

PHILADELPHIA NAVY YARD

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A community reuse plan initiated by the Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation presented a coherent vision for inspired redevelopment and adaptive reuse of the Philadelphia Navy Yard. Crescent Park, at the terminus of Broad Street, fulfills the master plan's vision of a memorable entrance to the 21st century reincarnation of the Navy Yard.

Once an abandoned field to the left of the Navy Yard entry gate, the 3.46-acre pie-shaped park doubles as site gateway and front yard to a backdrop of new office buildings. The cascade of landscaped and hardscaped spaces in three concentric circles is the central organizing element, utilizing the irregular shape and transforming a potential limitation into an asset. A massive steel pergola evocative of naval architecture, curves in an arc around the site for 200 feet and merging the past and present in one landscape.

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