

Site Features

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GTP has worked closely with many of the region's major health care providers and educational institutions.



Left, Episcopal Academy is transformed into the Maguire Campus of Saint Joseph's University.

The focal point of our design is the new urban plaza on the east side of the Learning Commons. An amphitheater space was created that will

INSTITUTIONAL PLANNING

For several years, **St. Joseph's University** has embarked on a major effort to enhance its facilities on City Avenue. The university has agreed to purchase the adjacent Episcopal Academy property and to incorporate the campus and its buildings into an expanded "Hawk Hill". Initially, GTP worked with **Ballard Spahr** to obtain the special exception approvals from Lower Merion Township in 2006.

We are now collaborating with **Metro**

Architects, Momenee Associates and Binswanger on a Master Plan for the new James J. Maguire Campus. The land plans include new athletic fields, campus walkways, parking areas and a new pedestrian gateway along City Avenue. In addition, GTP is the landscape architect for the new state-of-the-art Learning Commons library expansion on the main campus. Working in close collaboration with **Becker Winston / DLR Architects** has resulted in a building and setting that highlights the growth of the university.

accommodate both informal gatherings as well as planned University events. This campus crossroads will play a vital role in connecting the Main Campus to both the Merion and future Maguire Campuses.

The past year also saw our participation in an expansion plan for **West Chester University** to build two new residential halls as part of the university's long range plan to modernize student housing on campus. Our work included preparing the community and fiscal impact statements, and assisting the professional team of **MacElwee Harvey and Chester Valley Engineers** with the approvals.

GTP has been part of the master planning team for **Main Line Health System** as they expand services throughout their service area. Currently we are working on a Healing Garden design for cancer patients at the **Bryn Mawr Hospital Health Center** in Newtown Square. The Healing Garden provides private seating areas, a water feature, and creates a quiet regenerative atmosphere to be viewed and experienced by patients and their families.

Left, The Healing Garden at the Bryn Mawr Hospital Medical Center in Newtown Square.



SUSTAINABLE DESIGNS

It is difficult to pick up a newspaper or professional journal and not see a reference to sustainable design or green building technologies. Here at GTP, we have long been in the forefront of developing sustainable designs that are functional, aesthetically pleasing, and

compatible with twenty-first century needs. One design that has been used in many of our residential, office and institutional projects is a "rain garden". Rain gardens are planted

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areas that absorb storm water runoff from paved surfaces and reduce the amount of nonpoint source pollution entering streams. Native plants are typically found in the gardens because they do not require fertilizers, and are more tolerant of the local climate. The gardens use a selection of plants such as wildflowers, sedges, rushes, ferns and shrubs to take up excess water. GTP has planned rain gardens for the Crebilly Farm open space cluster development, Bryn Mawr Hospital, and Sedgley Farm. Other sustainable designs include reforestation plans for communities located in sensitive environmental areas as a way of mitigating the impacts of development.

Left, A rain garden which will capture storm water runoff at the Bryn Mawr Hospital

Left, A cluster community planned for Crebilly Farm includes a native meadow as a center piece.

LAND PLANNING HIGHLIGHTS

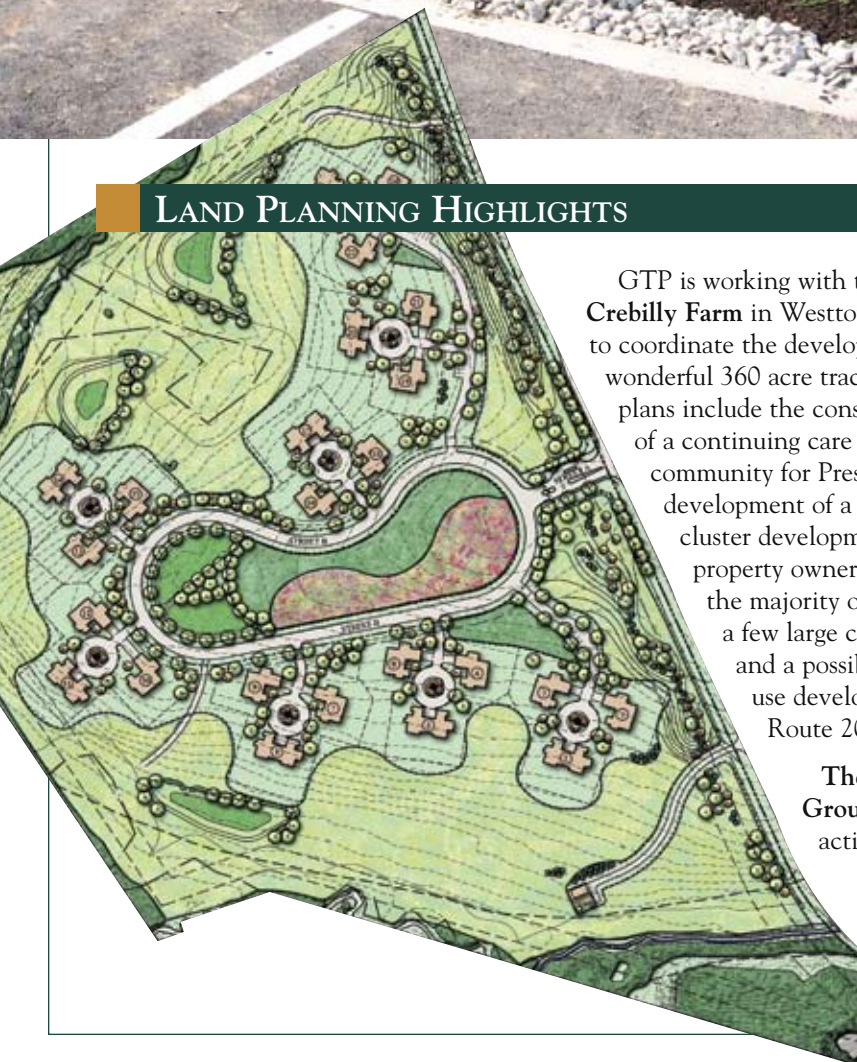
GTP is working with the owners of **Crebilly Farm** in Westtown Township to coordinate the development of this wonderful 360 acre tract. Current plans include the construction of a continuing care retirement community for Presby Homes; development of a low density cluster development with the property owner; preservation of the majority of the farm with a few large conservation lots; and a possible future mixed-use development along Route 202.

