

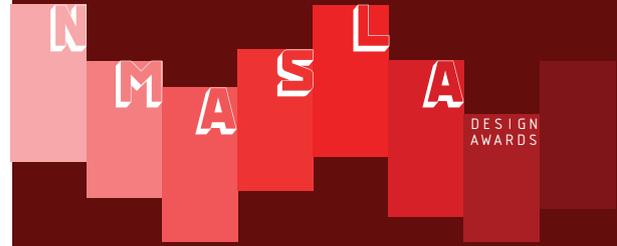
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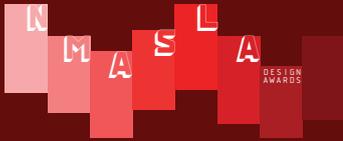
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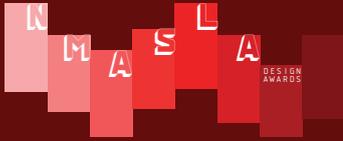
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AWARDS DESCRIPTIONS

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Friend of NMASLA Award

Recognizes a non-NMASLA member whose sustained collaboration with NMASLA has benefitted our Chapter members and programs.

Outstanding Executive Committee Member Award

Recognizes an ex-com member who has provided exemplary service to the Chapter over the past 12 months.

Outstanding Chapter Service Award

Recognizes one member for their service to the Chapter for a sustained period of time.

Outstanding Professional Service Award

Recognizes a Chapter member for their sustained pro-bono service to advance the Landscape Architecture profession and benefit practitioners.

Professional Distinction Award

Recognizes a member for exemplary professional achievements contributing to the advancement of the Landscape Architecture profession.

Distinguished Community Leadership Award

Recognizes a non-member who shares our desire to be stewards of the land; to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

DESIGN AWARDS

Award of Excellence

Given to one outstanding project from all projects submitted

Award of Excellence in Sustainability

Given to one outstanding project from all projects submitted that exemplifies sustainable practices.

Honor Award

Given to one outstanding project in each of the five categories

Merit Award

Given to multiple projects within each category to recognize superior professional accomplishment.

CATEGORIES AND JURY CRITERIA

Design – Constructed

Recognizes excellence in constructed, site-specific works of landscape architecture.

Criteria: The jury will consider the quality of the design and execution; design context and the expression of local or regional characteristics; environmental sensitivity and sustainability; and demonstration of design value to the client and to other designers.

Design – Exploratory

Recognizes excellence in design thinking and method for un-built works of landscape architecture.

Criteria: The jury will consider the quality of design, including context and the expression of local or regional characteristics; environmental sensitivity and sustainability; and demonstration of design value and/or innovation.

Planning & Analysis

Recognizes the wide variety of professional activities that lead to, guide, and evaluate landscape architectural practice.

Criteria: The jury will consider the quality of the analysis and planning effort; context; environmental sensitivity and sustainability; likelihood of successful implementation; and value to the client, the public, and other designers.

Communication

Recognizes achievement in communicating landscape architectural works, techniques, technologies, history, or theory, and the lesson value to an intended audience.

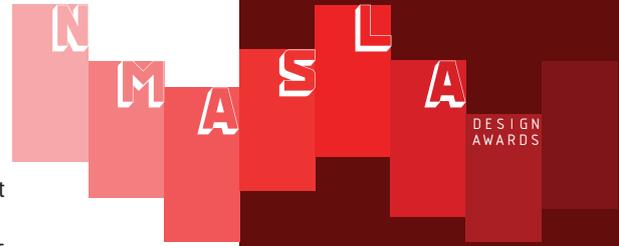
Criteria: The jury will consider the effectiveness of message presentation, the innovation in approach or delivery, and the value to the intended audience.

Student

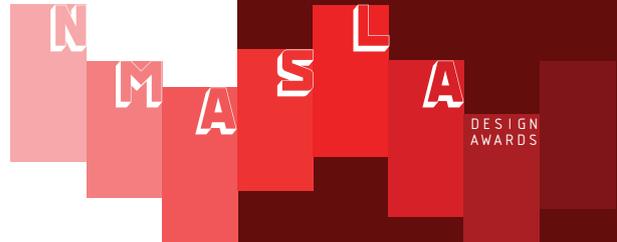
Recognizes excellence in student works of landscape architecture.

Criteria: For student project submissions, the jury will consider the quality of design, including context and the expression of local or regional characteristics; environmental sensitivity and sustainability; demonstration of design value and/or innovation; and effectiveness of the project to communicate the ideas and intent.

Criteria: For student thesis submissions, the jury will consider the importance or significance of the topic; the methods of inquiry; and the value and applicability of the research conclusions.







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Friend of NMASLA Award

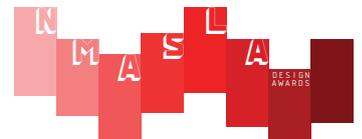


Daniel Gardiner

Daniel Gardiner is the president of Exerplay, Inc. in Cedar Crest. Exerplay provides high quality recreation equipment including playgrounds, splash pads, skate parks and site furnishings.

For decades, Exerplay has distinguished themselves through the collaborative spirit they bring to each project. They've been valued partners on numerous service projects that have benefitted organizations and communities.

Exerplay has also been a tireless supporter of the programs and mission of NMASLA. We truly appreciate everything that Dan and his staff do for the landscape architecture community.

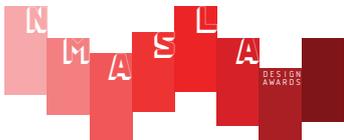


Outstanding Executive Committee Member Award



Jitka Dekojova

Immediate past president Jitka Dekojova certainly fits this description, having served not only as chapter president, but in many other positions over the years as well. Jitka always brings a positive attitude and sense of humor to her efforts, contributing to the advocacy and public relations committees, serving as interim secretary, steering our social media program and always volunteering for every event.

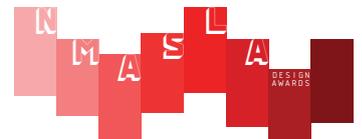


Outstanding Chapter Service Award



Amy Bell

Service on the NMASLA executive committee is a labor of love. It is the strong desire to forward and support the profession of landscape architecture that leads people to serve our members at the Chapter and even national level. This year's recipient has served as Secretary, Member-at-Large and Chapter President. She is also responsible for spearheading the Mentorship Program, Pop-up Playground and many other important chapter events over the years. Most recently she has taken the lead on NMASLA's efforts to support a new community tree planting program being considered by Councilor Isaac Benton.

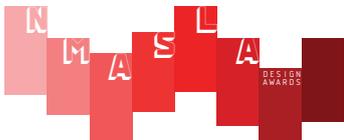


Outstanding Professional Service Award



Gil Berry

Gil has served as NMASLA Chapter President and Trustee, as well as completing two terms on the State Board of Landscape Architects. He has been heavily involved in CLARB for over twenty years, serving on their Board of Directors and as a Master Grader. Gil currently represents all New Mexico landscape architects on the state's Joint Practice Committee, a commitment that first began in 1986. Gil's career long service to Landscape Architecture was recognized nationally when he became an ASLA Fellow in 2002. Although this is an impressive list of accomplishments, it cannot relay the full impact Gil's efforts have had on our professional community.



