

## Stenton Park Recreation Center and Playground

*Location:* Philadelphia, PA

*Client:* Department of Public Property

*Size:* 2.5 acres

*Cost:* \$2.9 million total project cost

*Status:* In documentation

VLS partnered with Atkin Olshin Schade Architects, Hunt Engineering and the Philadelphia Department of Public Property to renovate and redesign the recreation center and playground at Stenton Park in North Philadelphia. The park is over ten acres and has a rich history as it was once part of the Stenton House estate (The 18th Century house still exists and operates as a museum). Additionally the park is surrounded by residences that actively use the recreation center for after school care and public meetings and the large and numerous fields for softball, football, basketball and tennis.

The existing playground is broken into three levels separated by walls and fences. Viridian designed a playground and sprayground that is fully accessible and provides a range of equipment for toddlers to teenagers. The sprayground greatly improves upon the existing spray feature (a single wall mounted spray on the north side of the building) by relocating it as a central play space with spray hoops that can be used for play even during the off-season. The site preserves almost all of the existing mature canopy trees by working around existing paved areas and minimizing grading within the canopy.



Rendered Site Plan showing new building, paths, sprayground, playground and trees.