The Henderson Group has been active developers

in the Philadelphia suburbs for many years. GTP was retained to assist them with the enhancement of the ENDO Pharmaceutical campus in Chadds Ford Township and to master plan the remaining land in the Brandywine Business Park.

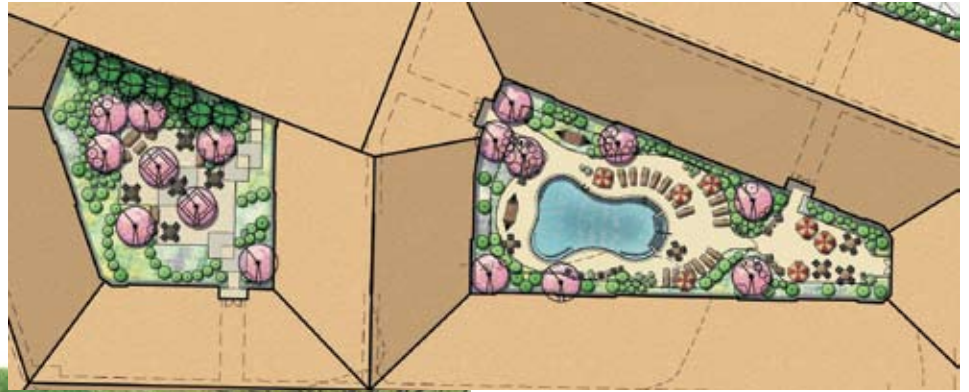
GTP is pleased to announce the completion of all municipal approvals for **Waverly Heights** in Gladwyne. This project involved a zoning change, special exception, land development approvals and conditional use approvals. GTP prepared both the land plans and landscaping plans including an enhancement to part of the township trail system. We worked with **Fromhold Jaffe and Adams, Cozen & O'Connor** and **Yerkes Associates** in this effort.

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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE HIGHLIGHTS

Brandywine Realty Trust retained GTP to redesign portions of the Radnor Corporate Center and to develop a campus Master Plan. The Center was developed in the mid 70's by the Sun Oil Company. Brandywine purchased the property in 2004 and determined that a significant landscaping facelift was needed. Working with



Above, JPI offers exciting outdoor living amenities for their residents.

Cassaccio Architects, GTP prepared renovation plans for Building #1. These landscape plans included the Matsonford Road streetscape and the two entries to the campus. We also prepared landscape architectural plans for the building entry plaza and garage structure.

GTP is currently working with JPI on an apartment complex planned for West Chester. The highlight of the plan is the design of two interior courtyards. One courtyard design incorporates a resort-like pool with spray fountains and multiple lounging spaces. The second courtyard provides areas for outdoor dining with grills and tables, complete with an outdoor living room.



Above and right, Radnor Corporate Center is updated with a new landscape identity.



AWARDS

The Montgomery County Planning Commission awarded the 2007 Land Development Award to **Pohlig Builders, LLC** and GTP for Harriton Farm in Villanova. The community was recognized for its “exceptional site design, natural features protection, and impressive historic preservation efforts”. The award noted how creative site planning can effectively retain the historic integrity of a site while creating a pleasant living environment. GTP was the land planner and landscape architect for this community.

GTP was also recognized at the same ceremony for a second Land Development Award for the Station Square Apartments and Shops in Lansdale. This community was developed by **Dewey Commercial Investors, L.P.** and recognized “the successful transformation of a former brownfield site into a mixed use transit oriented community”. GTP was the zoning consultant on the project.

Other awards we received this year

include the 2007 Pyramid Award for Best Multi-Family Community of the Year by the Home Builders Association of Chester and Delaware Counties for the Carriage Homes at Byers Station. The client for this project was **K. Hovnanian Builders**. The Home Builders Association of Bucks/Montgomery Counties awarded The Reserve at Gwynedd as the Best 55+ Single Family Community of the Year

over \$600,000. The client was **Pulte Homes**.

B.J. Drueding Builders Inc. and GTP were recognized by the **Main Line Builders Association** for the “Best Custom Home up to 6,000 square feet”, and for the “Best Residential Renovation” of the year. GTP prepared the landscape architectural designs for both homes.

PERSONNEL NOTES

Christopher H. Garrity, RLA has been named an Associate in the firm. He is the first person to be named to this position. Chris has been an integral part of our firm’s growth and success since 2002. He has had major management and design responsibility with the Applecross development for **Pulte Homes** in Downingtown, and for Athertyn at the Haverford Reserve. Chris has a degree in landscape architecture from the University of Arizona and resides in Downingtown with his wife Cheri and children Jack, Bryne and Shane.

Lisa L. Thomas, RLA, ASLA has recently been elected to the Board of Directors of Riverbend Environmental Education Center and is the chair of the Property Committee.

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