Professional Distinction Award



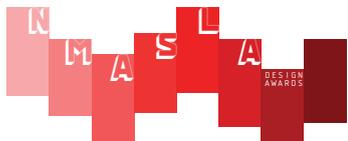
Faith Okuma

Faith Okuma has continually advanced our profession's active role as environmental steward through each of her projects, from innovative planning to built work across the American West and beyond. She has done so by raising critical questions and educating others around water conservation, land preservation, and the embodied energy of materials we utilize in our profession.

In the 1990's, Faith's collaboration with Ed Mazria's team helped to develop the guiding principles that evolved into Architecture 2030. She was a partner at COPA and a principal-in-charge with Design Workshop, leading vital, community transforming projects such as the Santa Fe Railyard Master Plan. With this plan, she and her team obtained unanimous approval from thousands of disparate stakeholders to create a unique district based in history, community, contemporary art, and environmental conservation. Her leadership on the Rancho Viejo Master Plan and implementations for the 21,000 acre property embraced the preservation of open space, and inspired water conservation ordinances that exceeded some of the highest national design standards.

Her devotion to our profession spans beyond her leadership at Surroundings. Faith was also a past president of NMASLA. She has participated in national planning advisory teams for the Urban Land Institute. Her plans and designs have received countless awards over the years, but what makes Faith especially award winning is her selfless sharing of ideas, and her endless optimism and passion that landscape architects can, and will, make a difference in our world for this and future generations.

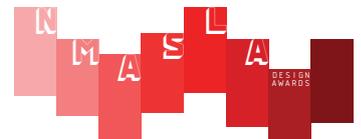


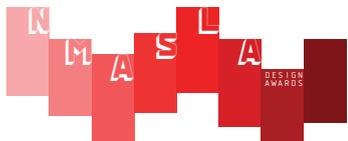


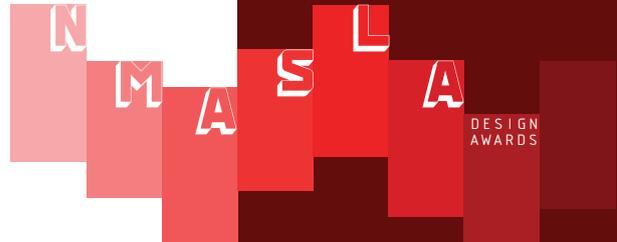
Distinguished Community Leadership Award

U.S. Senator Martin Heinrich

Martin Heinrich served as New Mexico's US Representative from 2009 until he was elected to the Senate in 2013. While serving, Senator Heinrich has lead efforts to introduce or co-sponsor legislation that conserves wild lands, protects pollinators, supports public transportation, and protects cultural treasures. NMASLA is particularly pleased with his sponsorship of the Healthy Kids Outdoor Act and his support of the Safe Streets Act of 2014. We look forward to his continued support of programs and legislation that support the work of landscape architects.







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Award of Excellence

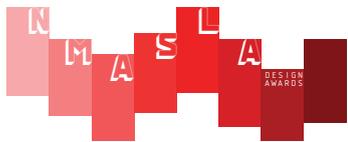
Woven Plains Residence Surroundings

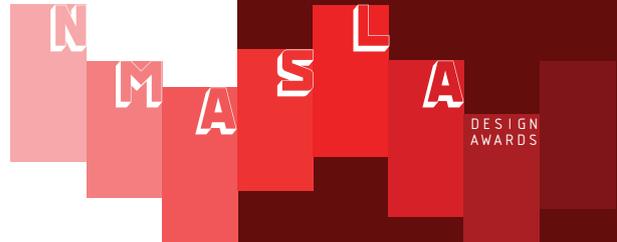
Location: Santa Fe, NM

This residential project located in the New Mexico's high desert weaves together a rigorous water ethic with the programmatic needs of the clients. It builds a new aesthetic by incorporating our precious and diminishing western water resources into the design and function of a sustaining and nourishing landscape. One juror noted, "The project was meticulously designed. The artful use of plant color and texture combined with the detailing of hardscape materials make this project exceptional."









AWARD OF EXCELLENCE
IN SUSTAINABILITY

Award of Excellence in Sustainability

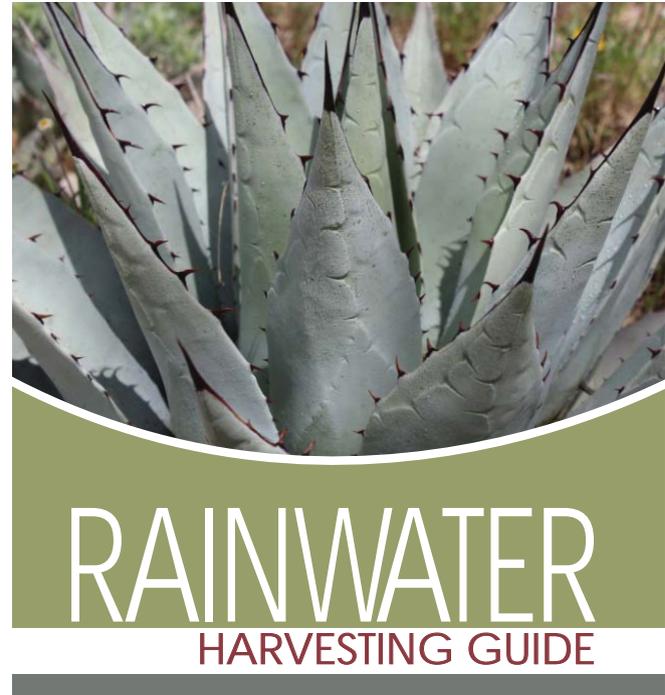
Rainwater Harvesting Guide

Sara Zahm Landscape Architect and The New Mexico Water Collaborative

Location: Albuquerque, NM

Client : Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority

Many municipalities in the United States have created rainwater harvesting publications, but they aren't user-friendly. The Rainwater Harvesting Guide that was developed for the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority is an excellent example of the practical considerations for businesses and homeowners when assessing rainwater harvesting capture, storage and reuse in the landscape. This attractive publication is a highly informative guide that illustrates real world applications in a variety of site applications and represents one tool toward achieving the next milestone in long term sustainability of water resources in Albuquerque and Bernalillo County.





