



University Circle in Cleveland, Ohio, is an extraordinary cultural, medical and educational district. Its concentration of institutions in one beautiful square mile is unsurpassed in the world. In addition to many others, important institutions such as the renowned Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland Botanical Garden and Severance Hall (home of the Cleveland Orchestra), call the Wade Oval their home. The Wade Oval is the ceremonial center of the University Circle district. In addition, the Circle is a prime tourist destination, a renowned medical center, and an incomparable place of learning.

MSI Design was responsible for full design services in restoring the 7-acre open space back to prominence. The plan provides stronger pedestrian connections between the three major institutions fronting on the Oval, by activating their

entries and the edges of the open space. The institutions' front doors extend across Wade Oval Drive, providing open "stages" for sculpture gardens (Art Museum), botanical displays (Botanical Garden) and children's play (Natural History Museum). Various seating opportunities, water elements and passive open space provide year-round enjoyment for visitors, nearby workers and neighbors alike.

While the emphasis is to activate Wade Oval throughout the year, much consideration has been given to the popular festivals such as Parade-the-Circle, which can bring over 30,000 visitors to the Oval for the day's activities. Utility connections, pavement widths and performance stages have been designed to facilitate the festival activities and provide the needed power and service requirements.

