

“You stuck it out with us, always so graciously and patiently. The entire spree is one great big plus, you worked magic, and I am grateful beyond words.”

-Jean Hudson from a thank you letter to the Johnson Hill Land Ethics Studio following the completion of work at the Grosse Pointe Club 2002.

The Grosse Pointe Club, known as the Little Club by members, was developed and redeveloped over the course of many years with no master plan to guide the placement of the various facilities. Due to the need for a paddle tennis warming hut, in particular, but also to the condition of the tennis courts and the pool building, the time had come to rethink the entire activity area. The Johnson Hill Land Ethics Studio was hired to develop a plan.

Incorporated into the master plan was a new multi-purpose building, reoriented paddle tennis courts, a new wading pool, and an improved play area. Design considerations included the need for security while providing for safe, easy access by members and service personnel, adequate use area separation and overall coordination with existing clubhouse activities and grounds, consideration for impacts on neighboring properties, and potential utilization of unused parking spaces.

Major new additions and improvements required a plan that not only located space to meet current needs, but also allowed for future changes without undue reconstruction. The result is an efficiently organized space allowing for future renovation and addition of new facilities as needs arise and priorities change.

The design process included the preparation of three schematic alternatives for review by the Planning Committee for the Club. This allowed each Planning Committee member to have a hand in the formation of the final plan. After the alternatives were formalized into a single plan, construction documents were prepared and construction was completed on time and on budget.



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