RIO GRANDE FOOD PROJECT

Cistern: Underground Polyethylene



▼ SYSTEM INFORMATION

Area of Town	Above/Below Grade
• Southwest	• Below Ground Cistern Tanks
Size (Area of Landscape)	System Capacity
• 3,100 Square Feet	• 5,100 gallons
Roof Area	
• 5,000 Square Feet	

We partnered with US Fish & Wildlife Partners Program and the Querencia Institute's Agua es Vida students to provide hands on learning about the installation of rainwater harvesting systems. For more information see: www.querencia-institute.org



1. EXCAVATION FOR TANKS



2. EACH TANK HAS 1700 GALLON CAPACITY



3. TANKS PLACED SIDE BY SIDE



4. AGUA ES VIDA STUDENTS DIGGING TRENCHES



5. GREAT STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS



6. GROWING PRODUCE TO FEED THE HUNGRY

CHECK LIST

	EXISTING	NEW	
ROOF	flat	X	
	sloped		
	canale		
	downspout		
	piping	X	
CISTERN	gutters		X
	above		
	below		X
	pump inside tank		X
	pump outside tank		
	flow meter		X
	automatic connection		
	manual connection		X
	hose bib		
	IRRIGATION	automatic drip	
manual drip		X	
soaker hose			
sprinklers			
hand water		X	

▼ CHALLENGES

The roof was designed with drainage areas to an internal piping system instead of rainwater coming off of the roof in a downspout or gutter. The point at which the rainwater came out of the building was 18" above the ground. This meant we could not gravity feed rainwater into an above ground system, hence the below ground system.

▼ BUDGET: \$13,853.00

Installation included three 1700 gallon cistern tanks in a below ground system, connecting to existing drip irrigation, and a flow meter to track rainwater collected and used in our landscapes. New gutters were installed to maximize rainwater harvesting from roof areas without internal drainage. The water level in equalized tanks is determined with a wood dipstick, to indicate water volume in tanks.

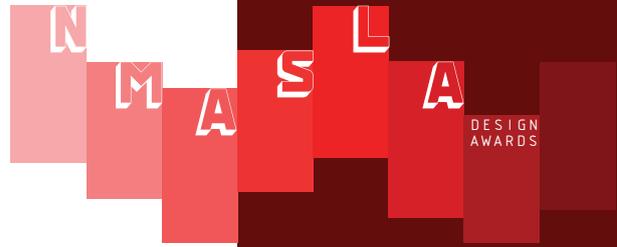
CONSIDERATIONS

- 1 PLANTING AREA**
 - An existing vegetable garden was located near the area of roof collection
- 2 PLACEMENT**
 - Tanks located near exit point of rainwater from the building
 - Tanks located between the building and vegetable garden
- 3 ROOF AREA**
 - Roof drains internally; a below ground system was required
- 4 RAINWATER ACCESS & USE**
 - Total volume capacity of 5100 gallons
 - Captured rainwater will support the vegetable garden during the growing season

"As the largest food pantry on Albuquerque's Westside, Rio Grande Food Project fed over 46,000 hungry New Mexicans last year, and in the summer months, thanks to our rainwater harvesting system, and our volunteers, we were able to supplement food boxes with fresh, healthy produce from our community garden. The water collected in the catchment tank allowed us to expand our garden yield while decreasing our dependence on city municipal water. We are conserving water and better meeting our mission."
-Ariel Herring, Executive Director

INSTALLER:
MOUNTAIN & MESA





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HONOR AWARDS

Honor Award - Planning & Analysis Category

Alameda Drain and Trail Master Plan Dekker/Perich/Sabatini

Location: City of Albuquerque/Bernalillo County
Client: Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, Bernalillo County, City of Albuquerque
Consultants: Parametrix, Weston Solutions

The Alameda Drain & Trail Master Plan provides a framework for a multi-use path and improvements along a nine-mile drain located in the Middle Rio Grande Valley. A joint effort between four public agencies, this collaborative effort takes a utilitarian irrigation conveyance and transforms it into a regional transportation and recreation asset. The design team had to navigate complex relationships between public entities and address the concerns of adjacent property owners. A testament to the success of the design process, participants expressed strong support for the master plan and its core concepts at the final public meeting. The overall planning process created a foundation of trust and is a template for future recreational master planning efforts. One juror noted, "It's clear that extensive planning went into this project, which is needed when designing trails that have heavy interaction with roadway networks."



