

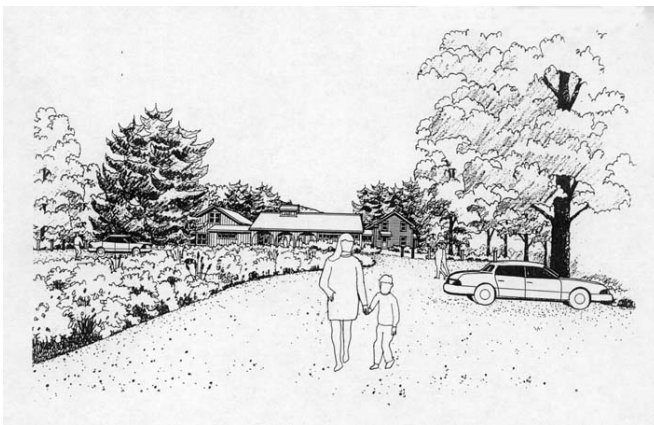
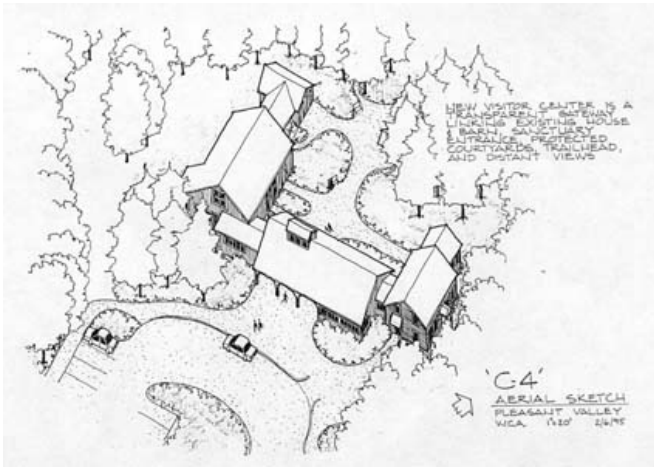
**Pleasant Valley Sanctuary**  
 Massachusetts Audubon Society  
 Lenox, MA

Master Plan completed January 1998

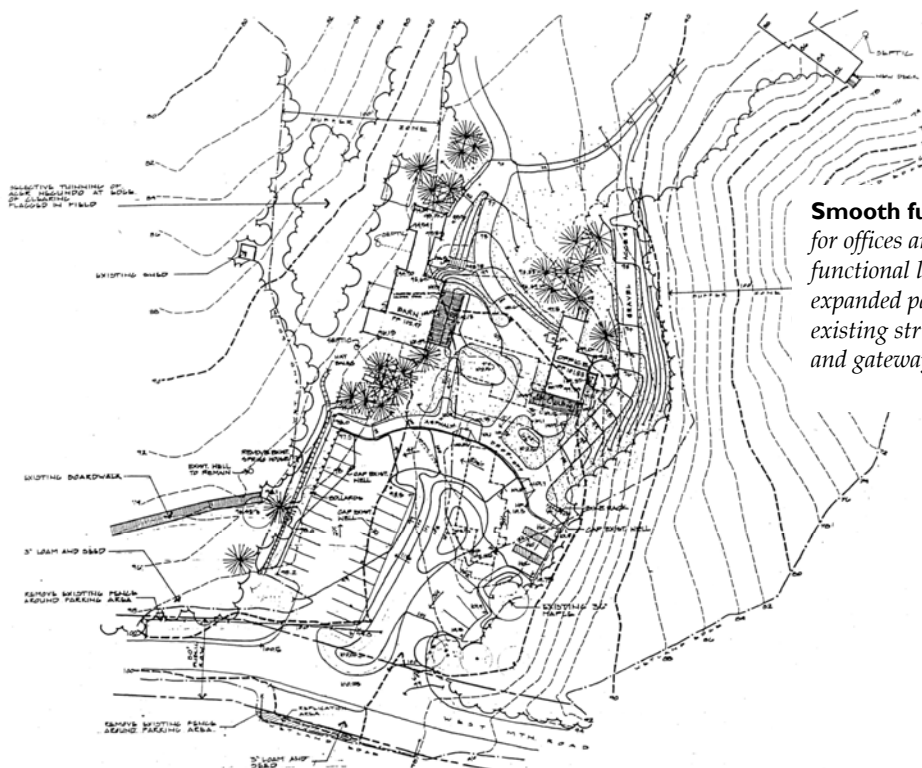
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The notion of "careful fit" guided this transformation of a historic barn and museum building to a visitor center and administration facility for Massachusetts Audubon. By relocating an old home to create a gateway to the sanctuary, contemporary uses and circulation patterns were gracefully integrated to this environmentally and historically sensitive site.

