

Hilltop Montessori School

SITE SELECTION, PERMITTING & DESIGN *Brattleboro, Vermont*



Hilltop Montessori School hired Stevens & Associates to assist them with the site selection, feasibility study, site design and environmental permitting of a new, 24,000 square foot primary, elementary and middle school. Working with a short timeline and restricted budget, Stevens & Associates provided Hilltop with the guidance, expertise and . Additionally, green building and LEED certification were also ambitious goals that added to the complexity.

The project consisted of the renovation of two existing buildings and the construction of three new buildings arranged in a compact layout with parking to the rear of the site and priority given to pedestrians. Buildings were oriented for maximum solar gain and daylighting as well as giving all classrooms direct access to outdoor spaces. In addition to playground space and opportunities for ball fields, the site design provided multiple outdoor classrooms, and entrance courtyard and ample gardens and greenspaces.

The location of the project, on the edge of town, in a residential neighborhood required public outreach and community consent. Act 250, Stormwater, Water & Wastewater and Zoning permits were all required.



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