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# Historic Preservation Projects

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## Restoration, Rehabilitation & Modern Facilities

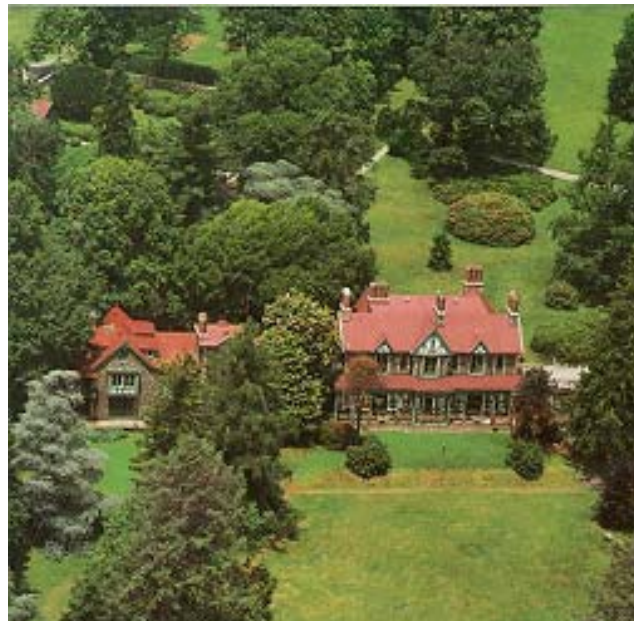
### Urban - Rural / Single Sites - Complexes

**Rockwood Museum, Wilmington, DE.** A 70-acre National Register County park with an 1852 Gothic mansion, Gardenesque landscape, a 1920s rose garden and numerous historic outbuildings.

- Historic Landscape Report
- Site Programming and Interpretation
- Master Plan with Aerial perspectives
- Construction Documents for entrance road and new parking area

**Hopewell Furnace Village National Historic Park, Berks & Chester County, PA.** Landscape consultants for a Cultural Landscape Report for the National Park Service's first industrial site. 848 acres with woodlands, meadows and numerous historic and natural features.

- GPS and GIS Mapping
- Period and Existing Conditions Site Plans
- Cultural Landscape Report



Rockwood Museum

**Philadelphia Zoo Exterior Plaza Renovations, Philadelphia, PA.** Documents for a new plaza for America's first zoo with historic Furness & Evans gatehouses, fencing, and Sycamores.

- Zoo Paving and lighting standards
- Planting, grading and electrical plans
- Custom curb fencing and serpentine walls
- Retrofitting ADA compliance
- Construction phase and additional scopes

**The Benjamin Franklin Parkway Site Improvements, Philadelphia, PA.** Landscape architects and planners for Parkway improvements primarily between the Art Museum and Logan Square based on Jacques Greber's Beaux Arts principles.

- Historic Landscape Summary Report
- Complete Existing Condition Analysis
- Development of site standards
- Concept Development Plans

**Cultural Landscape Reports • Master Plans • Construction Documents**



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# Historic Projects      Gardens & Museums



1820s Rose Garden  
Wyck, Philadelphia

**Wyck, Germantown, PA.** A 2-acre remnant parcel and house dating from the 1600s, with the house renovated by William Strickland in the 1820s. Landscape features included the oldest documented continuously maintained rose garden in the United States, numerous historic outbuildings and mature plants. The Garden Committee played a pivotal role in refining the:

- Historic Landscape Summary Report with period site plans
- Landscape Restoration Recommendations
- Site Improvement Scopes of Work
- Phase I Construction Documents
- On-going Consultations

**Grey Towers National Historic Landmark, Milford, PA.** Estate of Gifford Pinchot currently owned by the U.S. Forest Service and the Pinchot Institute. 19th C. French chateaux mansion, formal gardens, numerous outbuildings and managed forest areas. William Menke provided:

