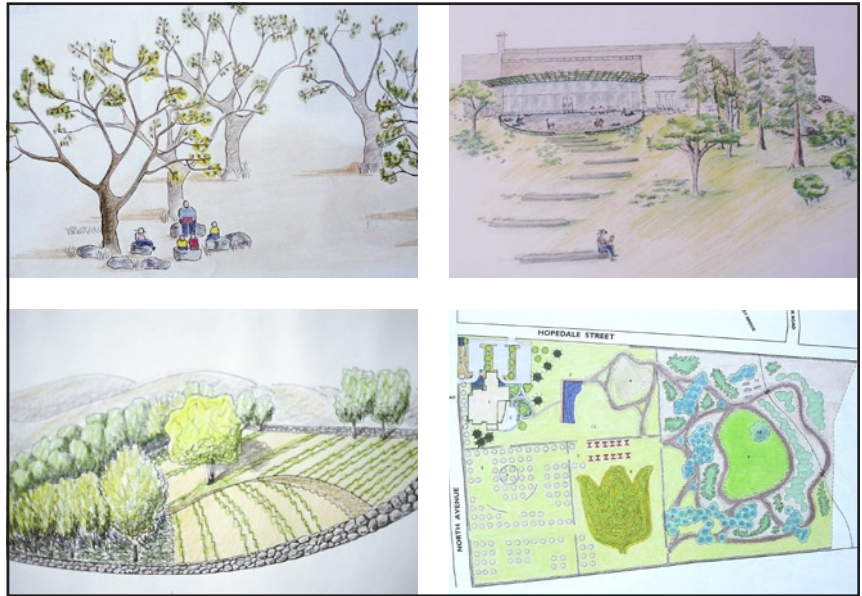


Client: Mendon-Upton Library District

Designer: Landscape Institute Design Studio; Jean Cavanaugh, instructor

Completion: Spring 2003



In 2000, a generous benefactor donated a 30-acre piece of mostly abandoned farmland to the Mendon-Upton Library District on which they could build a new library and its grounds. The Library Committee was eager to develop the land for recreation and education. The Mendon-Upton Library District Committee turned to COGdesign for help with the future shaping of this land.

The project was placed with an advanced landscape design class at the Landscape Institute of the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University. With guidance from their instructor the twelve students met with members of the committee and visited the site. Working in three separate teams, the students developed master plans for the library and its land. In May 2003, the students presented their proposals to the library committee and interested citizens. Their proposals were met with enthusiasm, keen interest, and gratefulness. Committee Chairperson Katherine Stanton said the students “helped us see the property and all its potential with fresh eyes, and now we join them in dreaming big dreams for this incredible parcel of land.”

The Mendon-Upton Library District Committee has used the students’ work for private showings to supporters as they work towards raising additional revenues to bring their dreams to fruition.

