

Relevant Experience

Open Door Mission Campus Omaha, Nebraska



Ehrhart Griffin & Associates was part of the team that worked to create a master plan for the Open Door Mission Campus and see it through for the first three phases of design and construction. The phases that have been completed to date include the Lydia House, the Permanent Supportive Housing and the Men's Center. The improvements include master planning the site for layout, grading, storm sewers, drainage, detention and water quality where the design for the completed phases included sidewalks, parking lots, sewers, drainage, detention, water quality, utilities, street pavement, coordination with utility companies and the relocation of their facilities.

The Open Door Mission is located in north Omaha near the Missouri River and Eppley Airfield. The master planning began in 2007 and helped to determine the opportunities in the areas surrounding the existing facilities. In order to expand and move forward with the master plan the Open Door Mission needed to acquire the adjacent properties and complete the final designs. The project included a number of challenges, not only with the restraints of an infill project, but with addressing the drainage problems on the proposed campus and in the vicinity, addressing environmental concerns, dealing with high groundwater levels and addressing the flood plain elevation concerns.



Thus far three of the master plan buildings have been constructed and provide a vital service to the community. The Lydia House provides a place for homeless women, children and families to go to get off the streets and get food and essentials. The Permanent Supportive Housing facility helps transition families from homeless to self-sufficient. The Garland Thompson Men's Center has the primary goal of helping homeless men escape homelessness and rebuild their lives.

Ehrhart Griffin & Associate's project responsibilities included all surveying aspects, design of the streets, parking lots, sidewalks, site utilities, sewers, drainage analysis of the area, coordination with all utility companies and the City of Omaha and assemble the construction documents.

Ehrhart Griffin & Associates services included using state of the art in electronic surveying and computer aided drafting and design (CADD) equipment and systems.

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