

09.11.01 MEMORIAL PLAZA

PALM BEACH GARDENS, FLORIDA



Urban Design Studio had the honor of participating in the project management, landscape design and construction of a memorial plaza dedicated in honor of the victims of the terrorist attacks of 9/11/01.

With the plaza shaped to emulate the fireman's Maltese cross, the centerpiece is a 36' tall steel beam from Tower II of the World Trade Center in New York City. The steel is flanked by eight 8' tall glass panels that are etched with the names of the

victims. The plaza was designed to use ecologically sensitive and sustainable elements including permeable pavers and solar electrical panels, and utilized reused palm trees that were donated by the Town of Palm Beach. Although the setting of the plaza is in an urban area in front of Fire Station No. 3, it is a reverent peaceful place, buffered by a grassy berm and shaded by multiple palm trees. Educational plaques outlining the history of the events of 9/11/01, the journey of how the steel made

it to the plaza, the history of the police and fire badges and Maltese cross, and diagrams showing where the steel beam was located in the building are located at each plaza entrance.

The plaza was a collaborative effort of volunteers, community leaders, businesses, and the City of Palm Beach Gardens and was built with generous donations of time, materials and labor from dozens of businesses without the use of tax payer dollars.