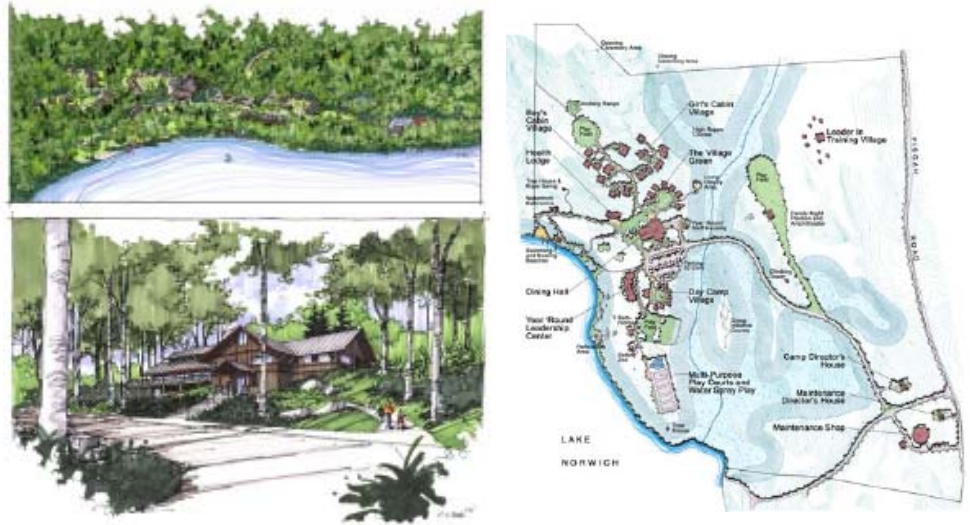


Camp Norwich

Huntington, Massachusetts



Established in 1896, Camp Norwich is located in the foothills of the Berkshire Mountains on 137 acres of picturesque land extending nearly three-quarter of a mile along spring fed Lake Norwich. After almost 100 years of operation, the camp was closed in 1989 and sold to Springfield College. The property was sold back to the YMCA in 2001, and the rebirth of Camp Norwich began.

O'Boyle, Cowell, Blalock & Associates, Inc. (OCBA) and Slocum Associates, Inc. (SA) were retained by the YMCA of Greater Springfield to develop a master plan to guide facility development for Camp Norwich. The OCBA/SA team conducted a three-day on-site design charrette with board members, staff and alumni providing input on programs and activities. Design issues that were addressed through the master plan process included establishing a camp identity, investigating the feasibility of renovating old buildings as opposed to building new ones, and balancing the use of the site which is constrained by a number of natural features.

Products of the design charrette included site plans, floor plans and elevations of significant buildings, and a workshop booklet which is a compilation of all work completed at the charrette. In addition, a final master plan, sketches and an opinion of probable construction cost were developed.

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