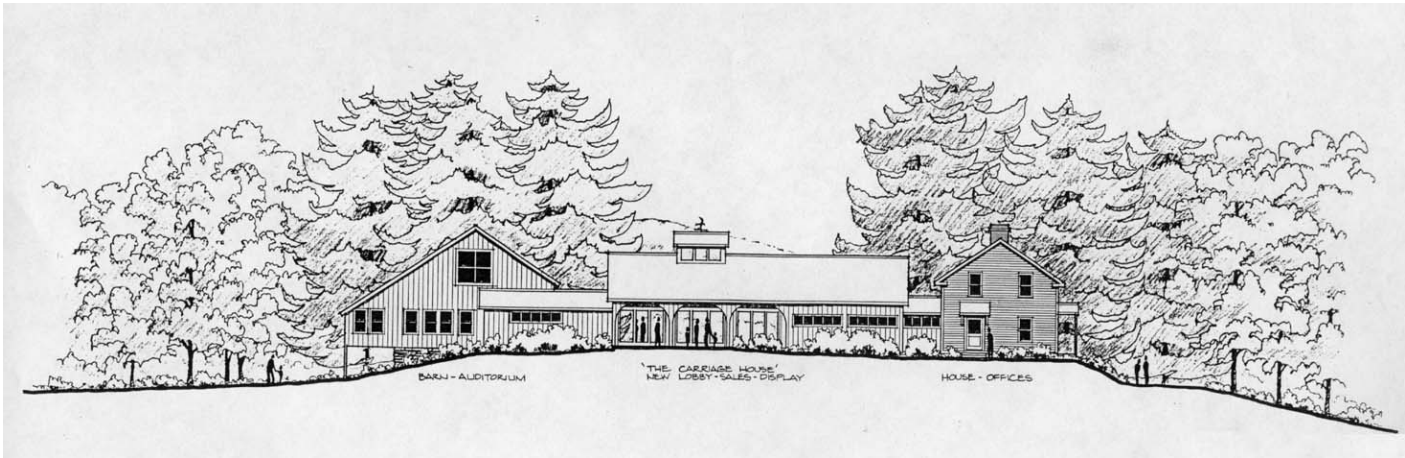
In a project partly orchestrated by WCA, 200 volunteers from the Elfin foundation transformed and modernized the existing barn and museum, and built a WCA-designed maintenance building in one weekend.



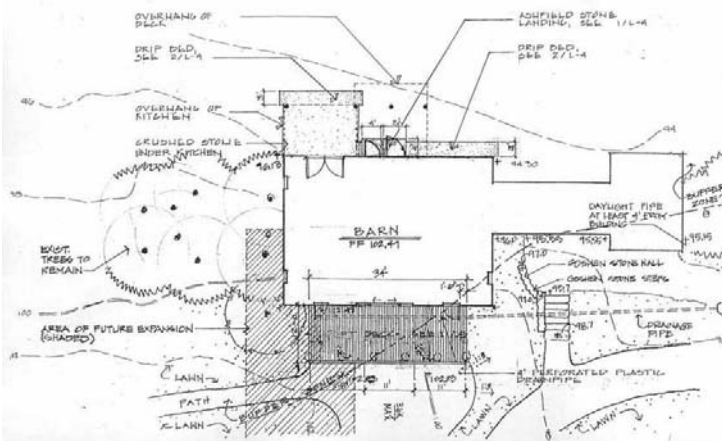
**A traditional New England Farmstead.** Re-creation of the traditional New England farmstead complex honors the history of the site, links staff and activities, protects the central outdoor courtyard, clearly directs and guides visitors to their destination, and showcases one of the best arrival views.



