

Site Features

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Left, the new classroom entrance at The Shipley School Lower School campus.

new Friends' Central School Fannie Cox Center for Science, Math and Technology which houses state-of-the-art classroom and research facilities, and forms the cornerstone of a new campus green. This building was designed by **Graham Gund Architects** of Cambridge, MA. GTP provided landscape architectural services for the project, including plans for a rehabilitated "campus green", student drop

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CAMPUS PLANNING LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE



Above, the Friends' Central School campus green.

GTP has been involved with the expansion plans for several prominent educational institutions in the region. Schools are often faced with limited land for growth and modernization, and in their need to adapt to changes in their programs, are almost always faced with neighborhood concerns. In addition, schools built 50-100 years ago are often limited within the campuses as to where new buildings may be located. GTP has teamed with the school administrators, their boards and architects to plan exciting new facilities and to conserve historic buildings.

off and relocated parking lot. Landscape and lighting plans were developed which have transformed the core of the campus while preserving the majestic specimen trees and visually linking the adjacent buildings.

The Shipley School in Bryn Mawr completed construction of classrooms and a new athletic

GTP recently attended the opening of the

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Right, the
proposed athletic
facility for The
Baldwin School.

center for their
Lower School
recently and
developed an
adaptive reuse plan
for the historic
Beechwood House
on the campus.
GTP prepared
the landscape
architectural
plans for both
projects, which
included significant
neighborhood
buffering. The
Zelkova alley, a
prominent new
planting element,
unifies and connects several areas of the
Lower School campus along a common
walking axis.

GTP assisted **Saint Joseph's University**
with several landscape architectural



assignments. Among these were the
development of a buffer landscape to
shield the converted Merion Gardens
apartments, now a student residence hall,
from an existing neighborhood, and the
development of design alternatives for a

prominent hillside area overlooking the
school's multi-purpose athletic field.

Currently, we are involved with **The
Baldwin School** in Bryn Mawr, and **Bowie
Gridley Architects** of Washington, D.C.
in the development of a new athletic
facility. Our work has included the
preparation of buffer landscape plans that
address the concerns of nearby residents.
The firm has been actively involved
with the school and their legal counsel,
Fromhold, Jaffe & Adams, in seeking the
necessary approvals from Lower Merion
Township for a conditional use and special
exception.

Additional projects recently completed
have included school and related athletic
facilities for the **Tredyffrin-Easttown
School District** including Conestoga
High School, two elementary schools, and
a middle school in association with
Daley + Jalboot Architects.

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PERSONNEL NOTES

GT**P** is comprised of many talented
individuals who contribute their
extraordinary talent to help us
achieve the success we enjoy. However,
their contributions do not stop in the
office. Their enthusiasm extends outside
of the office as they volunteer their

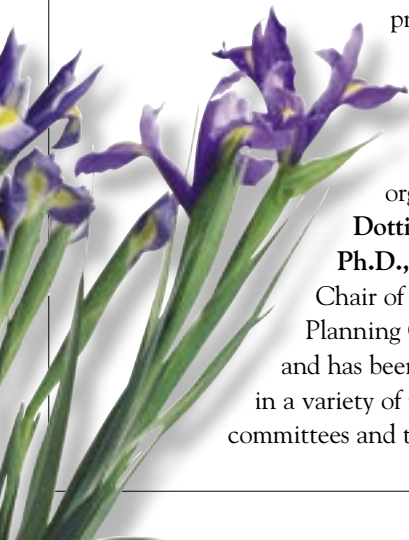
professional
expertise and
participate
in many
community
organizations.

**Dottie Dewey,
Ph.D., AICP** is the
Chair of the Radnor
Planning Commission,
and has been very active
in a variety of planning
committees and task forces

within Radnor Township. **Lisa Thomas
RLA, ASLA** and **Cathy Jan, CLA** both
hold important positions on their churches'
building and development committees, and
Lisa is active on the Paoli 250th
Celebration Committee. **Bern Panzak,
RLA** is a longstanding member and Chair
of the Cheltenham Shade Tree
Advisory Commission. **Tory Snyder,
AICP** is a member of the Tredyffrin
Planning Commission.

Congratulations to all of these people for
their commitment to their communities.

Loren Shaw, RLA joined GTP this past
year. Loren has a Bachelor of Science
degree from Ohio State University, and
previously worked in the Washington,
D.C. area for several well known planning
and design firms. Loren and his wife Jenn
now reside in Bryn Mawr.



