

Master Plan for Cora Hartshorn Arboretum

Location: Short Hills, New Jersey
Client: Cora Hartshorn Arboretum
Size: 16 Acres

Cost: \$750,000
Status: Master Plan Completed 2002



Exotic invasive plants



Slope analysis



Aspect analysis

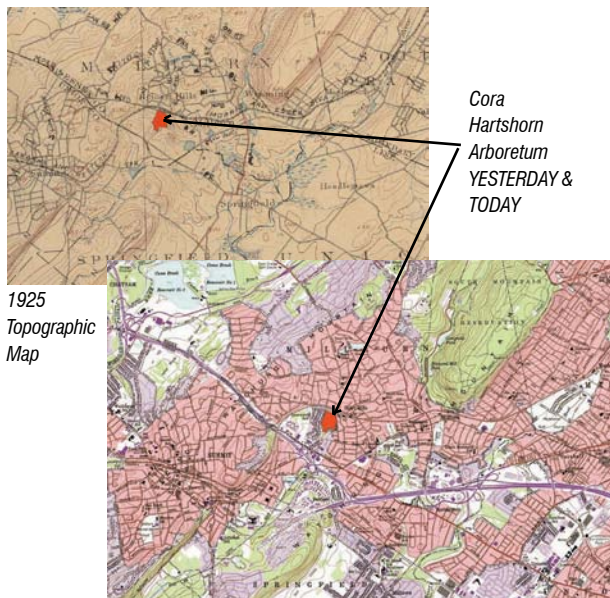


Vegetation habitats

In 1934, Cora Hartshorn set aside 16 acres in Short Hills, New Jersey for an arboretum and bird sanctuary, with a mission to foster awareness and respect for nature and the environment. Today, the arboretum, while retaining many of the original trails and plants is, like much of the region, suffering from an invasion of exotic plants and deer overbrowse. As master planners, Viridian Landscape Studio developed a landscape management plan and a strategy for encouraging the regeneration of healthy plant communities. Appropriate pedestrian and vehicular circulation and access was studied, while incorporating the siting of a new addition to the existing education facility. This process involved workshops and community meetings, and phased plans and estimates for fundraising.



Cora Hartshorn in the Fern Dell, early 1930s.



Cora Hartshorn Arboretum YESTERDAY & TODAY

1925 Topographic Map

1981 USGS Quadrangle



Master planning is participatory, involving workshops with community and staff.