

VISION STATEMENT

In the year 2020, Skillman Village is a place for people: a thriving cultural, educational, recreational and civic hub with high-quality jobs, services, and arts/culture venues all within a pedestrian-oriented, campus-like environment. The Village is a healthy place to live, work, learn and play, and innovative elements of sustainable design are seen throughout the site and the buildings. The public lawns, plazas and amphitheater are vibrant gathering spots for the community to enjoy art shows, theatrical plays, outdoor music events and public symposia. Shops, studios and fine dining are mixed in with new and expanding businesses including health-oriented, research and high tech facilities.

While there are clusters of cultural activity, venues for visual and performing arts are interwoven in the overall fabric of the Village. Historic buildings have been adapted and reused and the new architecture of varying styles blends with the scale and character of the Village and enhances the stately landscape.

There are beautiful and interesting things to look at – trees, art, people. The distinctive circles of Larocque, Brophy and Bergen are uniquely designed so that the buildings frame and define the public green spaces. There are expanses of pristine parkland, perfect for a quiet stroll; the Village open spaces connect to Sylvan Lake and the Rock Brook, which are havens for outdoor enthusiasts and nature lovers. The residential community of Skillman Village includes seniors and young adults, as well as those with special needs, living in a modest



number of multi-family market rate and affordable dwelling units.

Above: Main Boulevard

Skillman Village, which developed over time with an understanding and respect for the history, cultural setting, and original architecture and landscape design, is an economically, socially and environmentally sustainable community asset that enhances the quality of life for the entire Township. It blends in with its surroundings - including the historic Village of Blawenburg and nearby residential neighborhoods - and stands out as a unique destination for diverse groups of people of all ages to participate in and enjoy varied year-round indoor and outdoor activities.