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The riverine ecosystem and topography in Millsboro, Delaware, were used as sources of inspiration during design and development of Wharton's BLU. Due to the extensive experience of



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The proximity of the wetlands and the Indian River made stormwater runoff and sediment disturbance of particular concern, especially during construction. Perimeter controls, filter cloths, and infiltration trenches behind each building were put in place at the beginning of site development. Working with the home builders, Craigmiles also pre-erected all building pads and built nine strategically placed sediment traps.

A site's natural habitat and amenities can be used as an effective marketing tool to lure homeowners. With this in mind, Craigmiles reached out to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to gauge how development should proceed when a bald eagle nest was found on the site. USFWS was clear that the area where the eagles were spotted could not be developed at all, so Craigmiles delineated a habitat and nature preserve area in an allocated space on the site. USFWS guided Craigmiles throughout the process, providing aerial photography of the new limits of development and answering questions. The nature preserve has