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The 1934 Amanda E. Stout Elementary School occupies half a city block in the heart of a densely populated urban neighborhood in Reading, Pennsylvania. This transformative project included adding two new buildings and comprehensively renovating the historic school, relieving overcrowding by accommodating 500 additional students in a manner that was both neighborhood-conscious and environmentally responsible.

Renovations to the existing structure featured meticulous restoration of masonry, terrazzo flooring, plaster moldings, historic light fixtures, wood doors, and a distinctive tile fountain. Select doors were replaced, and classroom windows were returned to their original proportions to enhance ventilation and maximize natural daylight.

Through innovative design, the project successfully rehabilitated and preserved a historic community school while strengthening its long-term viability. By sustaining a vital neighborhood institution and enhancing community walkability, the redevelopment has had a lasting, positive impact on the surrounding area. The project achieved verified energy reductions, incorporated sustainable strategies aligned with LEED Gold standards, and was recognized for environmental excellence by the USGBC Central PA Chapter.

