



New Township Complex Preserves a Legacy and Serves Today's Needs

Preserving three former Milton Hershey School buildings, the Township of Derry Industrial and Commercial Development Authority and the Board of Supervisors commissioned Buchart Horn to design a new municipal complex that would incorporate those structures and consolidate Township activities in a convenient location for residents and visitors. The site featured two former student home buildings (Springdale and Union) and a timber frame barn situated between the vacant dorm's. The design, utilizing an elevated pedestrian walkway, ties them all together and provides spaces for administration, meetings, all Township offices, and a state of the art police headquarters.

Adjacent to a new two-story lobby, a new meeting room with expandable wings provides seating for 200 citizens for meetings of the Board of Supervisors, the Planning Commission, the Zoning Hearing Board, the Industrial Commercial Development Authority, and the General Authority. The expandable wings can be divided to permit three simultaneous meetings to take place.

The two-story Springdale Home now houses Finance, Community Development, and a Map Room. Renovations to the old frame barn restored and preserved the original mortise and tenon

timber framing to create unique interior spaces that showcase the heritage of Pennsylvania's barn builders within what is now modern office space. The Tax Office that occupies the old barn is secure, but open to the public, and provides a rustic open space with very high ceilings.

Considerable design input from the Township's Police Department resulted in a new headquarters in the former Union Student Home building with varying levels of security and controlled access that separates citizens and witnesses from those who are suspected of wrongdoing. The design includes a vehicular sallyport so that prisoners are kept within a police vehicle until it is contained within the facility and all garage doors are secured. The Police Department also has work areas for officers and criminal investigators, a roll call room, forensics and photography areas, booking facility, central communications room, and multiple video-monitored holding cells that meet ADA requirements.

The project involved 33,000 square feet of renovated areas and 44,000 square feet of new construction. Construction costs totaled \$12,900,000 for the facility, which was completed on time, within budget, and did not require any tax increases.