

CRICKET HILL BARN



SIMPLICITY

In a world that thrives on the increasing complexity of advancements and technology, simplicity is a rare commodity. The purity of a simple design can encompass a greater meaning, a greater symbolism, and a greater synergy. This opportunity was presented at Bennington College in Vermont, where a thoughtful, historically sensitive renovation transformed a neglected barn into an appealing multi-functional space and into a tribute to its rich campus and local history. The Cricket Hill Barn is a place where one can escape busy campus life to enjoy the pristine beauty of the building itself and the landscape beyond.

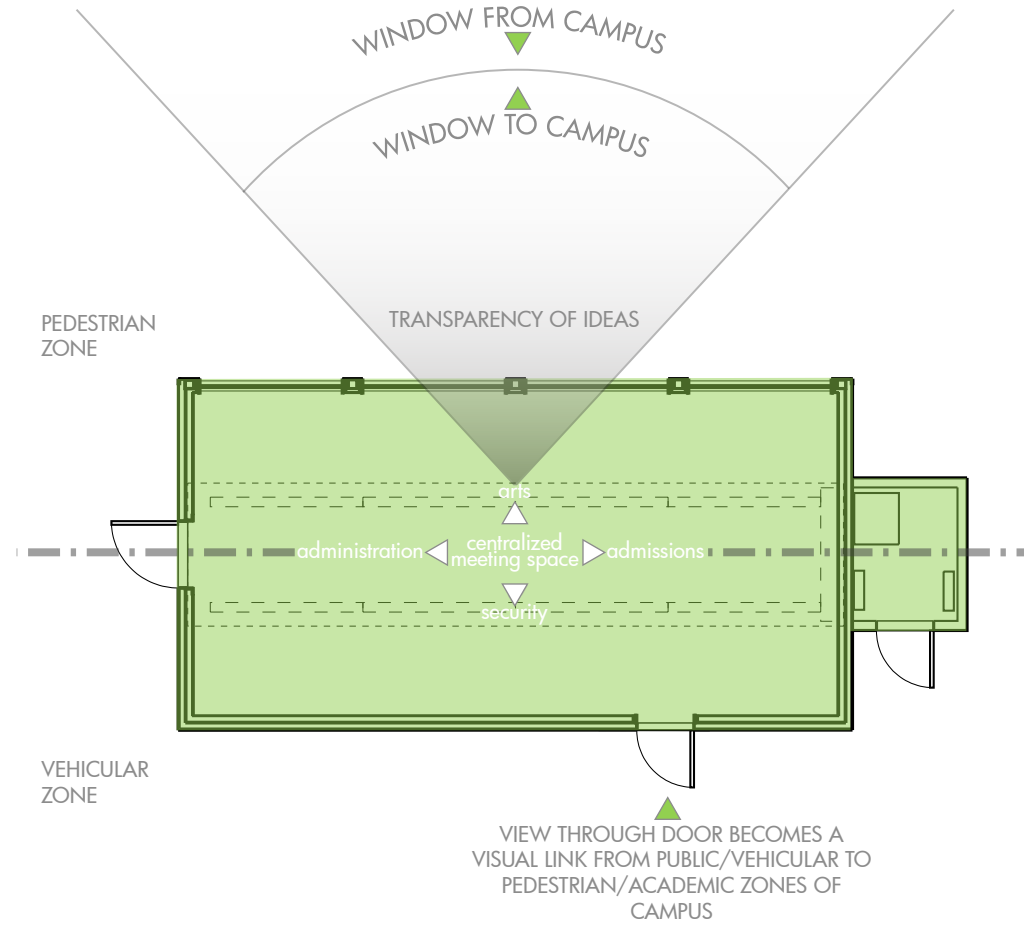


DESIGN CONCEPTS

- Keep the design **simple** and within a constrained budget
- Remain true to the sense of the original structure by retaining the simple lines of Vermont **barn** structures and by mimicking the garage doors of the previous era with dramatic glass expanses
- **Preserve** the historic fabric of the campus, while taking strategic advantage of the location of the barn as a **central** meeting space
- Provide **student/faculty/staff transparency** with large windows facing a main campus pedestrian path
- Give occupants an ample and unique **view** of campus and the opportunity to take in the **surrounding beauty** of the campus
- Consider the uses of the **space**, allowing for the occupants to focus on the activities at hand



SITE PLAN



BUILDING PLAN

“The ability to simplify means to eliminate the unnecessary so that the necessary may speak.”

Hans Hofmann











PROJECT NAME AND ADDRESS:

Cricket Hill Barn
Bennington College
One College Drive
Bennington, VT 05201

PROJECT TYPE:

Institutional

SERVICES:

Architectural Design, Project Management, Construction Administration.

CONSTRUCTION COST:

\$90,000

COMPLETION DATE:

October 2010

SCOPE:

Converted existing 4 car garage into conference space and multi-purpose space.

SIZE:

700 SF

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Reuse of existing framing wood and finish wood, day lighting and light harvesting controls and ventilation throughout, high performance shell, internally-located, energy efficient utilities and ductwork, energy-efficient lighting.

