



Moore College of Art and Design: Roof Courtyards

In the summer of 2020, Viridian joined Jacobs Wyper Architects as part of the master planning team to rethink outdoor public spaces for Moore College of Art & Design in the heart of Center City, Philadelphia.

In addition to redesigning Moore's street presence, the design transforms the roofscapes of the heavily built campus into a terraced college green for the design students, faculty and staff to utilize for inspiration, recreation and teaching. It increases the usable outdoor campus footprint by 400% and provides important links between buildings including the dorm and the heart of campus, the library.

Titled "Perches and Paths," the design creates a series of wooden at different heights connected by a system of elegant ramping bridges. Each "perch" and "path" gives the user a different vantage point of the bold rolling landforms of the surrounding terraced

green roofs- one can take in the ecosystems from above and below or immerse them self by walking through.

Plantings reflect ecosystem changes as the roof terraces climb higher. Low and mid level gathering spaces reflect the lush, botanically diverse plantings of a woodland forest. Climb to the next level and find wind-sculpted trees of high tree line. Finally, arrive at the alpine mosses and sedum landscape of the highest green roofs.

Location: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Client: Moore College of Art and Design

Size: 27,800sf

Cost: In Design Phase

Status: In Design Phase