

Architectural guidelines and consulting to preserve the character of America's first garden city

Location: Radburn, New Jersey
Area: n/a
Budget: n/a
Completed: 2003 and ongoing

In Radburn, houses are on small tracts arranged around a spacious common park, and vehicular and pedestrian traffic are separated. To ensure that further development preserves the community's unique character and historic fabric, the Radburn Association asked Fradkin & McAlpin to develop and articulate architectural guidelines that would be not only consonant with the original aesthetic but also flexible enough to allow for change, upgrading, and future development.

Key details

- > Developed a nuanced view of Radburn's architecture and design
- > Identified components critical to the protection of the community's character
- > Established a system of standards and a methodical process by which changes can be regulated
- > Took a leadership role, working with local committees, developers, and other professionals
- > Proposed the review and approvals process that the community is now using with success

