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Resume

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Education

BLA, 2004, Pennsylvania State University, College of Arts and Architecture

Wetlands Delineation Certification, 2007, Rutgers University, Cook College

Licenses/Certifications

- Licensed Landscape Architect, NJ Lic. # 1036
- Licensed Professional Planner, NJ Lic. # 6118
- USGBC LEED Green Associate
- Certified Wetlands Delineator
- CLARB Certified Landscape Architect
- Member of the American Society of Landscape Architects
- Member of the USGBC NJ Chapter

Skills

- AutoCAD 2010
- Adobe Suite
- Arc GIS
- Google SketchUp
- Microsoft Office Suite
- Hand Graphics
- Rendering
- Eagle Point
- Report Writing
- Land Use Planning
- Land Use Law
- Expert Testimony
- Design Research
- Urban Planning
- Community Outreach
- Construction Management
- Submittals

Matthew Morris, LLA, PP, LEED GA

Qualification Statement

A Licensed Landscape Architect with over 8 years of design experience and 6 years of planning experience working with municipal and private clients on a variety of projects including public space, streetscape design, planning documents, state permitting, and commercial design, both in New Jersey and New York City.

Adept in all phases of the design process, from conceptual design, contract documents, implementation through project construction, inspection, and maintenance. I have worked extensively in preparing digital plans and documents using Photoshop, Sketchup, Arc GIS, and AutoCAD. I have worked hands on with public and private clients to reach their design goals and I am looking for an opportunity to continue this pursuit.

Experience

Matt Morris LLA – January 2012 to Present

- Consulting Landscape Architecture and Professional Planning involving planning documents and site design work.

Harold E. Pellow & Associates – April 2006 to December 2011

- Design, drafting, and inspection of municipal projects ranging from sports fields to public spaces, infrastructure, and planting designs.
- Planning documentation for various local Municipalities including master plans, circulation plans, and Township ordinances.
- As the resident Landscape Architect, designed all planting plans and selected planting material.
- Completed various permitting necessary for project construction including Soil Conservation District, NJDEP, and NJDOT permitting.
- Delineation of wetlands necessary for NJDEP permitting, which included marking-out of wetlands, plant identification, and soil identification.

