species and a welcome refuge for employees.

For a nearby site at 400 Rouse, the location of a massive

research laboratory, Viridian developed a complementary landscape vocabulary that is distinctive yet related. Our work helps reduce operation costs by mitigating the urban heat island effect with new trees and waves of tufted hair grass, while plants like inkberry, purple coneflower, and hyssop produce a dynamic landscape that evolves with the seasons. With their strong forms and brilliant colors, these native low-maintenance plants have all the hallmarks of a managed landscape – illustrating the viability of sustainable landscapes in even the most formal corporate setting.

At both properties, Viridian softened the large parking areas with densely planted beds that reinforce safe pedestrian circulation while reducing stormwater runoff. As a whole, Viridian's work creates a recognizable identity for Liberty's Navy Yard Properties and their appreciation for the economic and cultural value of sustainable landscapes.

Location: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Client: Liberty Property Trust

Size: 175,000sf

Cost: \$450,000

Status: Completed 2017