



Late in 1996, the Friends of the Manor, a non-profit support group, asked KMS to create a concept drawing for a healing and therapeutic garden to accommodate the needs of patients at the Neshaminy Manor Nursing Home. The Home, which is owned by Bucks County, caters to persons requiring long-term care and having varying abilities and infirmities. Initially, the sketches were to be used to raise funds in support of a long term goal to give residents an opportunity to enjoy the benefits of fresh air and activities structured for their abilities and interests in a safe outdoor environment.

Healing Garden at Neshaminy Manor Courtyard Doylestown, PA



The initial sketches (shown above and below) were so well received that the Friends had raised enough money to permit KMS to prepare construction drawings. KMS has finished the first phase drawings. Construction is expected to begin during the summer of 2009, when permits and approvals are received.

Initial work includes construction of a covered “porch” and sitting areas. Future work will include a

gazebo with raised planters for structured and informal therapeutic gardening activities, large paved areas for walking, gathering and other activities, sitting areas, a grill for preparation of outdoor meals and ornamental plantings.



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