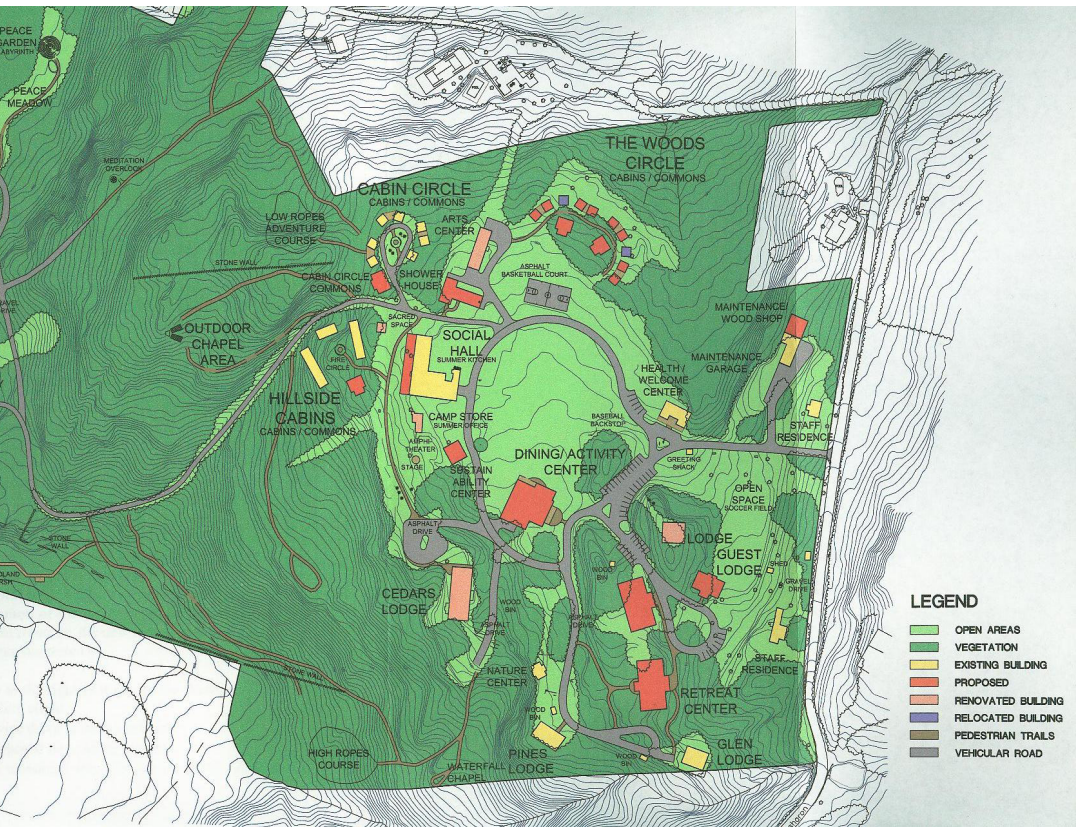

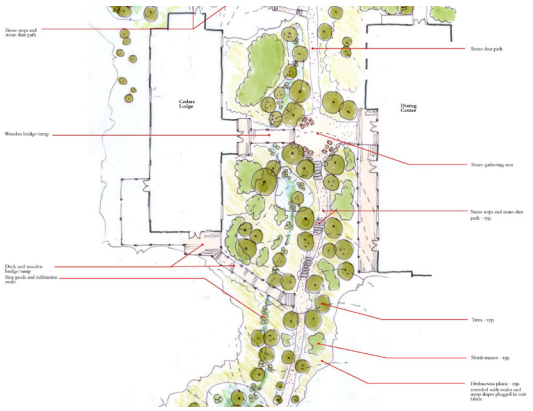

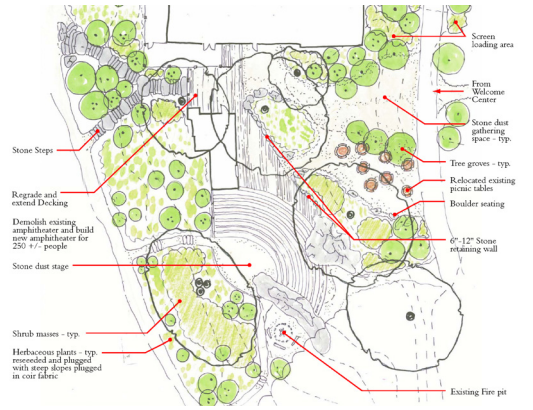

Silver Lake Conference Center

Viridian Landscape Studio was hired to develop site design and land management strategies for Silver Lake Conference Center in an effort to shift camp conventions to favor site restoration over degradation. Our goal was to recognize the natural processes of Camp Silver Lake and assist the conferees, staff, and visitors in protecting and restoring this special place.

Working with Susan Maxman & Partners (SMP), schematic architectural designs of several building projects and the landscape management plan was developed to recognize the human uses of the site: buildings, roads, play fields, etc. and add a layer of ecosystem goals to the site.

The plan illustrates four major landscape types: lawn, meadows, proposed woodlands and existing woodlands. Each type has specific sustainable goals that will enhance the camp experience and can be used to highlight living in harmony within an ecosystem.

Location: Sharon, Connnecticut
Client: Silver Lake Conference Center
Size: 61 acres
Cost: $8 million
Status: Design completed 2008