Back To Nature – March 2005 to April 2006

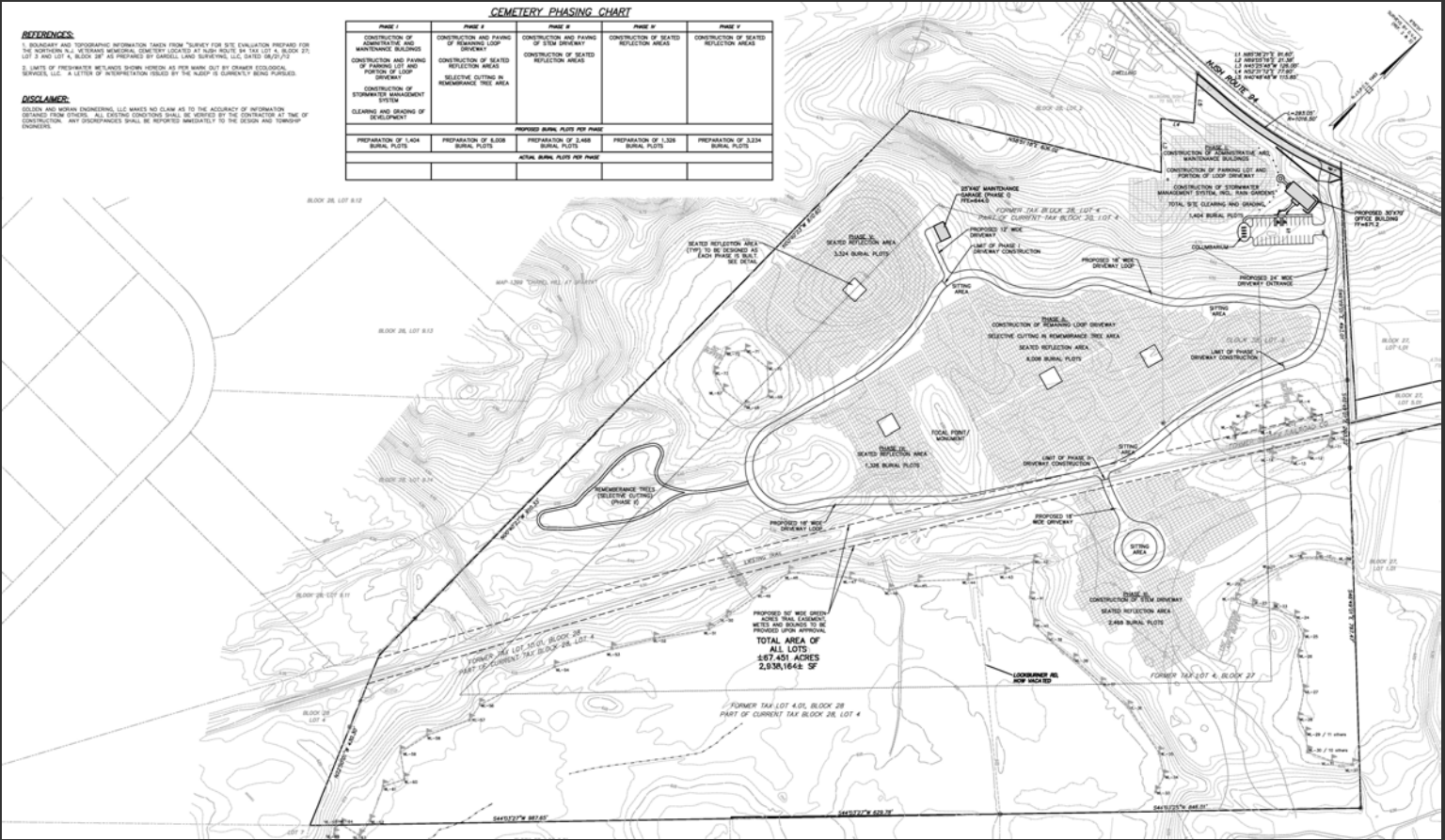
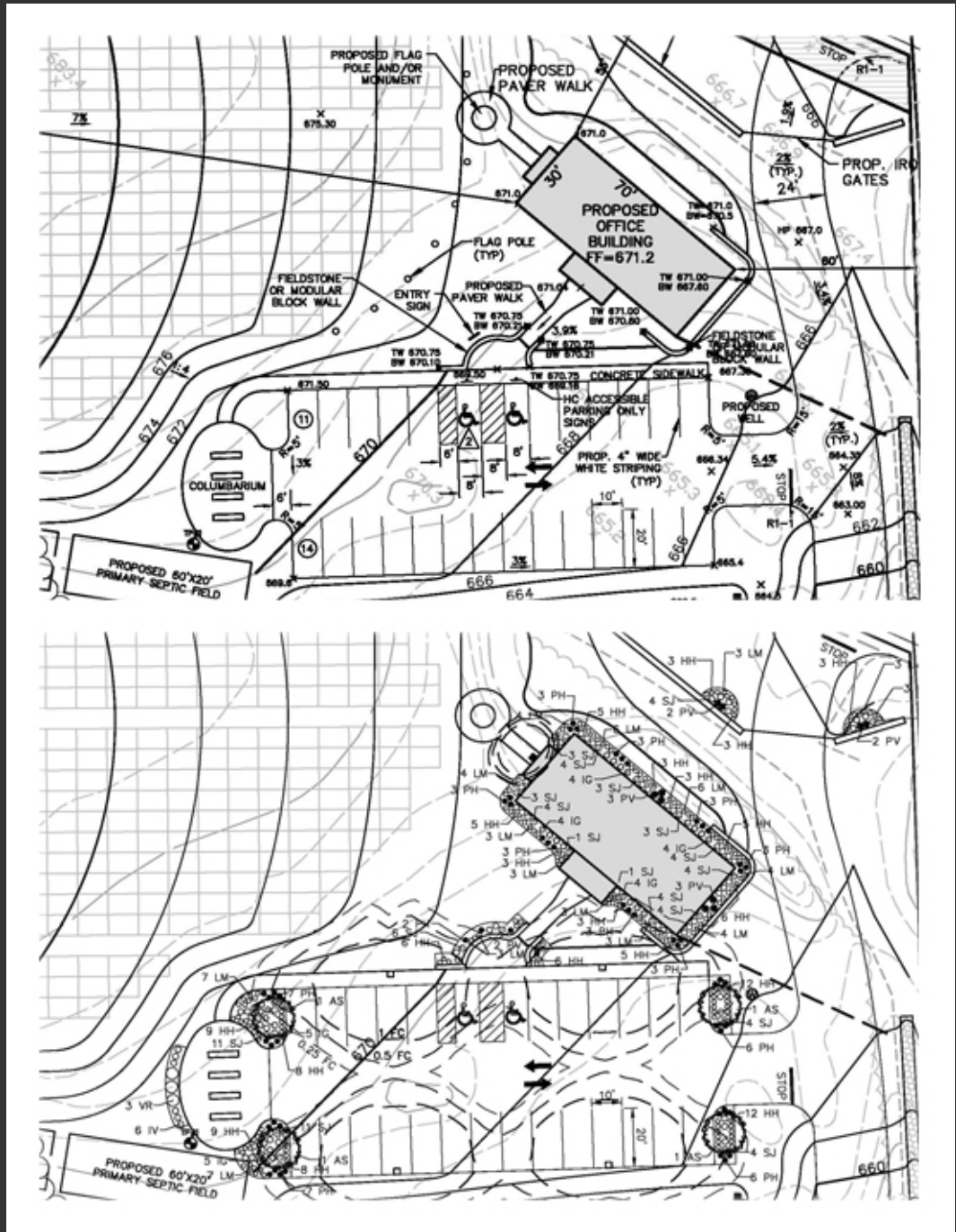
- Design, drafting, hand rendering, and inspection of high-end private landscapes including swimming pools, meadows, estate gardens, and land management, focusing on the use of native plants and sustainable design.
- Design of custom garden features which included gates, walls, and arbors.

