

# INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY

## *Historic Landscape, History and Assessment Report*

The Institute for Advanced Study  
Princeton, New Jersey

### Project Data

Date: 2006-2007

Size: 55-acre historic campus core within an 800-acre campus

Context: Suburban Princeton, NJ



*Schematic Design illustration of Fuld Hall, ca. 1938*



*Aerial view of campus, ca. 1950s*



*View across pond to the Library, Dec. 2006*



*Birch Garden, Dec. 2006*

### Project Description:

Philanthropist Louis Bamberger and his sister Caroline Bamberger Fuld established the Institute for Advanced Study (IAS) in 1930 as an institute for higher learning. In 1936, internationally renowned campus architect Jens Fredrick Larson of Hanover, New Hampshire began planning the new campus on farmland in close proximity to Princeton University. Larson prepared a development plan for the campus that included a circular entry drive, a cluster of academic buildings in the English Georgian style of architecture, a service area, and housing for the members. Construction began in 1939.

Elmore Design Collaborative (EDC) was hired to prepare this report to establish an understanding of the history, development, and the changes that have taken place within the historic campus core landscape and assess the natural and manmade character-defining landscape features. Archival research was inclusive and extensive and included primary sources from IAS, Swarthmore College, and images and information provided by Larson's daughter and former employees. As a result, several important findings were documented.

The landscape inventory and assessment of existing conditions documented all of the character-defining landscape features and resulted in the development of treatment recommendations. The final report was presented to the Board and will be used for improving and restoring the landscape as well as a guide for future expansion. All work followed the guidelines established by *The Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Treatment of Historic Properties*.

**This project was recognized with a 2009 Honor Award from the Connecticut Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects.**



*Fuld Hall, Nov. 2006*