

FEATURED: Restaurant

HANK'S PLACE

Dever Architects Is Happy to Announce
That Construction Is Underway!

Late in the summer of 2021, Hurricane Ida flooded the Chadds Ford community and damaged this historic restaurant beyond repair. Dever Architects has been tasked with the rebuilding of Hank's Place to retain its character while updating the design with more modern finishes and amenities. Construction of the new building will begin in April with an opening planned for December



View of Hank's Place from Route 1
(Rendering Courtesy: Dever Architects ©2023)

HISTORY

Hank's Place has been a staple of the Chadds Ford community since its opening in 1950. It first began as a hamburger stand, and eventually became a restaurant locals and visitors grew to love. The restaurant's legacy ran through various owners. The current owners describe the restaurant's philosophy as a place where you can break bread with friends and family. When it was destroyed by the flood, this community lost its gathering place. This project meant a lot to Dever Architects as we wanted to restore a piece that our community was missing.



The building just after Hurricane Ida in 2021. Flood waters reached the ceiling!
(Photo Courtesy: Dever Architects)

THE DESIGN

Since the flooding from hurricane Ida brought the flood waters to the ceiling of the existing building, Dever Architects' design elevates the new restaurant 8'-6" above the Base Flood Elevation. The design includes a new kitchen, dining room with breakfast bar, and an elevated, covered, outdoor dining deck. The deck welcomes guests with a gas fireplace that is visible from both the street and the dining deck. Other building features include a cathedral ceiling open to a glass cupola centered in the dining room and a new, covered ramp providing accessible access to the new restaurant.



Exterior View of Dining Deck
(Rendering Courtesy: Dever Architects ©2023)



Dining Deck Overlooking the Brandywine & It's Wetlands
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**Diners on the deck will enjoy great views
of the Brandywine Creek and it's extensive wetlands.**

OWNERS' GOALS

1. The owners, the Youngs, "want to rebuild, but keep the historic Brandywine Valley feel."
2. The owners asked the architects "to recreate the small, comfortable, and warm feel of the old restaurant."
3. The owners asked the architects to "reimagine what the new Hank's Place could be while keeping the old charm."

-Anthony Young
Owner of Hank's Place

All of the character and comfort of the old Hank's Place in a new, updated, airy dining room.

INTERIOR RENDERINGS



Dining Interior
(Rendering Courtesy: Dever Architects ©2023)



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PROJECT TEAM

- Dever Architects' Tom Dever, Jeffrey Pack and Augustine Nudy are the project's design team for Hank's Place.
- Jim Fritsch of Register Associates is the Civil Engineer.
- DLI Commercial is the builder.

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"The Dever team did something we didn't expect - they listened. We were determined to rebuild the legacy of Hank's Place, a long-standing Brandywine Valley icon since 1950."

-Anthony Young
Owner of Hank's Place