



One Montgomery Plaza

Government building gets an urgent facelift

A busy government and court complex at One Montgomery Plaza in Norristown, PA required an urgent facelift. The existing masonry walls were failing, causing bricks to fall from the building. Initial plans to reskin the building with a curtain wall window system solved the aesthetic and speed requirements but not the owner's budget constraints. NORR's alternate design reskins the building with cost-efficient metal panel and greatly reduces the amount of curtain wall. The window proportions were revised, creating an affordable, beautified façade that maintains much of the building's previous design.

The design approach allowed for five phases of construction broken into vertical sections of the façade which allowed the building to remain functional and occupied through construction. The new façade was designed as stick built back up system, but through bidding was evaluated and is being erected as a panelized façade system. The design incorporates a complete exterior entrance plaza and reskin, along with roof repairs and a new security room in the parking garage level. Inside, NORR created a swing space and made interior design upgrades to allow county departments and courts to remain in operation.

CLIENT	Montgomery County
PORTFOLIO	Public Buildings
CATEGORY	Repositioning
SIZE	230,000 SF (21,368 SM)
LOCATION	Norristown, PA, US
DATE	April 2021
SERVICES	Architecture MEP Engineering Structural Engineering Interior Design

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Public Buildings

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Valued Partner at All Levels of Government

NORR is a valued partner at all levels of government - federal, state, provincial, county and municipal. Our proven track record in large-scale, heritage conservation, adaptive reuse and renovation projects spans more than forty years. We uphold internal governance practices, employ proven program and project management methodologies and use value-based design from concept to implementation. We have worked on highly secure projects involving confidential documentation and when required, have engaged advisory boards or peer reviews. Every project has a specific strategy based on requirements and vision.

Managing Complexity

Public building design is a Center of Excellence at NORR. Our designated team of architects, engineers, planners and designers have deep knowledge in managing the complexity of purpose-driven design. From current circulation and constraints of an existing spatial environment, to detailed project phasing and staging, to the design of new structures and implementing workplace strategies, our programs will provide the right solution. Our role is to engage our clients and stakeholders to realize the project vision. The result: a design that makes a positive social impact on the communities served.

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