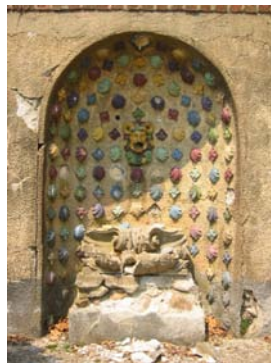


GREENWOOD GARDENS SHORT HILLS, NEW JERSEY

CONDITION ASSESSMENT & PHASE I RESTORATION AND REHABILITATION

In 1911, Joseph P. Day, a prominent real estate developer, retained the architect William Whetten Renwick (nephew of the prominent architect James Renwick, Jr.) to design a new house and gardens for this family in the New Jersey countryside. The gardens included two stone summerhouses, a water cascade, grottos, arbors, tiered terraces and pools—all detailed in the Arts and Crafts Style. In 1949, the house and gardens were purchased by Peter P. Blanchard, Jr. and renamed Greenwoods. The gardens were restored and for many years maintained by the Blanchards. Most recently the gardens have been put under the care of a new non-profit conservation organization, Greenwood Gardens, and opened to the public. Today, the many rustic paths and romantic stonework as well as the colorful tiles from the famous Rookwood Company of Cincinnati make a charming idyllic setting.



HBA was selected to prepare a Condition Assessment and Recommendations Report for the garden structures. HBA developed prioritized recommendations for the repairs and adaptation of the gardens from private to public use. The Phase I Restoration and Rehabilitation plans included rebuilding the Sundial Terrace and steps, adding new utilities throughout the site (including parking, lighting, and lavatories), and extensively rebuilding and restoring the many acres of richly landscaped gardens.

