

JDT Rooftop and Healing Garden

Lincoln Park Renaissance Rehab & Nursing Center, Lincoln Park, New Jersey



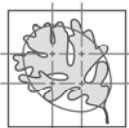
When approached by the client to design a Japanese Healing Garden, our office prepared a concept that would incorporate key elements of Japanese garden design as well as therapeutic garden design. Because both the interior and exterior gardens are constructed on the second floor of the building with occupied space below, we also had to employ specialized construction methods that are necessary in rooftop garden design.



The atrium space uses a curvilinear walk that resembles a pathway of earth and stone. A central, naturalistic water feature was designed to have falling water at one end and a still reflecting pool at the other. A dry riverbed which runs around the perimeter of the atrium unifies the space. The furniture used within the space is designed specifically for therapeutic settings and allows patients to sit comfortably within the garden. The second floor of the atrium is designed as a viewing lounge filled with tropical plants and rice paper "shoji screens" to allow light to penetrate the room while directing attention towards the garden below.



The exterior garden incorporates a pedestal paver system, a stone fountain, café tables with umbrellas, benches, lightweight pots and a variety of trees, shrubs, perennials and herbs.



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