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Military Action

jB+a recently provided landscape, irrigation design and consultation for the building entry court of the Squadron Operations Facility at Warner Robins AFB in Georgia. We worked in conjunction with Pond & Company, who provided architecture and engineering services.



In addition, jB+a is currently working with Pond & Company on an Anti-Terrorism design effort at MacDill AFB, in Tampa, Florida. All gates to this large base on Tampa Bay are being upgraded to enhance security. The landscape architect's role is to help determine the best location for exterior site elements such as berms, trees, ditches, and walls that, along with other building and grounds upgrades, will allow for a more terrorist-proof facility.



Marriott Perimeter Center

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Since its opening in the 1970s, Marriott Perimeter Center Parkway has enjoyed a secluded atmosphere within the very busy Atlanta Perimeter Center business district. As part of a transportation improvement plan, DeKalb County is reconfiguring Perimeter Center Parkway and bridging across I-285, exposing the hotel to a tremendous increase in traffic. Marriott commissioned Street Smarts and jB+a to analyze the impact of the proposed roadway construction and provide a solution to mitigate the impact. The design team provided analysis and solutions to several issues on the site including parking, on-site circulation and general impact on the visual character of the site. jB+a provided a conceptual design that buffers the new road from the hotel property, enhances the new site access and provides a garden area for outdoor events.

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The Peaks of MLK

jB+a is currently developing landscape and hardscape construction packages for The Peaks at MLK, a development by RHA. The project is located at the former West Lumber site just east of the Hamilton E. Holmes MARTA station on MLK Drive. It is bound by Hamilton E. Holmes Drive, Martin Luther King Drive and I-20. This mixed-income project will have 183 1-, 2- and 3-bedroom units in four buildings on 10.8 acres. Three of the buildings contain interior courtyards with detailed gardens for overlooking units. The largest of the courtyard buildings contains the clubhouse and leasing office as well as a swimming pool. Differing elevations divide the pool area into two distinct sections. The upper level contains the pool and pool deck with a trellis and distinctive plantings. The lower level serves as a transition between the pool and the clubhouse. On the lower level, two trellis like structures provide a shaded sitting area and frame the view from the clubhouse. In addition to the landscape and hardscape design, jB+a also provided site planning services. Construction is set to begin by mid-year with an opening in the early part of 2004.



Site plan for The Peaks at MLK illustrating the courtyards of three of the four buildings.

Satilla Regional Medical Center

Jon Benson + associates, inc. provided landscape, site irrigation design and construction administration for this \$30.8 million expansion. Landscape development includes two open-air roof gardens that can be viewed from patient rooms and corridors. Other services provided were a memorial fountain design for the main entrance, and a maintenance manual for exterior plant care.



Satilla Regional Medical Facility - Waycross, Georgia.

City of Atlanta Tree Ordinance

In response to criticism from the development community, the City of Atlanta revised a complicated tree ordinance. The revised ordinance includes a lower dollar value given to existing trees and a substantial credit and monetary cap for tree removal penalties. jB+a continues to monitor community tree ordinances in Georgia and the Southeast to better serve our clients.

Dobbs Elementary

John Wesley Dobbs Elementary is located on the site of the former Fulton High School on Jonesboro Road in the Thomasville area of Atlanta. The existing school building was demolished to make way for the 29,000 square foot elementary school that will replace the existing Wesley Dobbs Elementary School on Lewis road. The 18-acre site was regraded to provide a large multi-use field on the north side of the building and a baseball field on the south side. Utilizing plant material required by the City of Atlanta's tree ordinance, jB+a proposed street tree planting around most of the site and revegetation of the slopes at the perimeter of the site. Working for Urban Engineers Inc., jB+a provided tree protection plans as well as final planting plans for the project that is currently under construction.

Commerce Water Treatment Plant

jB+a was hired by Stevenson & Palmer to produce a planting plan for a new public facility, in Commerce, GA. Initially, the charge was to dress up the entrance and grounds with a few planting beds and trees. However, after further discussion, it was suggested that the projects planting design should reflect water conservation principles. The idea was enthusiastically accepted and jB+a designed a xeriscape landscape that minimizes turf grass in areas where it would be expensive to maintain and establish plantings that need little water.

Woodlands Preserve Subdivision

Butts County, Georgia has been working on ways to encourage or require developers to incorporate greenspace into subdivision planning. jB+a was hired by Spiers Investments to lay out a planned single-family community on 400 acres near High Falls Lake. The developed plan would incorporate conservation of greenspace principles desired by county planning staff. In the final concept, 26% of the site is devoted to greenspace with an overall gross density of 1.4 acres per dwelling. This is a lower density than mandated in other sensitive aquifer-recharge and stormwater management areas in the county.



Woodlands Preserve site plan.

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