## viridian landscape studio

## Silver Lake Conference Center

Location:	Sharon, Connecticut
Client:	Silver Lake Conference Center
Size:	61 acres
Cost:	\$8 Million, Site work and landscape \$1 Million
Status:	Design 2008, Construction documentation in progress

Viridian Landscape Studio, formerly Rolf Sauer & Partners, was hired to develop site design and land management strategies for Silver Lake Conference Center. The Landscape Management Plan is an effort to shift camp conventions to favor site restoration over degradation. Its goal is to recognize the natural processes of Camp Silver Lake and help the conferees, staff, and visitors to protect and restore this special place. Working with Susan Maxman & Partners (SMP), schematic architectural designs of several building projects and the landscape management plan was developed to recognize the human uses of the site: buildings, roads, play fields, etc. and add a layer of ecosystem goals to the site.

The plan illustrates four major landscape types: lawn, meadows, proposed woodlands and existing woodlands. Each type has specific sustainable goals that will enhance the camp experience and can be used to highlight living in harmony within an ecosystem.



Amphitheater site proposal with native plants restoration and paths.







Existing structures and spaces: (top) walk to cabins; (middle) Amphitheater; (bottom) Cafeteria

Land Management Plan for Silver Lake.