MKW & Associates – July 2004 to March 2005

- Responsible for drafting details and plans, preparing presentation mock-ups, planting plans, rendering, and organizing final documentation for bidding.

Sussex County War Veterans Cemetery

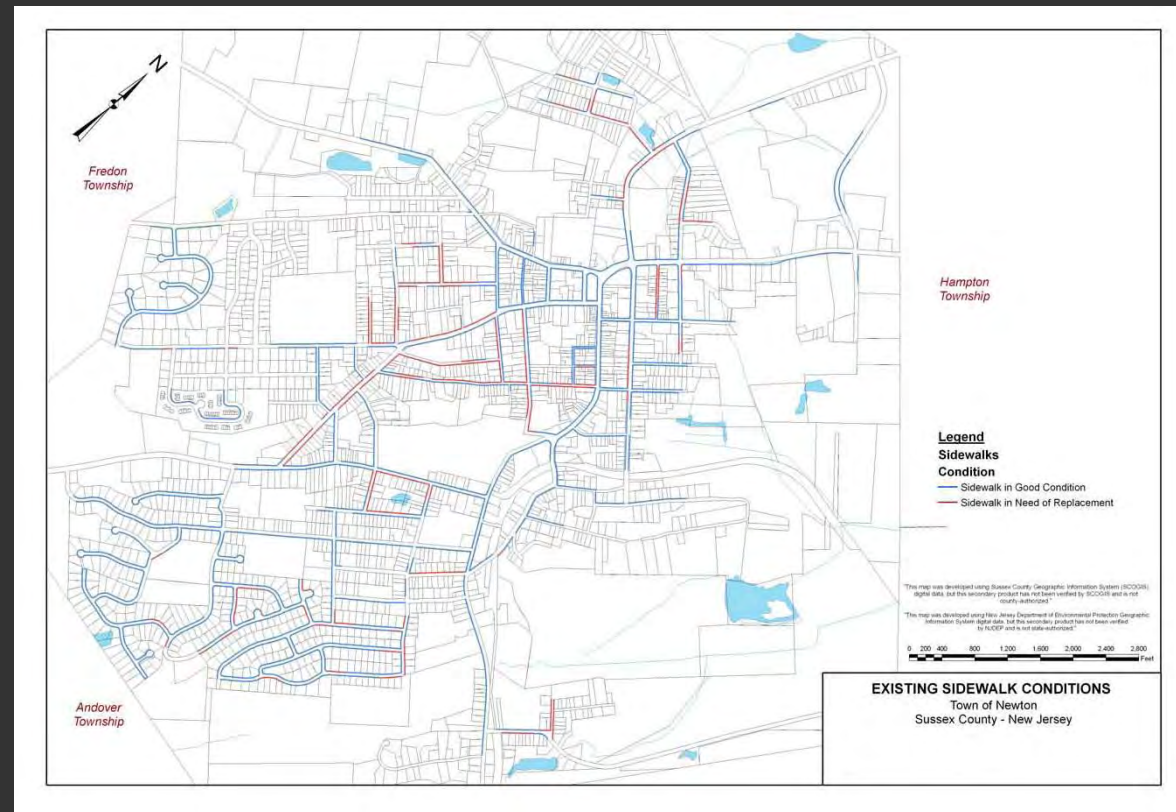
Sparta Township, Sussex County/2012



The Sussex County Chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America saw a need for a county run cemetery in Northern New Jersey. The organization was able to procure a 67acre Sussex County owned parcel of land for the cemetery. The cemetery is designed to be a park like setting with meandering paths and gently sloping fields. To accommodate multiple forms of interment the site is laid out with over 13,000 traditional burial plots for veterans and their spouses, a columbarium, and "Remembrance Trees" where a Veteran's ashes can be placed under a tree. The cemetery design also includes an office building where veteran's affairs will be relocated, landscaped seating areas throughout the site and designated areas for monuments to commemorate different branches of the military. The site plan is broken out into phases so the cemetery can grow with the need for more space. Ground breaking is expected to commence summer 2013.