HISTORIC PRESERVATION

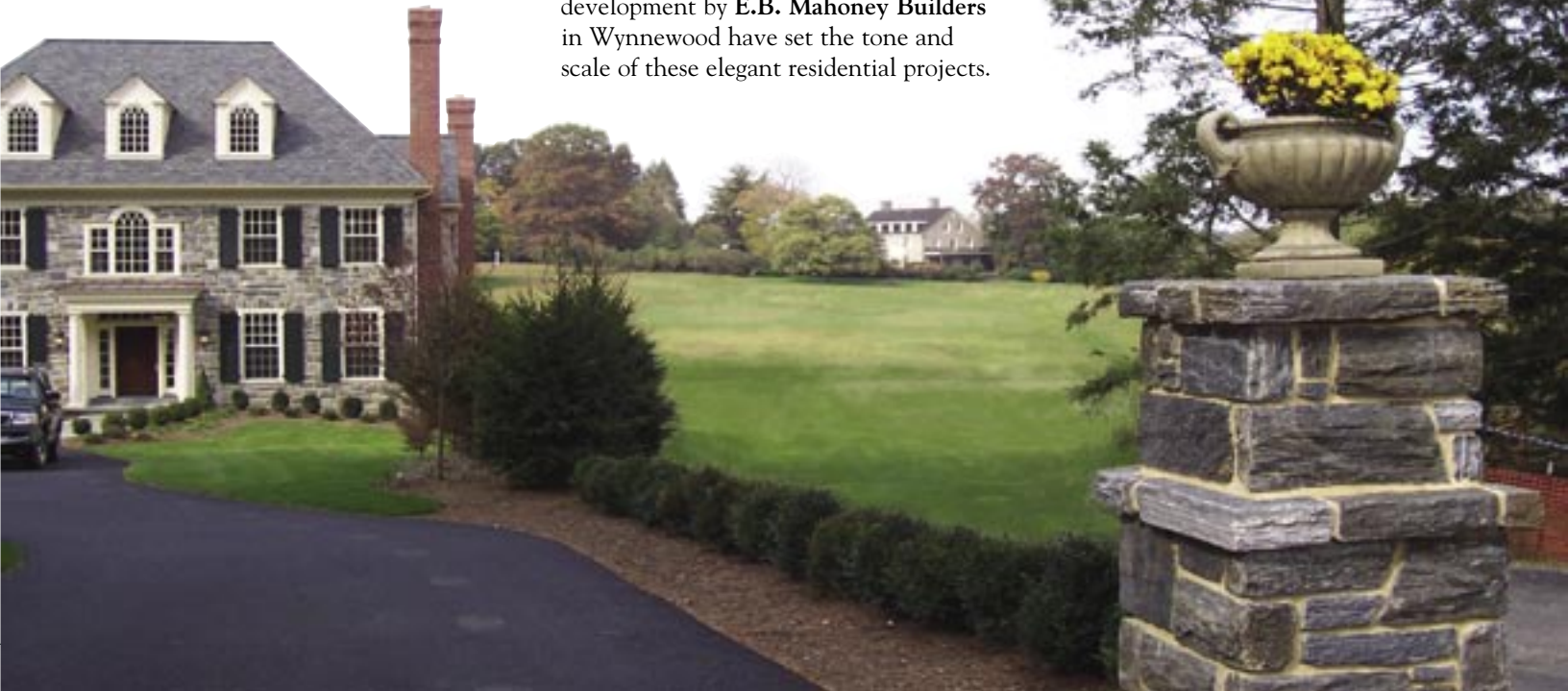
GTP is often presented with sites, which contain historic structures. Some of the buildings are certified as architectural or historic treasures, such as the Frank Furness building on **The Baldwin School** campus. Others, while not on an official inventory, often add considerable charm



to the cultural landscape. While it is important to have clients and local governments equally concerned with preservation, we strive whenever possible to create a plan that incorporates historic structures in a manner that insures their continued use is enhanced, and in a way that complements the new development. Recent examples of this are found in the retention of the William Lewis spring house for the **Vaughan and Sons** development, Springhouse, in Newtown Township, PA and the preservation of the

Clockwise from upper left, William Lewis spring house, Strawbridge Court plan, Strawbridge Mansion, and Fenimore with the Johnson Estate home in distance.

Maybrook Mansion, spring house ruins, Japanese Garden, and pergola at the former **Merriam Estate** in Wynnewood, PA. Historic estate homes such as the Johnson Estate home in the **Fenimore** development by **Pohlig Builders** and **Drueding Builders**; and the Strawbridge home as part of the **Strawbridge Court** development by **E.B. Mahoney Builders** in Wynnewood have set the tone and scale of these elegant residential projects.



LAND PLANNING

While much of our work is concentrated in southeastern Pennsylvania, the firm has always been active in New Jersey. Recently, our New Jersey work has expanded considerably to include land planning, landscape architecture, and fiscal and community impact services for several significant developments.

We are actively involved with three General Development Plan (GDP) applications for clients in the Garden State. One GDP is comprised of 224 homes in East Greenwich Township. A second is the 600 home **Latham Park PUD** in Elk Township, Gloucester County for **Orleans Builders**. We have prepared sketch plans for a site in Southampton Township, Burlington County for a 300 unit mixed residential community that is entering the approval phase.

Landscape architectural plans were



Left, The Traditions at Hamilton Crossing recreation area.

provided for an age qualified community by **Pulte Homes** called **Traditions at Hamilton Crossing** in Hamilton Township, Mercer County, and for **Canal Walk** in Franklin Township.

Amended GDP approvals and final Phase 1A and 1B plans have recently been granted to **Turnberry Cherry Hill LLC** for the revitalization of the **Garden State Park** property in Cherry Hill. Our work helped to quantify the fiscal and community impacts of this smart growth project to Cherry Hill Township and to the Cherry Hill School District.

Finally, on a smaller residential scale, our firm has provided landscape architectural services for a private residence in Strathmere. This project is being coordinated with the project architect **VLBJR Architects**, of Paoli, PA.

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