

10: The Woodlands



Location
West Whiteland Township

Tract size
21.57 acres

Open space
61% (13.3 acres)

Number of units
65 townhouse units

Year approved
1988

The Woodlands is located on Boot Road, just west of Route 100 in West Whiteland Township. The townhouses of the Woodlands are laid out around courts along a single access road. The entrance to this development is quite unique, combining sidewalks, vehicular access, and a gazebo that houses the residents' mailboxes, making it reminiscent of the entrance to a summer camp complete with archways and an insignia.

The courtyards are anchored by landscaped islands that reduce impervious surfaces and provide shade and screening. The color and surface treatment of the dwelling units blends in well with the integrated mature woodland. The short setbacks and sidewalk system located throughout the development create a link to other uses and a pedestrian-friendly atmosphere.



The design of the residential courtyards provides a neighborhood feel for residents of the Woodlands.



The preserved open space provides scenic views for residents in the Woodlands.

The most outstanding feature of this development is the landscaping and the preservation and integration of existing woodland. Although the largest area of open space is located in the northeastern corner of the tract, the woodlands envelop a large portion of the development and provide views from almost every dwelling unit. The tree canopy provides shade and continuity to the development layout. The landscaping and use of natural materials, such as the wooden lightpoles, throughout the Woodlands allow the development to live up to its name.