Town of Newton Circulation Plan

Town of Newton, Sussex County/2009



Existing Surface Area Parking Locations

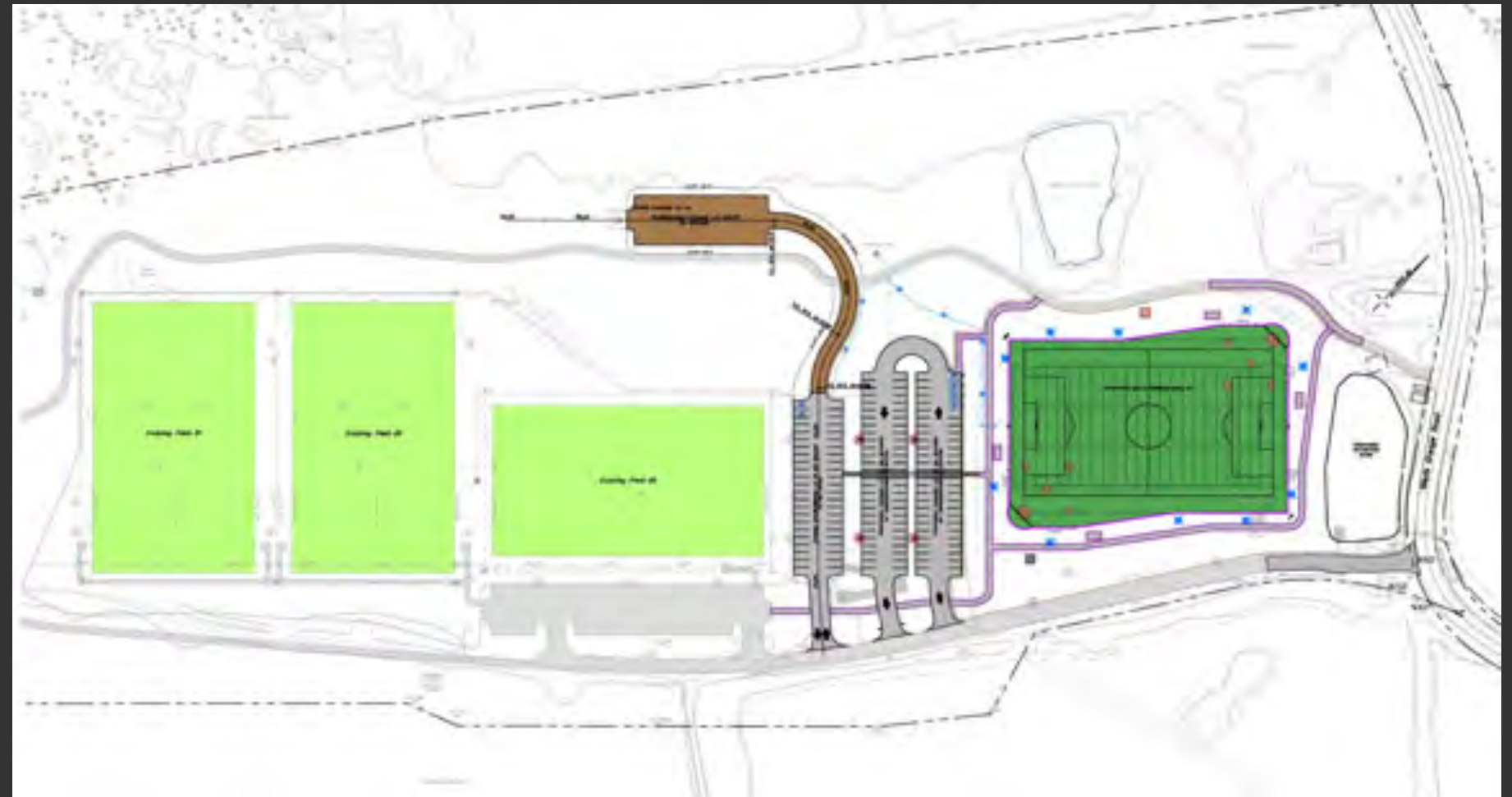
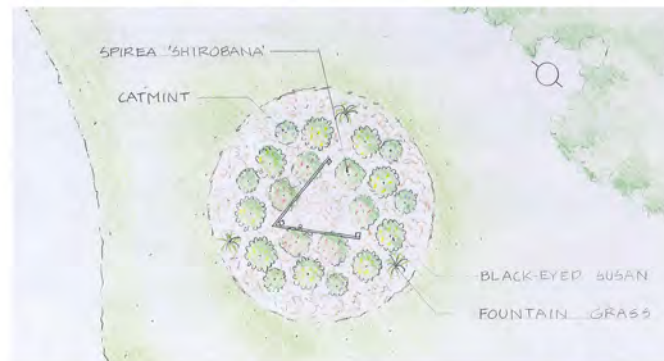


Potential locations for future parking structures

Working with our resident planner and the Town of Newton, updates to the Circulation Element of the Town's Master Plan were made to improve pedestrian mobility within the Town. Multiple aspects of the existing circulation system were examined, including an inventory of roads and sidewalks, accident data, and traffic counts at key intersections. This data was then used to understand the areas where circulation improvements would benefit the most. The resulting plan included recommendations for multi-modal streets developed using context sensitive design, increased pedestrian and bicycle connectivity, and connecting the Town's redevelopment areas to transit and transportation improvements.

Maple Grange Park

Vernon Township, Sussex County/2008



Vernon Township is the largest township by population in Sussex County. The large population creates a need for athletic fields for team from grade school through high school ages. This project consisted of three multi-purpose synthetic turf fields, a natural grass recreational field, biking and walking paths, athletic field lighting, adequate parking, and underground stormwater management. Synthetic turf fields and field lighting were chosen for this project to allow for high levels of use while minimizing the need for additional fields and maintenance. The park was the first of its kind in the County to utilize synthetic turf fields.

Newton Ordinance Revisions

Town of Newton, Sussex County/2011

Section 20-9 T5 - Neighborhood Core Zone



20-9.1 T-5 PURPOSE

The T-5 Transited Zone covers the area surrounding the Town Core that provides the majority of the housing and employment that directly supports the Town Core. The T-5 Transited also provides for Neighborhood Cores to serve some of the neighborhoods which are closer to the Town Core area.

a. The Public Frontage shall include street trees and landscaping along building frontages. Street furniture should be incorporated into street frontages for commercial and mixed-use buildings.

b. Allowed Building Types: Single Family Residential, Townhouse, Duplexes, Triplexes, Live/Work, Mixed Use, Elevator Flats, Office, Retail, Hotels, Civic, Parking Garage with Liner Building.