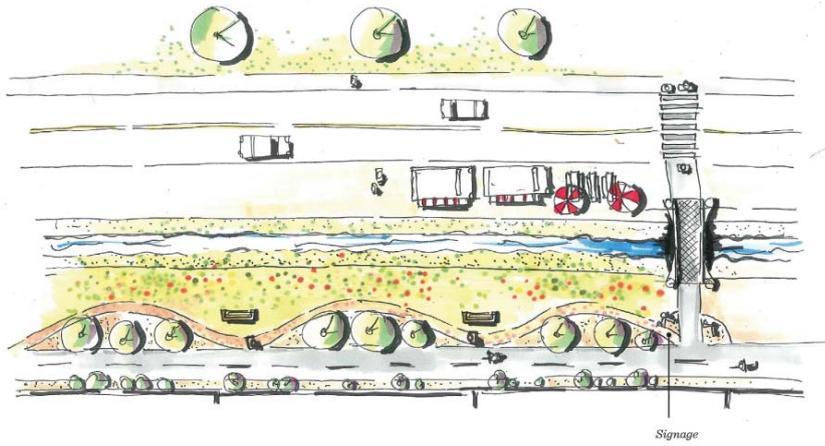


FIGURE 47. *Solar Powered fountain*

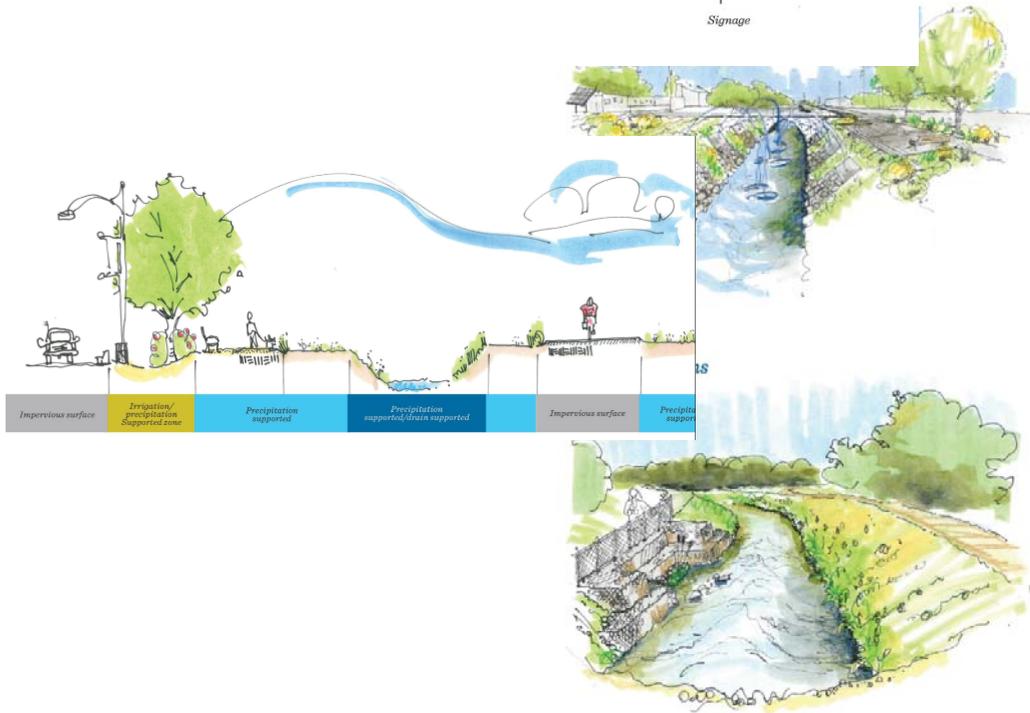


FIGURE 49. *Cantilevered overlook*



Honor Award - Design Constructed Category

Imperial Building Dekker/Perich/Sabatini

Location: Albuquerque, NM

Client: YES Housing

The Imperial Building is the first affordable mixed-use development in downtown Albuquerque to include a community garden on its rooftop. The lush urban garden is home of the Veteran's Farmer Project and allows residents to grow produce. The garden and landscape are irrigated with rainwater captured in a cistern located in the basement. This development has filled a void in downtown, classified as a food desert, with providing the garden and a grocery store. One juror noted, "This project is a much needed example for many other cities to follow."





Honor Award - Communications Category

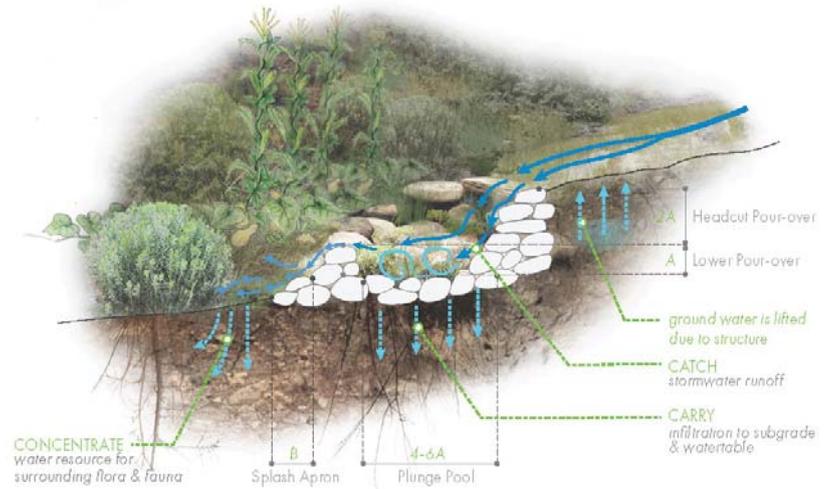
Old School Green Infrastructure from A to Z Surroundings

Location: Santa Fe, NM
Consultants: Erin English; Biohabitats, Steve Glass

Presented at the 2014 ASLA National Conference, Old School Infrastructure looks to New Mexico's 400 year old acequia system for lessons on how our profession can respond to the problem of water scarcity. Designed to educate practitioners beyond the regional Southwest, Old School Infrastructure introduces the audience to a wealth of historic green infrastructure precedents, regional history and knowledge around the pressing issues of water infrastructure. By developing a new "encyclopedia," the presenter tied history and theory to built and unrealized projects with historic and contemporary examples of these techniques in use.

Z Zuni bowl *historic; system components & principles*

OLD SCHOOL GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE FROM A TO Z



A Acequia

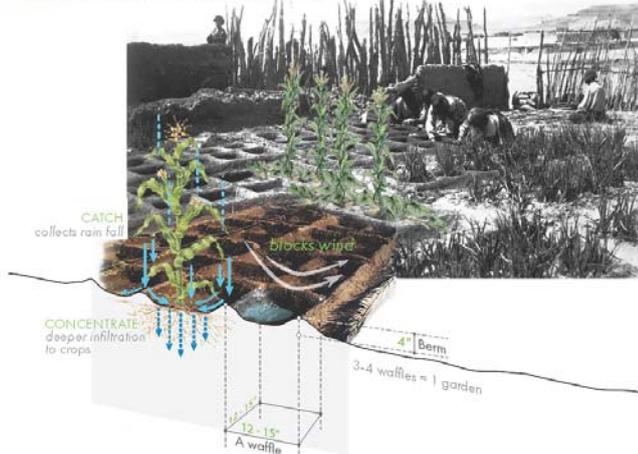
Acequia *noun* \ə- 'sā-kē-ə, ä-\

- 1: an **irrigation ditch** that reroutes river water or snow runoff partially to distant field
- 2: a **community-operated** watercourse used in Spain and former Spanish colonies in the Americas for irrigation (google definition)
- 3: also refer to the **long central water feature** in a Moorish garden, such as the Alhambra (wikipedia; acequia)

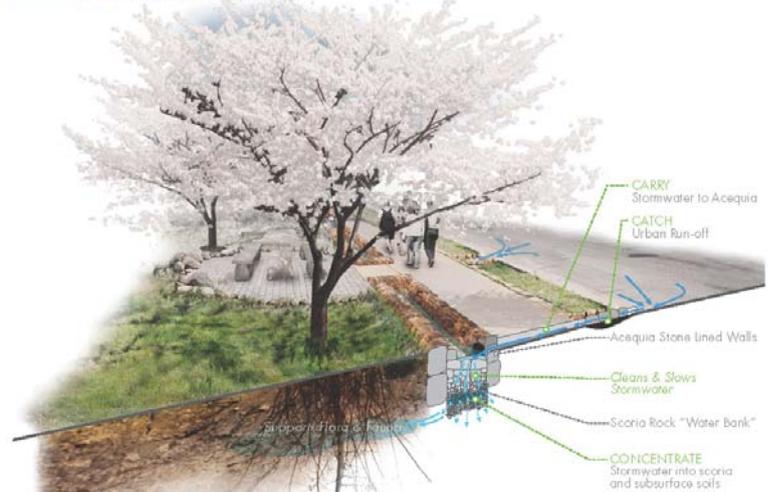


The content of the presentation was organized by historic green infrastructure techniques from A to Z (Acequias to Zuni Bowls). Each section started with the term, its pronunciation, and a series of definitions.

W Waffle garden
historic, system components & principles



A Acequia
contemporary application 1



As a part of our own work, we created a "stormwater acequia" for a project in Santa Fe. It takes street run-off from the surrounding urban watershed and leads a new orchard within the river parkway.

