

SKETCH

service

Restoring Landmarks

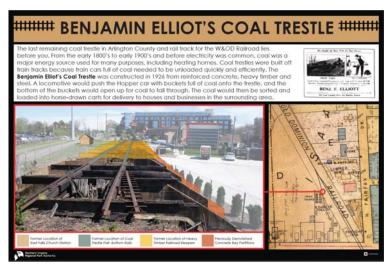
Preserving community history

Benjamin Elliot's coal trestle on the W&OD Railroad was essential community infrastructure following its construction in 1926. However, the platform adjacent to the track that was used to unload rail cars of coal to heat local businesses and homes had deteriorated and was overgrown with vegetation.

After clearing the vegetation to expose the historic structure underneath, the Samaha team conducted a detailed survey of necessary repairs to mitigate further

damage and preserve the structure. Our work included design of a viewing platform and interpretive signage to explain the history of the site.

Throughout the process Samaha collaborated with the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, Arlington County Department of Community Planning, Housing and Development, structural engineers, and craftsmen to bring the best ideas together for a lasting contribution to preserve history and educate our community.



INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE

design

Three Schools in One

Designing successful facilities for a k-12 Alternate Education School

The Prince William County Alternate Education School offers a permanent home to three unique, county wide programs: Pace East (K-12th), New Dominion (5-8th) and New Directions (9-12th). They all share a common goal of providing educational opportunities to students with special and emotional needs not provided in a traditional school setting. Designed in collaboration with RRMM Architects, these programs, formerly dispersed throughout the County in temporary

and aging facilities, are collocated in one facility. This consolidation improves curriculum opportunities while facilitating the operational objectives of the County.

The challenge was to adequately separate students with diverse learning differences and ages, while taking advantage of the economy of shared spaces and resources. Our team met with teachers, counselors, security, and other school staff to learn precisely how the students interact with their environment and

each other.

As a result, the new facility has three separate entrances, circulation, and educational spaces for each program while successfully sharing core facilities such as the gymnasium, cafeteria, kitchen, media center, and greenhouse. Bringing the separate programs under a single roof reduces costs for Prince William County while allowing the greatest benefit for the collective dollar.

sustainability

Two of our buildings at University Mall in Fairfax, VA recently achieved LEED Silver certification:

- Building E
- Building F

The following buildings are now LEED registered:

- Bethesda-Chevy Chase MS #2 Seeking Gold
 Pimlico Elementary/
- Pimlico Elementary/ Middle School Seeking Silver
 Arlington
- ArlingtonElementary SchoolSeeking Silver
- P6000 Vehicle Operations Addition Seeking Silver

success

"Art Deco" Style

Transforming University Mall

University Mall Shopping Center, originally constructed in 1977, has been renovated and expanded from 138,000 SF to over 206,000 SF. Samaha's design transforms the aged shopping center into an "Art Deco" style marketplace with four new pad sites, a courtyard, and an expanded 'mini-mall'. The center piece of the design is an outdoor courtyard that includes a fountain, sculpture,

lighting, plantings, and dining. The enlarged "mini-mall" is lit by a skylight and provides opportunities for kiosks and community engagement. A new tower marks the south entrance and the University Mall theater. The mall better serves the community, which includes the rapidly expanding George Mason University, by creating a pedestrian friendly shopping and dining experience.









- 2011 Best of Braddock Commercial Beautification Award by John C. Cook, Braddock District Supervisor
- Building E Dentistry for Children is LEED Core & Shell Silver Certified
- Building F Teddy Bear Daycare & Children's Medical Associates is LEED Core & Shell Silver Certified

joining the team



LaToya Kilpatrick, NCIDQ, LEED AP BD+C joins the Samaha interiors team. LaToya has a degree from Florida State University and more than 13 years of experience.



Greg Foor joins Samaha as our construction manager/ owner's representative in the field. Greg has more than 35 years of experience in the construction field.



Ehab Alhariri brings more than eleven years of experience as a designer to the Samaha team. Ehab recently relocated from the United Arab Emirates to the United States.



Hawree Chalabee joins Samaha as a recent Master of Sustainable Architecture from the University of Sheffield in England. Hawre has a degree from Salahaddin University, Iraq.

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Kelly Kalb is a senior at Woodson High School and is interested in architecture.