

ANTIOCH COLLEGE

Antioch College Village Vision Planning

Yellow Springs, Ohio



top: Green infrastructure and ecological opportunities identified; bottom from left: Antioch Hall, the historic center of campus activity; Charrette participants

Founded in 1852, and one of the first co-educational colleges in the nation to offer equal educational opportunities to women and African Americans, Antioch College embraces inclusiveness and

connectivity to this day. Evidence can be seen in the proposed Antioch College Village, a 160-home residential neighborhood for people with and without College affiliation that will be woven into the

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Integrating ecology and water into the planning of a new campus village enhances connectivity, sustainability, ecological awareness, and quality of life for the Antioch College community.

campus. The College intends for the Village to become a certified “Living Community” which adheres to the stringent standards established by the Living Future Institute for sustainable, equitable communities.

To help the College realize its vision for this unique neighborhood, a planning team headed up by Consilience LLC led a three-day public design charrette with members of the campus community and citizens of Yellow Springs. Biohabitats brought a focus on ecology and water to the planning process, working with planners from Dover, Kohl & Partners and energy consultants, Integral Group.

Biohabitats shared information about the flow of water through the campus, as well as the local and regional ecology, working with participants to

explore ways to integrate low impact development, sustainable stormwater management, and ecological systems and functionality into the new neighborhood. Biohabitats also collaborated with charrette participants on ways to enhance connectivity between the campus, the greater community of Yellow Springs, and a nearby nature preserve.

The final plan for the Antioch College Village now promotes preservation of mature tree canopy, integrates sustainable stormwater management practices in the landscape, celebrates local ecology, and enhances connectivity for people and nature.

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