Honor Award - Design Exploratory Category

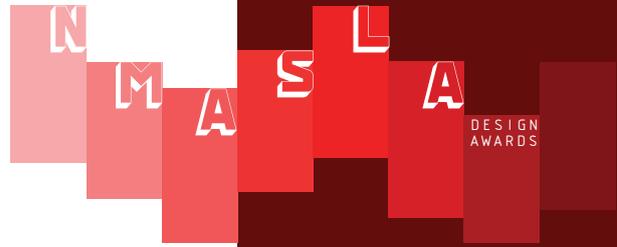
Seaholm Intake Design Competition Surroundings

Location: Austin, TX
Client: City of Austin
Consultants: Biohabitats

Surroundings' submission to the Seaholm Intake International Design Competition was chosen as a top ten finalist. Their design uniquely wove the programming of iconic, 20th century architecture with 21st century biofiltration along Lady Bird Lake in Austin, Texas. The collaborative team of architects, landscape architects, and ecological engineers, developed a design proposal that synthesizes sustainability, art, culture, people, and feasibility into a cohesive and innovative vision for the City of Austin and its citizens.







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MERIT AWARDS

Merit Award - Design Constructed Category

A Park Above: A Place Where ALL KIDS Play Consensus Planning

Location: Rio Rancho, NM
Client: City of Rio Rancho
Consultants: Huitt Zollars, BCL Enterprizes, The Response Group

This inclusive 6-acre park in Rio Rancho is designed to a higher level of accessibility than standard ADA requirements so that physical and social barriers are eliminated and people of all ages and disabilities will be able to enjoy the park and have the same opportunities for play as those without disabilities. What sets this park “above” is the deliberate integration of play, shade, furnishings, finishes, landscaping, and technology; design for safe navigation and stimulation of the senses. Considered the first universally accessible park in New Mexico, this park will set the accessibility standard for all future parks in the state. At the groundbreaking event, Governor Susana Martinez shared a childhood memory of being at the playground while her sister sat at the sidelines in her wheelchair. At a Park Above, this exclusionary scenario is eliminated.





a park above
where all kids play

BRaille MAP

MAP LEGEND

- YOU ARE HERE
- PARK ENTRIES
- COMPANION RESTROOMS

6 LABYRINTH

7 GRASS LAWN

RIO RANCHO ROTARY AMPHITHEATER

8 AMPHITHEATER

9 GAME COURTS

10 DOG PARK

11 FITNESS STATIONS

1 MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

2 SMALL SWINGS

3 HIVE PICNIC AREA

4 SMALL PLAY

5 SAND PLAY "Gabby's Place"

19 VISITOR DROP-OFF

20 PARKING LOT

16 FRIENDSHIP COLUMNS

17 WATER PLAY

18 MAGIC PICNIC AREA

12 LARGE SWINGS

13 SPORTS COURTS

14 HILL PLAY

15 LARGE PLAY



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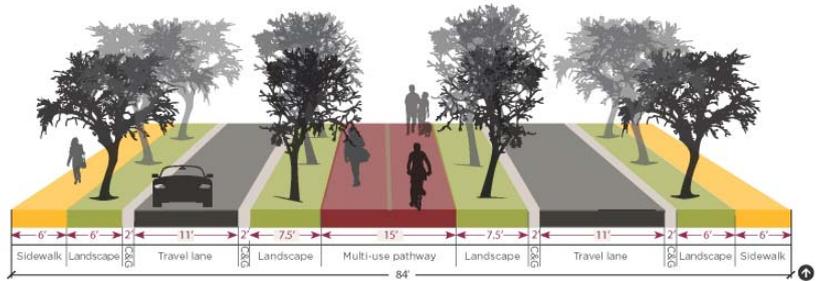
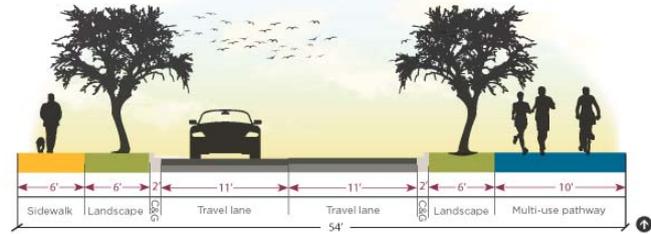
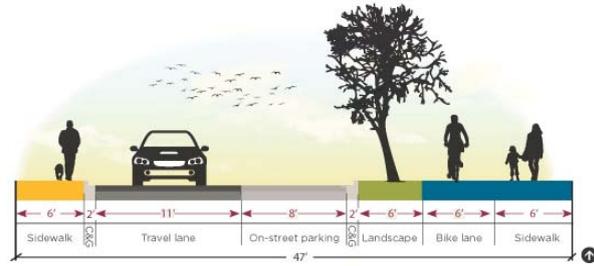
Merit Award - Planning & Analysis Category

Arrowhead Park Master Plan Dekker/Perich/Sabatini

Location: New Mexico State University
Client: NMSU
Consultants: Molzen Corbin

The Arrowhead Park Master Plan is a 175 acre development that seeks to attract new companies and talent to the region by creating an attractive district adjacent to the core campus of New Mexico State University. The plan lays the foundation for a new era of sustainable, mixed-use development that will provide opportunities for housing and amenities that attract people to live within the Park's boundaries in close proximity to NMSU's employment and education facilities. Through such efforts the plan creates a more robust, prosperous development model and offers greater economic development impact to the local community. One juror noted, "Super! The plan is graphically clear and precise from concept to construction administration."





ENHANCED NATURAL AREAS



COURTYARDS



PLAZAS

Merit Award - Design Constructed Category

Bachechi Open Space Park Sites Southwest

Location: Albuquerque, NM
Client: Bernalillo County
Consultants: Bohannon Huston Inc., Sam Sterling Architecture, Longhorn Construction

This project illustrates how consultants, public clients, and community activists can create an unprecedented demonstration of sustainability and place. This park includes a solar powered education center with cisterns, permeable paving, zero-waste green composting, water harvesting depressions, and restoration of a historic pecan grove and reuse of an old tree farm as an arboretum. Habitat includes 5 separate zones and perennial fields for migratory waterfowl along with interpretative signage to increase awareness. An urban forest, orchards, gathering areas, trails, equestrian facilities and wildlife habitats comprise this 27 acre regional park.





Merit Award - Design Constructed Category

Centennial High School Dekker/Perich/Sabatini

Location: Las Cruces, NM
Client: Las Cruces Public School District
Contractor: Gerald Martin

Centennial High School is a dynamic learning environment that is designed to cultivate an appreciation of a regional aesthetic in support of a progressive educational model. This state-of-the-art facility limits site disturbance by building into the topography, creating a cohesive campus where the outdoor plazas are as valued as the interior spaces. Through design creativity and collaboration, this large high school provides a rich and safe learning experience for students and faculty alike. The sense of place reflects the New Mexico Chihuahuan desert and creates an educational atmosphere that speaks to the environment from which it came.





