



The program for The Huntington at Nashua describes a state of the art CCRC of modest scale; 124 independent living apartments, 12 assisted living apartments and 24 beds of long term care.

The planning of the project was defined by several site and program requirements. First, the site is unusual in that it is sloping in one direction toward a beautiful, mature wooded wetland which also acts as the primary view shed. Secondly, the marketing for the project indicated a high demand for multiple exposure apartments. Finally, the project size and operations personnel placed inherit demands on staffing efficiencies.

Responding to the site issues, the master plan for the project was developed with the top (third) floor independent living commons and dining areas taking advantage of the primary woodland views and topography. Because the project steps up the hill a full two stories, the assisted living and long term care are at the same level in a one story building behind the independent living. This top floor horizontal connection not only resolves the site demands, but also allows the staff efficiency of a shared kitchen, wellness center, and service areas for both the independent living and long term care.



Regarding the program requirements, the corridor network is clearly understandable, but fractured, allowing interesting walks with corridor views, light and resting areas. This design permits a high percentage of apartments with double and multiple exposures.



The architecture itself is a contemporary spin on the design precedent of the historic resort hotels prevalent in New England at the turn of the 1900's.

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