

Site Plan for Congregation Kol Ami

Location: Abington, Pennsylvania
Client: Congregation Kol Ami
Size: 10.8 acres
Status: 2001-2002



Areas of open lawn will be stabilized and used for overflow parking.

Amidst controversy over use of an historic estate as a synagogue, Viridian Landscape Studio worked with the synagogue and Township to come up with a site plan that greatly reduces the amount of paved parking by making use of the Township's "reserve" parking clause, which allows areas of stabilized grass to replace constructed and paved parking areas (to be used on high holy days, four days each year). The site plan also integrates and preserves the many mature trees on the property and provides new landscaped buffers to adjacent residences. Kol Ami was cited as "the best site plan ever submitted to this Township" by the Abington Township Planning Board.



View of existing beech woodlands, which will be preserved in the new site plan.



The Kol Ami site plan retains over 95% of the existing tree canopy.