- Historic Landscape Report w/ HABS plans
- Restoration, interpretation, and management guidelines
- Maintenance Manual

**William Trent House, Trenton, NJ.** A 1721 house restored in the 1930s by the WPA, with site elements and gardens from a 1938 Colonial Revival recreation led by NYC landscape architect Isabella Pendleton funded by the Trenton Garden Club. Construction Documents included:

- Bus Drop-off & Staff Parking
- ADA Access & Regrading
- New walkways & Courtyard Paving
- Tree & Site Element Restoration

**Old School House, Mt. Holly, NJ.** Oldest one-room school house still on its original site with Colonial Revival garden elements designed by a landscape architect in the 1950s, owned by the Colonial Dames.

**Lemon Hill, Philadelphia, PA .** Restoration report and plan for the area immediately surrounding this significant 1800 manor house incorporating a 1920s Fiske Kimball landscape design in Fairmount Park.

- Existing Conditions Plan
- Research Restoration Report
- Planting & Paving Restoration
- New Parking & Fencing Improvements

**Oatlands, Leesburg, VA.** A nationally significant 260-acre estate with formal terraced gardens and outbuildings owned by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Carol Menke as Project Landscape Planner.

- Visitation and Use Analysis
- Property Development Plan

**Northampton Historical Society, Northampton, MA.** Master Facilities Plan for a complex of three historic houses from three centuries.

- Master Facilities Plan
- Fencing, Paving & Parking Designs

# Historic Projects    Urban Landscapes

**Philadelphia City Hall Master Plan, Philadelphia, PA.** A \$1.5 million Master Plan for the restoration, modernization and rehabilitation of this 6-acre National Historic Landmark.

- Historic Landscape Report
- CADD drawings of site elements
- Site Assessment Conditions Report
- ADA Site Compliance Report
- Landscape Plan with Cost Estimates
- Practices and Procedures Site Manual

**Fairmount Water Works, Philadelphia, PA.** \$23M restoration of the National Landmark 1840s-70s South Garden and 1920s Italian Circle with parking and access site improvements.

- Historic Landscape Report
- Existing Conditions Assessment
- Construction Documents for:
  - South Garden and Cliffside Restoration
  - Engine House Site Adaptive Reuse
  - Italian Fountain Beaux Arts Restoration
  - Schuylkill Recreational Trail Connector
  - Fairmount & Aquarium Drive Parking
- Agency Approvals & Construction Observ.

**Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia, PA.** New paving and planting for Philadelphia's premier Landmark urban square dating from the 1600s with later historic elements. Consultants for pool restoration and rehabilitation

- Historic Landscape Findings Report
- Planting guidelines
- Documents for new paving
- Approvals & Construction Administration.

**Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA.** William Menke as Project Manager for 50-acre site Master Plan and Forecourt Restoration. M&M for East Terrace Drive paving restoration.

- Historic Landscape Report
- Forecourt & E. Terrace Drive Documents
- Maintenance & Management Plan

**Eakins Oval, Philadelphia, PA.** Landscape consultants for 1.2 million two-phase rehabilitation and improvement project for a visually and historically important urban site. Implementation phase of the Benjamin Franklin Parkway Plan.

- Historically Sympathetic New Paving
- New Visitor Safety Improvements
- Special Event Access & Use
- Beaux Arts Formal Planting
- Historic Lighting & Bollards



The South Garden in the 1870s.  
Fairmount Water Works

**Rodin Museum, Philadelphia, PA.** Paving restoration involving importing specially dimensioned limestone from France, new sympathetic materials, and protection for "The Thinker."

**Frankford Arsenal Historical and Archeological Survey, Philadelphia, PA.** Carol Menke as Project Coordinator for the City and the US Army for a site containing over 300 structures.



# Historic Projects Cultural Landscapes

**Finns Point, Alexandria, Hampton and Phoebus National Historic Cemeteries, New Jersey & Virginia.** Separate contracts for four National Cemeteries for the Veteran's Administration.