Merit Award - Design Constructed Category

Central New Mexico Community College - "A" Building Courtyard Renovation MRWM Landscape Architects

Location: Albuquerque, NM
Client: CNM Community College
Consultants: AC Engineering, Longhorn Construction

The "A" Building Courtyard was outdated and challenged with deteriorating infrastructure, non-compliant accessibility, poor drainage, and general wear and tear. It was also the victim of decades of piecemeal architecture surrounding the plaza, where each new building ignored its relationship to previous adjacent buildings. The challenge was to connect each of these disparate architectural works, including 8 different finish floor elevations. The result is a refreshed space that strengthens the interaction between the plaza and adjacent buildings, and functions as a much-needed gathering space for students on the north side of campus. Jurors noted the space's remarkable before and after transformation.





Merit Award - Design Constructed Category

Central New Mexico Community College Wellness Path

Dekker/Perich/Sabatini

Location: Albuquerque, NM
 Client: CNM Community College
 Consultants: Bradbury Stamm, Bridgers & Paxton, High Mesa Consulting Group, The Groundskeeper

The CNM Wellness Path is a pedestrian loop designed to improve the campus community's health and well-being. The path is supported by new bike routes that maximize connections to the central campus, surrounding neighborhoods and public transit. The connecting theme is Dimensions of Wellness. Four stations representing emotional, physical, occupational and intellectual wellness contain site, landscape and interpretive amenities designed to educate and inspire visitors to lead a healthy lifestyle.



Description: CNM Wellness Station amenity plans - musical instruments, special paving, interpretive signage, shade structures, seating and themed landscaping.

CNM Tech Loop & Wellness Path
Central New Mexico Community College

INTENT
The intent of the wellness path is to provide a safe, accessible, and enjoyable outdoor space for students and faculty to engage in physical activity and wellness activities. The path is designed to be a central hub for wellness activities, providing a space for students and faculty to engage in physical activity and wellness activities.

THEMATIC FEATURES
• Enhance the existing site
• Provide a safe and accessible outdoor space for students and faculty to engage in physical activity and wellness activities
• Provide a space for students and faculty to engage in physical activity and wellness activities
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WELLNESS STATIONS
INTELLECTUAL
EMOTIONAL
PHYSICAL
OCCUPATIONAL

INTERPRETIVE ELEMENTS
• 0.1 MI
• Wellness Path House
• DENKER PERICH SKRATNYI

INTELLECTUAL WELLNESS
A person who never reads a statistic, never shed anything from his mind.
• Plants
• TIPS
• DENKER PERICH SKRATNYI

CNM Tech Loop & Wellness Path
Central New Mexico Community College

DESIGN
CORON IMAGE STRUCTURE
CORON WATER FOUNTAIN

INTELLECTUAL WELLNESS STATION

FURNISHINGS
• CORON
• CORON
• DENKER PERICH SKRATNYI

PLANTS
• MEMORY
• INTUITION
• DEVOTION
• ELOQUENCE
• MEMORY
• NATIVE PLANTS
• DENKER PERICH SKRATNYI

FITNESS/MUSIC
• DENKER PERICH SKRATNYI

PAVING
• DENKER PERICH SKRATNYI



Merit Award - Design Constructed Category

El Parque del Rio Surroundings

Location: Santa Fe, NM
Client: City of Santa Fe
Consultants: Bohannan Huston Inc., Lockwood Construction, Action Sports Design

El Parque del Rio is a linear park following the Santa Fe River as it flows through downtown Santa Fe. This major amenity was beset with numerous challenges along its' nearly two mile length. A bold approach was used to revitalize and recharge the park's riparian habitat while re-engaging the community with this essential urban parkway. The most notable contribution to this revamped civic space was through innovative water-harvesting prototypes to capture urban run-off and recharge the river park's landscapes.



Merit Award - Design Constructed Category

Four Hills Village Park

MRWM Landscape Architects

Location: Albuquerque, NM
Client: City of Albuquerque
Consultants: Isaacson Arfman

Four Hills Village Park is the first general-purpose park built in the City of Albuquerque completely without turf. The design focuses on connecting users to nature throughout the park. Paths wind through dense tree plantings. Boulder retaining walls create dynamic changes in elevation. Natural materials blend the edges between more formal play areas and natural exploration areas. Users of all ages are encouraged to immerse themselves in their surroundings and engage all of their senses. One juror noted, "I'm thrilled to see public agencies and designers commit to creating parks without turf and implement them with such success."





5.2 STREET DISTRICTS

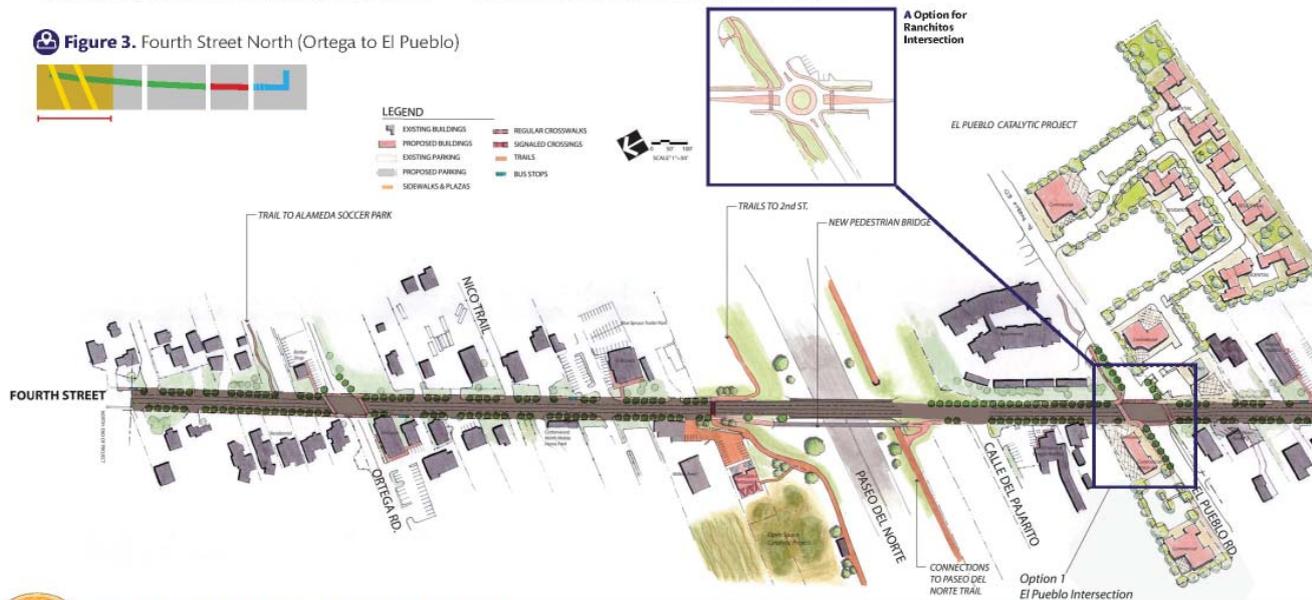
GREENWAY NORTH DISTRICT

The Greenway North District stretches from the northernmost village boundary near Ortega Road to approximately Pueblo Solano Road on the south. This reach of the corridor is less densely developed, with a great propensity of residential homes and residential commercial

conversions than other districts with the exception of the intersections of El Pueblo and Ranchitos. The right-of-way is still narrow at around 60 ft in width but many more of the buildings are set back from the street edge in this zone which further creates a more open feel. Open space in this District will primarily be connections to neighborhoods along acequias and near Paseo del Norte to the village's large open space park. At the open space a parking lot and a small restaurant site is envisioned with a connection to the trail through the open space.

