

Site Features

SPRING 2011

May 13, 2011 marks the 20th anniversary of GTP formerly Glackin Associates. Part of this newsletter is a walk down memory lane, highlighting some of our experiences and accomplishments. We hope you enjoy reading it as much as we have enjoyed putting it together.



GLACKIN THOMAS PANZAK

*celebrates its
20th Anniversary!*

THE BEGINNINGS

Glackin Associates opened its doors in May, 1991, and was located on the second floor of Prudential Fox Roach's offices in Newtown Square. One desk filled the office along with a small table for plans.

Cathy Jan and Lisa Thomas joined shortly thereafter and their talents helped propel the company forward. Bern Panzak came on board in 1996. Diane Faccenda joined us in 2000 and Ann Marchino in 2001, and they have been core contributors

to our business for the last 10 years. By 2002, we were bursting at the seams and decided to move to our current location on Leopard Road in Paoli. While in Paoli, Barb Meyer, Lisa Roman, Erik Hetzel,

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Chris Garrity, Brita Van Rossum and Elizabeth Vecchione accepted positions, and we are happy to report that all of the people noted above are with us on our 20th anniversary.

GTP has provided creative and distinctive land planning and landscape architecture solutions for our clients. There are too many projects to list, but a few stand out:

- AMC Theaters
- Applecross
- Athertyn & Haverford Reserve
- The Baldwin School
- Bryn Mawr, Lankenau and Paoli Hospital expansions
- Ellis Preserve Town Center
- Friends Central School expansion

- Harriton Farm
- Numerous private residences
- Paoli Shopping Center
- Radnor Corporate Center renovations
- St. Joseph's University expansions
- Terrazza
- Waverly Heights expansions
- Windsor Ridge

During 20 years, many milestone events occurred for us including:

- Opening almost 2,100 new project files.
- Spending over 10,000 hours in municipal meetings.
- Having significant roles in the approvals of nearly 12,000 homes throughout the Region.

- Winning over 30 awards for design excellence.
- Being invited into many historic and famous homes on the Main Line.
- Contracting Lyme disease 3 times by trekking through woods and fields.
- Being chosen as landscape architects for Extreme Home Makeover Home Edition – Philadelphia.
- Working on unusual projects such as a cemetery, a metal crushing operation, a refinery, and a Caribbean island.
- Having babies, adopting children, seeing children graduate & get married, and becoming grandparents.
- Making the cover of *Landscape Architecture* magazine.

Thank you to all of our past and current clients for making these 20 years possible.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION



GTP was recognized as part of the **Bryn Mawr Hospital** team that was awarded the Go for the Green Award by the Lower Merion Township Environmental Advisory Commission. This award is for the greening of a parking area that GTP designed. It includes extensive landscaping and a rain garden to capture and absorb storm water runoff.

Athertyn at Haverford Reserve was

awarded 2010 Pyramid Awards for the Best Multi-family 55+ Community, and Best Community Clubhouse. GTP prepared the site plan and landscape architecture for **Pohlig Builders** for both awards. Athertyn at Haverford Reserve is part of a successful residential community that redeveloped the former Haverford State Hospital site in Haverford, PA. Along with municipal indoor and outdoor recreational facilities, the master planned

community includes 100 carriage homes for the **Goldenberg Group** and 198 multi-family units in Athertyn. GTP prepared the landscape architecture for the entry boulevard into the site as well as the landscape architecture for the carriage homes.

Above Athertyn at Haverford Reserve, Haverford Township.

CURRENT PROJECTS



This assignment included designing community gathering spaces, themed garden courtyards, and a pool area. This smart growth project also contains pedestrian connections to a SEPTA rail line and to the Schuylkill River Trail.

Above, The Courts at Spring Mill Station, Whitemarsh Township.



GTP was retained for several exciting projects recently. **Home Properties** chose GTP to prepare landscape architectural plans for their 385 unit apartment community in Whitemarsh Township called The Courts at Spring Mill Station. This assignment included designing community gathering spaces, themed garden courtyards, and a pool area. This smart growth project also contains pedestrian connections to a SEPTA rail line and to the Schuylkill River Trail.

We completed a Master Plan for the 24 acre **Unionville Community Park** in East Marlborough Township.

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Right, Unionville Park Master Site Plan.

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In addition to the design, we helped secure matching funds from DCNR for the project. We are also assisted the Township in seeking additional grants for the construction of Phase 1.

Litigation in the land use field has not taken a rest, and we have been retained to prepare expert witness reports in connection with several complex projects at both the federal and state level. Our work includes a mixed-use waterfront development in Philadelphia; a validity challenge in Chester County; a spot zoning challenge in Montgomery County; and a condemnation proceeding in Bethlehem, PA. GTP is also assisting Lower



Macungie Township in a substantive appeal of recently adopted ordinances.

The firm has completed signage designs for **Villanova University** and the **Villanova Law School** as part of the school's general campus improvements.

We designed residential and commercial settlement plans that were used in negotiations by our client **Matrix Development Group** and South Brunswick Township, NJ.

We prepared site plans for a neighborhood retail center in the Turks and Caicos Islands. The stores comprise phase II of an affordable housing project that GTP designed in 2007.

Most recently, GTP prepared a mixed-use Master Plan for a 165 acre redevelopment site in East Vincent Township for the **Jones Motor Company** that is currently under consideration by the Township.

PERSONNEL NOTES

Lisa Thomas, RLA, AICP, LEED AP was elected Chair of the Board of Directors at Riverbend Environmental Education Center in Gladwyne. Lisa has served on the Board for 4 years.

Bern Panzak, RLA, LEED AP has been appointed by the Cheltenham Township Board of Commissioners to serve on the Township's Sustainability Plan Committee.

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