- Historic Document Review
- Landscape Condition Assessment Report
- Preservation Treatment Recommendations

**Preservation Consultant Services, PA.** Project team members for a 5-year open ended consultant contract to provide historic and modern landscape architectural services to the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC). Site improvement examples include:

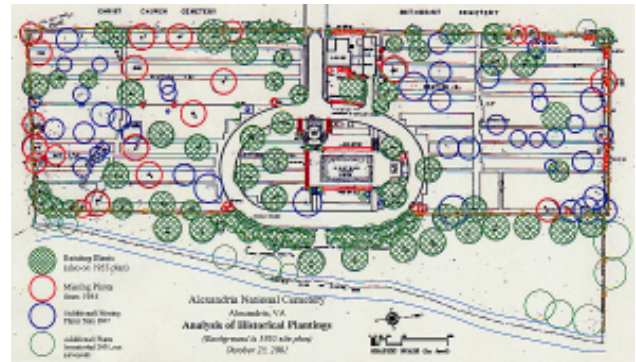
- Somerset Historical Center
- Tuscarora Academy
- Robert Fulton's Birthplace

**Mount Pleasant, Philadelphia, PA .** Viewshed Restoration documents for restoring the view to and from the Schuylkill River of an important 18th C. manor house in Fairmount Park.

- Research Restoration Report
- Planting Construction Documents & Estimates
- Garden Club Presentations
- Natural Lands Restoration Coordination



Thomas and Mina Edison in the Moonlight Garden, Fort Myers.



Alexandria National Historic Cemetery, Virginia

**Appleford and Parsons-Banks Arboretum, Villanova.** Historic public estate restored in the 1920s by Brognard Okie with gardens designed by Thomas Sears heavily used as a rental facility and arboretum by the Township.

A few of the multi-year landscape projects included several garden restorations (Wild, Maze, Perennial) new paving, handicapped parking and walkways, weir and pond reconstruction, tree labels, sculpture, garden railings, lighting, and stone walls. Construction Phases II-IV had the following elements:

- Repair Recommendations & Estimates
- Maintenance and Management Schedule
- Construction Documents
- Construction Administration

**Thomas A. Edison Winter Estate & Laboratories, Fort Myers, FL.** A Cultural Landscape Report for a nationally significant 14-acre home, guest house and laboratories featuring unique outbuildings, early concrete pools, botanical research and ornamental gardens.

As a heavily visited site, the site also incorporated a large museum, a launch for his electric boat and many other visitor facilities.

- Treatment Recommendations for each element
- Guidelines for Visitor Facility Improvements
- Interpretive, Management & Maintenance recommendations

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# Historic Projects Cultural Rural Landscapes

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**Peachfield Plantation, Mt. Holly, NJ.** 120-acre 18th C. rural estate with a farmhouse restored by Brognard Okie and a 1930s garden, owned by the Colonial Dames.

- Cultural Landscape Report
- Property Development Plan
- On-going Consultations

**Wills Farmstead Cultural Landscape Study, Gettysburg, PA.** Newly acquired a 200-acre farm complex as part of the National Park Service's Gettysburg National Military Park.

- Historic Report with period site plans
- Interpretive, use & management report

**Robbins Estate and Riding Academy, Chestertown, PA.** Property Development Plans 50-acre historic estate with new equestrian facilities.

**Tusculum, Princeton, NJ.** Contracted by the Township's Office of Historic Preservation to provide expert assessment of an owner's proposal to remove a Norway Spruce driveway alley on an historically important National Register property.

- Assessment Report with Findings
- Expert Testimony at Hearing



Peachfield Plantation, Mt. Holly

**White Farm, Princeton, NJ.** An historic farmstead site containing the event which led to the Battle of Princeton.

- Historic Research Report
- Existing conditions evaluation
- Site Interpretive Plan

**Historic Yellow Springs, Chester Springs, PA.** A National Register site containing: 18th and 19th C. health spa with unique springhouses, ruins of a Revolutionary War hospital, 20th C. Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts outbuildings located adjacent to the natural meadows of French Creek.