This open space connection will be accompanied by a new pedestrian bridge across Paseo del Norte which could also provide a gateway element to the village focused on the traffic on that major arterial. It will also provide better connections to the trail along the south side of Paseo del Norte. Landscaping in this reach of the project will primarily consist of a narrow strip along the edges of the roadway due again to the narrow right-of-way.

Figure 3. Fourth Street North (Ortega to El Pueblo)



2A BUILDING 1104 ELEVATION
CASSIDY ROAD



2B BUILDING 1104 ENLARGEMENT
CASSIDY ROAD



Merit Award - Design Constructed Category

Healing Gardens @ Presbyterian Rust Medical Center

Dekker/Perich/Sabatini

Location: Rio Rancho, NM
Client: Presbyterian Healthcare Services
Consultants: Bohannon Huston Inc., Bridgers and Paxton, Irrigation Services, The Groundskeeper, Heads Up

The Presbyterian Rust Medical Center Healing Gardens represents the first time a New Mexico healthcare facility has used evidence-based design to develop a series of therapeutic gardens as an integral part of their healthcare delivery system. Using the Biophilia Hypothesis and evidence-based design research as the design foundations, the team of designers, engineers and clinical staff developed four therapeutic gardens designed to heal by connecting people to nature. One juror noted, "I believe people would come to enjoy this space even if they were not visiting the hospital."



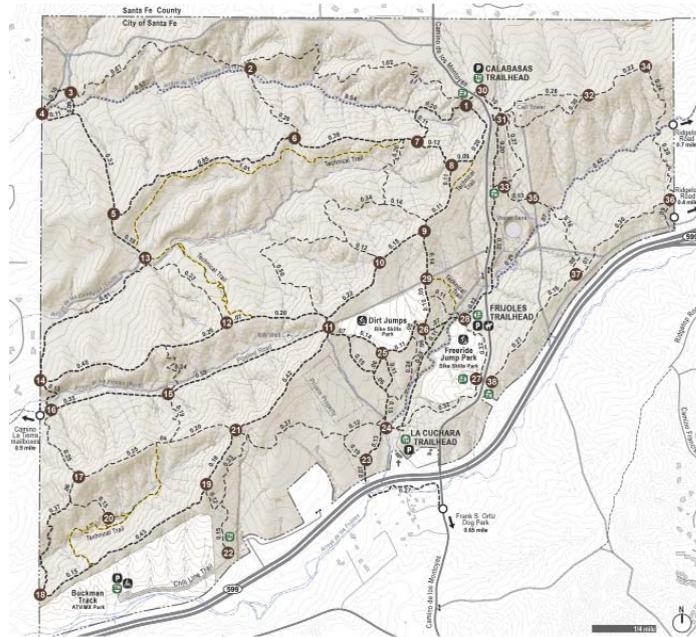


Merit Award - Design Constructed Category

La Tierra Trails Design Office

Location: Santa Fe, NM
Client: City of Santa Fe
Consultants: Wilson & Company, HO Construction, Heads Up, William Neuwirth, Criterion Environmental Consulting

Just three miles from the Santa Fe plaza, 1,500 acres of derelict public land was transformed into a popular destination where sports enthusiasts can recreate in a wilderness setting with expansive views of the surrounding mountain ranges. La Tierra Trails, a 25+ mile trail network, is open year-round to hikers, bikers, and equestrians, with designated areas for BMX, Freeride, and ATV/MX riders. Conscientiously designed trailheads, trail access, and environmental signage complement the setting to provide an enjoyable experience for an array of users.



Within 1,500 acres of public land just three miles from downtown, 25+ miles of trails are open year-round to hikers, bikers, and equestrians. Three technical areas provide distinct, bounded areas for specialized recreational use, including the city's first legitimate ATV/ MX Park.



A comprehensive environmental signage and wayfinding system introduces the trails, clarifies the network, identifies allowed users on trails, and serves as reassurance for users within the open space area. The new La Tierra Trails logo helps establish the place's identity.

Merit Award - Design Constructed Category

Martineztown Park Phases 2 & 3 MRWM Landscape Architects

Location: Albuquerque, NM
Client: City of Albuquerque, Albuquerque Public Schools
Consultants: Isaacson Arfman, Lee Landscapes
Contractor: Westwind Landscape Contractors

The renovation of Martineztown Park restored a vital community amenity in a proud, historically significant neighborhood. Phases 2 and 3 established important links to the area's unique connection to the royal road between Mexico City and Santa Fe, and the Acequia Madre, the life-blood of early colonial life. The park features extensive interpretive components that tell the story of a journey on the El Camino Real and the history of the Martineztown neighborhood. The official grand opening in September, 2016 included dignitaries from Spain, Mexico, New Mexico and the United States. The event celebrated the National Park Service's centennial, the role of El Camino Real in the development of the region, and highlighted the park's role in telling the story. Jurors noted the creative use of interpretive elements for multiple ages and user groups.





