



## WU & ASSOCIATES RECEIVES INAUGURAL EXCELLENCE IN CONSTRUCTION AWARD

Wu & Associates, Inc. was recently honored with an Excellence in Construction Award from the Associated Builders & Contractors – New Jersey Chapter. This inaugural award was the first ever held by the New Jersey chapter, and is the beginning of a long-standing tradition in the construction industry.

The subject project receiving the award is the Smithville Historic Park Restoration in Eastampton Township, New Jersey. Working closely with the Burlington County Division of Parks, Wu & Associates completed the restoration of two buildings within the park, overcoming obstacles such as failing foundations and material sourcing. The space, located within the county's park system, is a thriving part of the local community, and regularly used for hands-on education experiences, social events, and recreation. It has continually evolved to meet the needs of the surrounding community in a way that welcomes visitors to enjoy history in spaces adapted to modern comfort and practicality.



The goal for the restoration of both buildings was to accomplish adaptive reuse of the space, pioneered by the Burlington County Department of Resource Conservation. The Park Avenue building was a split renovation – converting one side into a museum, to illustrate the average period worker's house, possessions, and appliances. The other side transformed into space for an art gallery, exhibiting different local artists. The Maple Avenue building was converted into the Park's new Visitor Center, offering information on all Park facilities, as well as office space and public restrooms. The story that Smithville's buildings can tell is an important one, and this creatively designed reuse of historical space helps Burlington County's legacy to live on.

Wu & Associates is grateful for the opportunity to take part in such an important project, and to promote the positive benefits that arise from sustainable, adaptive reuse of historic buildings. The company is also honored to be recognized by the Associated Builders and Contractors for a job well done, and proud to receive the first inaugural Excellence in Construction award for its category.

To learn more about the Burlington County treasure, readers are welcome to visit Smithville Historic Park. To inquire about the historic restoration services offered by Wu & Associates, please contact Katherine Ng at (856) 857-1639.