20-9.2 T-4 BULK REQUIREMENTS

Building Function	Residential	Open Use
	Lofting	Open Use
	Office	Open Use
	Hotel	Open Use
Building Configuration	Principal Building	5 Stories/15' Max; 2 Min.
	Accessory Building	2 Stories/9' Max
Lot Composition	Lot Yield	20 ft Min.
	Lot Coverage	80% Max
Building Disposition (20-9-2)	Edgeyard	Not Permitted
	Sideyard	Permitted
	Rearyard	Permitted
	Courtyard	Permitted
Principal Building setbacks	Front Yard Primary (p.1)	2 ft Min, 12 ft Max
	Front Yard Secondary (p.2) for corner lot	2 ft Min, 12 ft Max
	Side Yard (p.3)	2 ft Min, 4 ft Max
	Rear Yard (p.4)	3 ft Min
	Frontage Build-out	50% Min at Setback
Accessory Building setbacks	Front (p.1)	40 ft Max, Front Rear
	Side Yard (p.2)	3 ft Min, or 5 ft Min a corner lot
	Rear Yard (p.3)	3 ft Max
Private Frontages (20-9-1)	Courtyard	Not Permitted
	Porch and Fence	Not Permitted
	Terrace	Permitted
	Fence	Permitted
	Shed	Permitted
	Gallery	Permitted
	Archer	Permitted
	Park	Not Permitted
	Green	Not Permitted
	Square	Not Permitted
	Plaza	Permitted
	Playground	Permitted

1 Civic Spaces 20-9-5

20-9.3 T-5 Building Configuration and Height

a. Building Configuration and Height



b. Building Configuration and Height



c. Building Configuration and Height



d. Building Configuration and Height



20-22.6 PUBLIC FRONTAGE TYPES

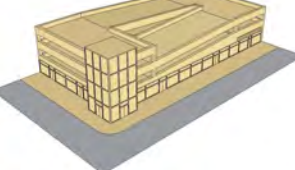
20-22.6.9 T-5 Major Arterial



20-22.6.10 T-6 Major Arterial



Section 20-20 Building Types

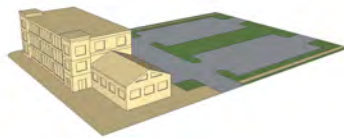






20-20.7 PARKING GARAGE WITH LINER BUILDING





20-20.15 RESEARCH/WAREHOUSE/INDUSTRIAL

The Town of Newton sought to update its zoning ordinances from traditional zoning to Form Based Code, which focuses on using physical form as the organizing principle of the code rather than more traditional separation of uses. Instead of focusing on uses, Form Based Code focuses on the densities of the built environment and its appearance in reference to the surrounding area. This creates a more predictable built result with high quality public realm. When adopted, Newton will be the first Sussex County Municipality to instate this form of zoning. For the Town of Newton specific building types and densities reflective of what already exists in the town were used to set the standards for future development.

