

Woodlands Connects - A Master Plan for the Future

Location: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Client: The Woodlands

Size: 54 acres

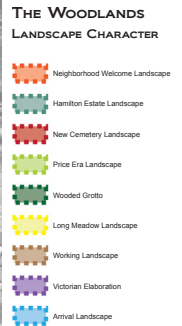
Cost: \$10.5 million phase master plan projects

Status: Completed 2015

The Woodlands Trust for Historic Preservation (The Woodlands) actively planned for a major turning point in its 250 year history by developing a Strategic Plan, Interpretive Plan and Master Plan. These plans provide institutional focus positioning The Woodlands as a vibrant community-based institution, that tells a significant story of Philadelphia's history while preserving its assets and promoting optimal 21st Century use.

The ten-year master plan provides concrete guidelines for restoring and adapting the buildings and site in order to preserve the varied site histories while supporting institutional growth and fostering community outreach. By undertaking this planning process now, The Woodlands is capitalizing on city-wide initiatives that are actively revitalizing and improving Philadelphia's open spaces and cultural assets, and connecting them with a network of trails and recreational circuits.

The plan presents a framework for decision-making that is mission-based and institutionally grounded. It outlines a variety of short-, mid-, and long-term projects that will support institutional guidelines and goals while building capacity. The processes and techniques used within the plan can be used by other institutions to bolster their relevance and preserve their assets.



Landscape character plan - Each landscape zone sits within a cohesive whole that reveals a unique story relevant to the history of the land.



The Carriage Shed Event Space: Reuse of the Carriage Shed will create a picturesque setting within the Historic Core that has ample room for large 300+ programs and events, either tented or open-air.



Aerial view of the Woodlands looking northeast



New Cemetery Landscape - Woodlands Memorial Gardens: A series of garden rooms for meditation and reflection and accommodates a range of interment options.