

Niagara Falls, New York

Owner / Client: Fichte Eye Center

Area: 2,856 square feet

Cost: \$ 200,000

As the City of Niagara Falls struggled in the mid 1980's to retain businesses in its urban areas, Dr. Claus Fichte challenged TRM to provide a modern professional office design that incorporated a multitude of state-of-the-art facilities in a softer suburban style, single story facility on a limited urban lot where the City would offer substantial financial incentives. Siting the building on the street intersection property lines with contained landscaping maintained the street edge and the urban character of the avenue. At the same time, the landscape design and the elevation design achieved the low to the land and sheltering style for which the client was searching.

With most building typologies, space management is a top priority. This modern medical office was no different. By not wasting space with an inappropriate floor plan layout, medical records storage, and equipment placement, initial investment dollars could be maximized.

Efficiency was another major project priority. To meet this objective, the floor plan layout was designed to create an uninterrupted and accessible flow throughout the facility for not only the patients, but for the doctors and administrative staff as well.

Upon completion, Dr. Fichte remarked upon the diligence he observed in TRM's research and effort to understand the workings of his specialized clinic. He contributes the efficient floor plan layout combined with textual site design as key reasons for a successful project that functions equally well from the outside in and inside out.



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