Unique aspects of this multi-year project were balancing the requirements of environmental education, outdoor art exhibits and contemporary Art Institute uses, with the pond and landscape restoration.

- Historic Landscape Report
- South Meadow Master Plan
- Water Garden Construction Documents
- Wetlands Delineation & Permits
- Master Facilities Plan Consultants

South Meadow, Historic Yellow Springs

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# Historic Projects      New Improvements

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**Glenmede Estate, Bryn Mawr, PA.** Built in 1905 in the grand Main Line tradition, a 16-acre former Pew estate with significant outbuildings, entrance gates, lawns, meadows and a stream. Used as graduate student housing by Bryn Mawr College. Phase I included over \$350,000. of site work.

- Feasibility Study
- Documents for Restoration and Repair
- Documents for New Facilities

**Philadelphia Zoo North Gate Master Plan and 34th Street Parking Area, Philadelphia, PA.** Consultants for two projects involving visitor, operations, membership, route of travel and animal exhibit facilities.

- Landscape Report and Analysis
- Site Programming & Plan
- Documents for Parking Improvements

**Byberry State Hospital, Philadelphia, PA.** HABS documentation and conditions evaluation for nine Georgian Revival Buildings set in a quadrangle with 1920s plantings prior to the site's redevelopment.

**Goodhart Hall, Bryn Mawr, PA.** Feasibility study and construction documents for improvements to this important Mellor, Meigs & Howe 1926 theater building on the Bryn Mawr College campus.

- ADA Accessibility Studies
- Site Assessment & Recommendations
- Documents & Administration

**Tuxedo Park U.S. Postal Station, Tuxedo, NY.** National Register 1904 former landscape nursery office site improvements and planting plan.

- Handicapped Accessibility
- Construction Documents

**Mann Center for the Performing Arts Center and Concourse Site Improvements, Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, PA.** Multi-phase construction project for Handicapped parking and landscape improvements incorporating many features from the Centennial.

- Historic Landscape Report
- Existing Conditions Assessment
- Construction Documents

**West Chester University, West Chester, PA.** Landscape consultants for \$200,000. handicapped improvements site work. Separate Open-end contract to provide landscape architectural services. Project example: Old Main Arch Relocation

- Schematic Designs & Perspectives
- Presentation Perspective for fund raising
- Grading and Planting Plans

**English House, Bryn Mawr, PA.** Site improvements for early 20th Century Vaux estate now owned by Bryn Mawr College.

- Feasibility Study and Concept Plan
- Parking and ADA Documents
- Grading Plan & Other Site Improvements

**Sedgely Parking Area, Philadelphia, PA.** A new 300-car parking area for overflow parking in Fairmount Park considered for development in conjunction with reusing the Sedgely Guardhouse for Philadelphia Zoological Society offices.

- Schematic designs and cost estimates
- Paving, drainage plans with stabilized lawn

**Gratz Apartments, Philadelphia, PA.** An early 20th C. complex of structures imaginatively grouped with new construction around an historic garden.

- Existing Conditions Evaluation
- Site and Planting Plans

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# Historic Projects      Parks & Arboretums

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**Conrad Weiser Memorial Park, Womelsdorf, PA.** A project to restore and plan new development for a National Register Olmsted park for PHMC.

- Restoration Plan with Olmsted Pond and Planting Recommendations
- New Entrance Sequence & Parking Area

**Scott Arboretum, Swarthmore College, PA.** New paths, signage and plants for the Rhododendron Collection and Thomas Sears 1930s designed Amphitheater area.

- Inventory and Analysis
- Landscape Plans and Site Improvements

**Brandywine Park Master Plan, Wilmington, DE.** Historic landscape consultants for a 180-acre City and County Park bisected by the historic Brandywine Creek.

