

Blue Ball Dairy Barn



AIA/Philadelphia, a chapter of the American Institute of Architects, presented the 2007 Award for Design Excellence, its top honor award in the built category, to the Blue Ball Barn project and architects Wallace Roberts & Todd. The jury commended the project for the design of the new addition, particularly the “light and transparent qualities of the addition in sympathetic contrast to the solidness of the existing historic barn.”



Contrasting themes of solid and transparent, dark and light are part of the dialogue between the new and old evidenced in both day and night that both distinguishes and complements the historic structure

The Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia named the State of Delaware and its partners as Honor Award winners for the restoration and adaptive reuse of the Blue Ball Barn. The award recognizes the Blue Ball Properties’ plan for preserving open space, for commemorating the agricultural history of the Brandywine Valley, and for innovations in sanitation, fire protection and energy efficiency.

AIA/Delaware, also a chapter of the American Institute of Architects, has awarded its 2007 Earth Day Award to the State of Delaware Division of Parks and Recreation for the Blue Ball Barn restoration project. The building has been registered with the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) and meets the Leadership in Energy (LEED) Silver Rating standards.

AIA/Delaware also presented the 2007 Design Honor Award to architects Joseph A. Healy, AIA and Wallace Roberts & Todd, LLC, recognizing architectural excellence in the design of the Blue Ball Dairy Barn.



The “loose fit long life” sustainable design strategy embodied in the historic Barn, is central to the new addition. The two level new construction is compartmentalized with multiple internal and external access points to maximize flexible use for single and multiple events.