**Smooth function.** Relocating and reusing an old home for offices and a nature center created space for a smoothly functional loop arrival drive, visitor drop-off area, and expanded parking. A new connector building links the existing structures, forming a clear arrival destination and gateway to the sanctuary beyond.



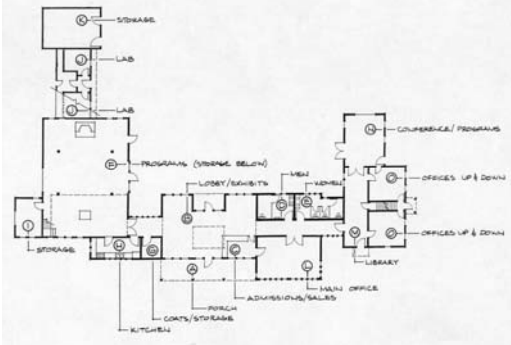
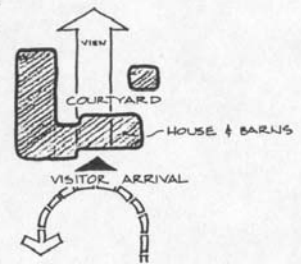
**New facilities from old structures.** *The new nature center provides expanded space and facilities to better meet Audubon's mission for the sanctuary. Conversion of the existing barn to laboratory and program space improves research and education. The relocated home becomes office and conference space for staff. A new connector "gateway" offers restrooms, exhibit space, an admissions/sales office, and a kitchen.*



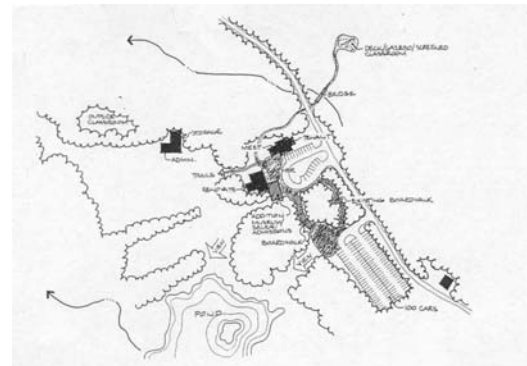
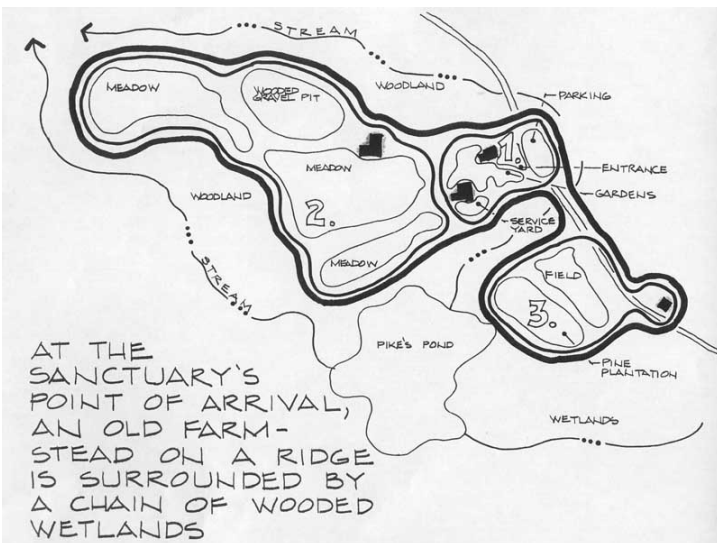
**Careful fit.** *The barn landscape plan protects key native trees and vegetation, while providing outdoor spaces for nature center programs.*

**A TRADITIONAL NEW ENGLAND CONNECTED HOUSE & BARN (FARMSTEAD)**

- CONNECTS PLEASANT VALLEY STAFF AND ACTIVITIES
- PROTECTS CENTRAL OUTDOOR COURTYARD
- SIMPLY DIRECTS AND GUIDES VISITORS
- FEATURES ONE OF BEST VIEWS



*The fit and link of architecture to site is essential in all projects.*



*Multiple alternatives are explored as part of the process.*