**Narbrook Park, Narberth, PA.** A 1915 neighborhood developed as an innovative garden community, designed by a disciple of Frederick Law Olmsted.

- Historic Landscape Report
- Restoration Site Plan

**Berks County Heritage Center, Reading, PA.** A 50-acre site within a County park with a canal collection, visitors center, the Gruber Wagon Works. Carol Menke as Project Manager.

- Building, Site & Interpretive programs
- Master Site Facilities Plan

**Pieter Claesen Wyckoff House Park, Brooklyn, NY.** New York City Parks & Recreation National Landmark site containing the earliest remaining Dutch house.

- Archeologic establishment of historic grade

**Awbury Arboretum, Philadelphia, PA.** Historic landscape consultants for a 55-acre estate with an 1860 house and a English romantic designed landscape surrounded by an urban community.

- Historic Landscape Assessment
- Consultant for Master Plan

**Springton Manor Farm, Glenmoore, PA.** National Register building being adaptively reused as a rental facility in a County park.

- Master Site and Use Plan for Complex
- Documents for new 19th C. garden
- Maintenance Manual

**Long Meadow, Prospect Park, Brooklyn, NY.** A National Register Olmsted and Vaux 1860s City park. Balancing the preservation of English landscape vistas and landscapes with the active recreational needs of an urban population were critical for William Menke as Project Manager.

- Historic Landscape Report
- Restoration and Use Master Plans
- Management and Maintenance Plan

**Newlin Mill Park, Glen Mills, PA.** Site Plans for a semi-public historic and recreational complex with an 18th century grist mill located adjacent to Chester Creek.

**Embreeville Park Master Plan, Newlin, PA.** Plan for new 682-acre County park with historic farmhouse, wetlands, woods and meadows.

**Dutch Gardens, New City, NY.** A 1930s National Register County park with formal gardens and natural creek areas.

- Landscape Inventory and Analysis
- Schematic Site Plan with Cost Estimates

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# Historic Projects    Parks & Highways

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**Newtown Recreation Trail, Newtown Township and Borough, PA.** A 3-mile regional recreational trail system connecting state and county parks by passing through residential areas and an historic district.

- Site and Recreational Assessment
- Schematic Designs for Alternative Routes

**Smedley Park Master Plan, Springfield and Nether Providence, PA.** A 120-acre subregional park adjacent to a new highway.

- Master Plan with Scopes of Work

**Mann Music Center and Concourse Site Improvements, Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, PA.** Multi-phase Master Plan and Phase I construction project for Handicapped parking and landscape site improvements within a 1/2 mile area around the Center incorporating many features from the Centennial.

- Historic & Conditions Assessment
- Construction Documents

**Marshall Square Park, West Chester, PA.** An 1850s municipal park containing historic trees and remnants as well as recreational facilities.

- Historic Landscape Analysis
- Recreational Use Recommendations

**Glendale United Methodist Church, Voorhees, NJ.** Assessment of the State highway plans to remove historically significant Sycamore trees adjacent to a 1855 National Register property.

- Assessment Report with Findings
- Expert Testimony at Hearing

**Route 202, Section 701, Bucks & Montgomery Counties.** \$1.5M Landscape Planting Plans for a multi-use trail and a new highway for PennDOT.

- Historic Landscape Mitigation



Route 141 passing the historic DuPont Nemours, Delaware

**Route 141, Delaware.** Mitigation for major road improvements near the Hagley Museum, Nemours, and other culturally sensitive areas.

- Public Participation Meetings & Materials
- Construction Documents for DeIDOT

**Route 13 (SR 1 Relief Route), Delaware.** Multi-year project to locate and design new highway. Included over \$1.5M visual and historic mitigation planting plans for the DeIDOT.

- Historic Landscape Assessment
- Mitigation Measures and Plans