Mansfield Township Community Park

Mansfield Township, Warren County/2010



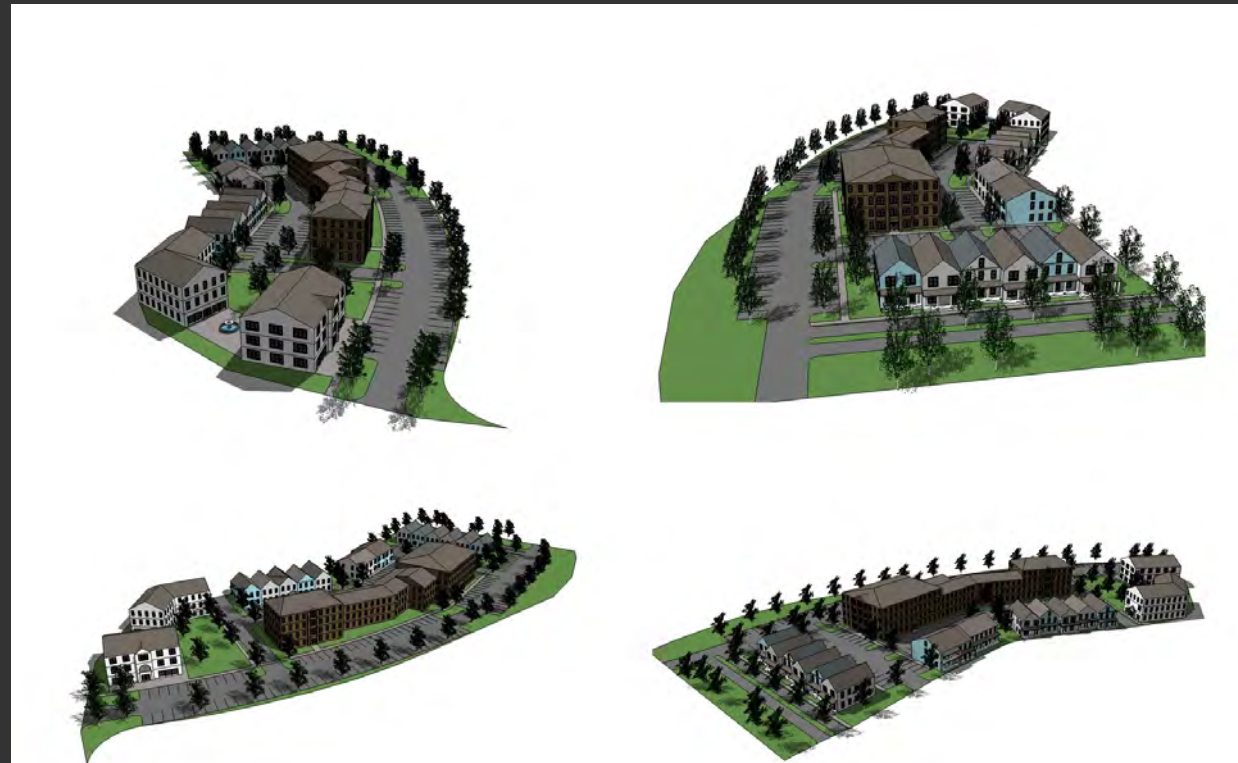
The nature trail winding through the 128 acres property



Mansfield Township Community Park is located on a 128 acres tract of land in the Township of Mansfield, Warren County. The Township Recreation Committee needed to provide additional fields for the growing recreational program as well as provide new recreational opportunities that did not already existing for the community. The design incorporated over a mile of nature trails, 9 sports fields, a community center, and tennis courts to accommodate a multitude of uses by individuals, athletic programs, and community groups. The nature trails were completed in 2009 and phase 1 of the overall plan, which included a combination softball/soccer field and three tennis courts, was completed in 2010.

Town of Newton Redevelopment Plan

Town of Newton, Sussex County



Possible design of the Moose Lodge site and how it fits into the surrounding landscape



Skethcup model over an aerial photograph of the site



The Town of Newton has designated a number of locations within its borders as redevelopment areas. As Town Engineers, we used 3D modeling to create examples of possible reuses to help council members and residents understand the potential for each site. One of these areas was the current Loyal Order of Moose Property. The Town, property owner, and possible developer wanted to see what the site might look like with a new Moose lodge, townhouses, and high-density residential development.

A second area of focus was the local Chevrolet dealership. With the recent restructuring of Chevrolet, the local dealership was chosen as a valued dealership that would remain but its current location limited its possible growth. Using the current building standards for the corporation, a design was done to prove that the current site could accommodate future growth.

Bernards 9/11 Memorial

Bernards Township, Somerset County/2005



Original Designs Presented to the Community



Finished Design

Bernards Township lost 25 members of the community in the attacks on September 11, 2001. In 2004 the families and township officials sought to create a memorial in the local community park. The idea of “embrace” was used to design two concentric circles creating a contemplative space for reflection in the midst of the busy park. The one wall would provide seating while the other would hold a piece of steel from the World Trade Center site. A copper disc with the names of those lost would be placed in the middle of the space. To help fund the project, members of the community could sponsor a piece of bluestone with an inscribed message. The final design incorporated three concentric circle: one of clipped beech, one of boxwood, and the third a stone bench. The memorial was opened in a ceremony on September 11, 2006.