Merit Award - Design Constructed Category

Pecos River Ranch

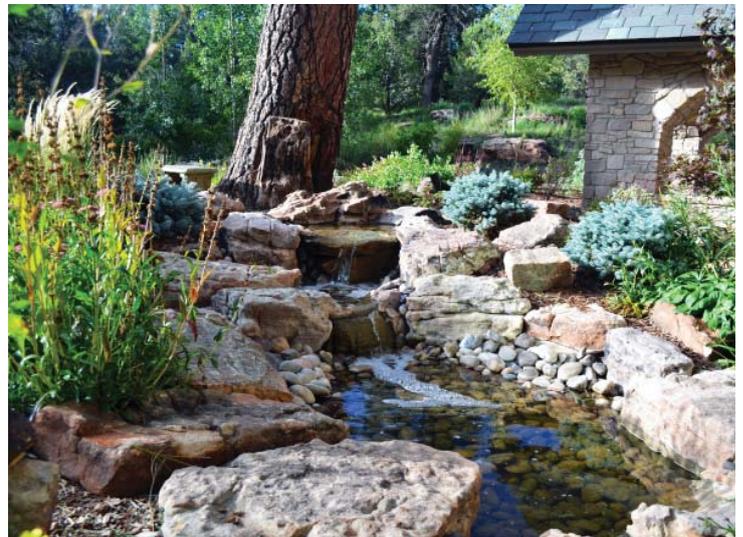
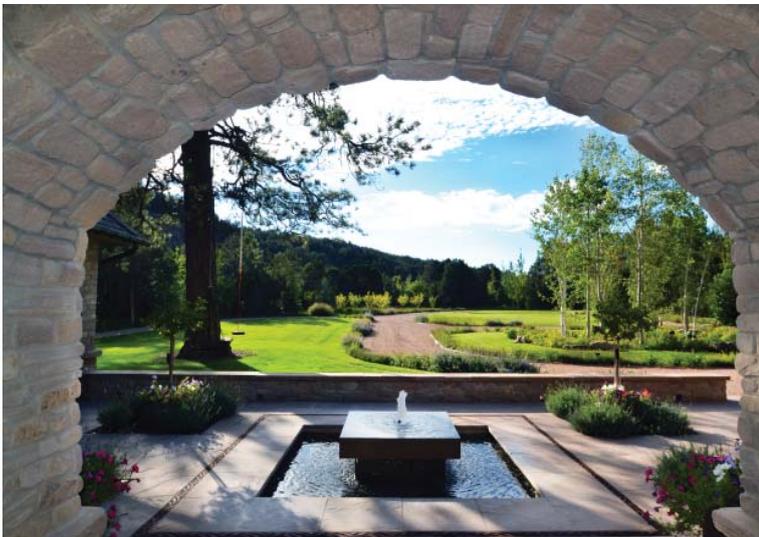
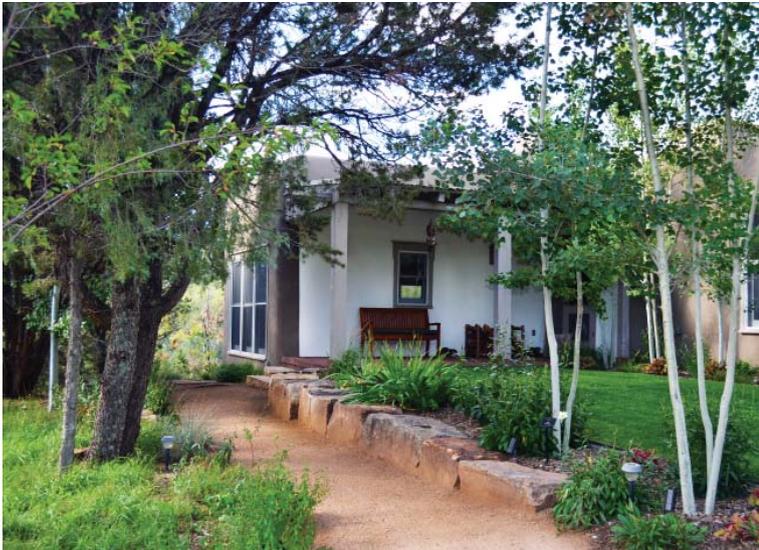
MRWM Landscape Architects

Location: Rowe, NM

Consultants: Conron and Woods Architects

Pecos River Ranch is a private ranch located along the Pecos River in northern New Mexico. The property features a newly constructed home, a ranch headquarters, and two renovated guest houses tucked into a ponderosa pine forest on the banks of the river. The landscape design includes native reforestation of disturbed areas, themed gardens surrounding the homes, two orchards, pollinator meadows, pedestrian paths and trails, fountains, an expansive river-view terrace, and a formal courtyard. One juror noted, "The variety of spaces and use of texture and plant material really set this project apart."





Merit Award - Communications Category

Soil and the City Groundwork Studio

Location: Albuquerque, NM

Client: FBT Architects

Consultants: Jim Brooks and Michael Young of Adaptive Terrain System, Andy Lee and Michele Carter of FBT Architects

This lighthearted blog series takes a new approach to the role soil plays in our professional design process as landscape architects. Each episode addresses critical pieces of the puzzle surrounding landscape value, the correlation between complexity and stewardship and how healthy soil supports the health and well-being of our communities. With humor and unexpected imagery, we learn that the history and future of our relationship with soil is at the heart of it all. The content of the series was presented during the APA New Mexico Chapter's annual conference in Albuquerque at the end of September and will be presented at the Think Trees New Mexico conference in January of 2017.

One juror wrote: "It was creative, funny, relevant, thoughtful, and playful. I hate blogs and I'd actually subscribe to this one." Another wrote: "The writing certainly makes dirt interesting and cool again."



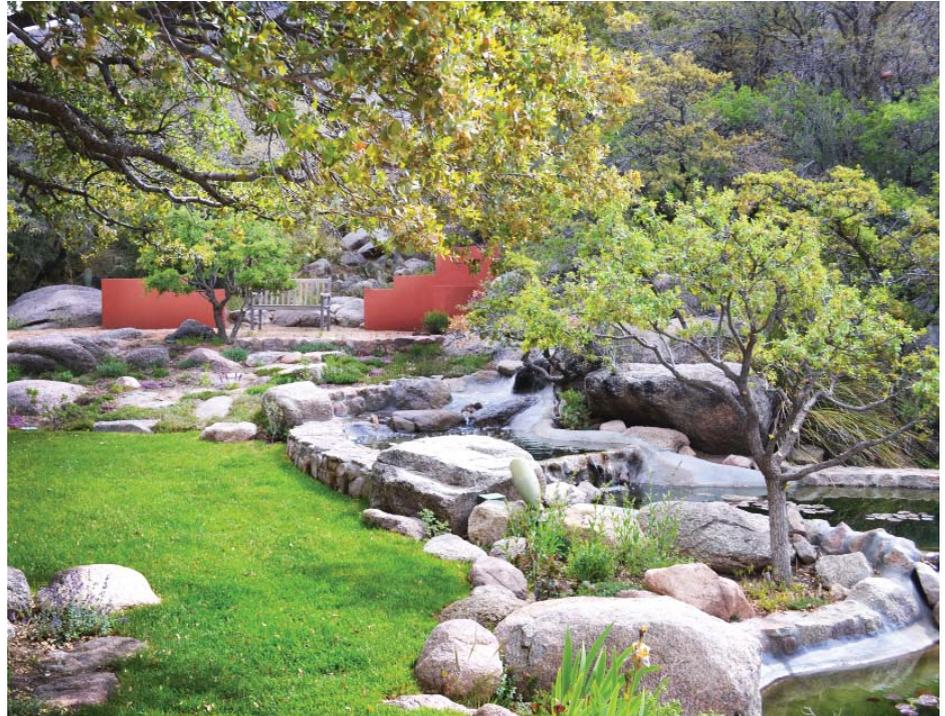


Merit Award - Design Constructed Category

The Cramer Residence MRWM Landscape Architects

Location: Albuquerque, NM
Contractor: Westwind Landscape Construction

Set in the foothills of the Sandia Mountains, this residence is surrounded by native oaks, boulders, and challenging topography. The Owner wished to create a sculpture garden with paths that encouraged guests to explore the unique setting. The designer created a hierarchy of paths, connecting existing nodes with new spaces for rest and reflection. Sculptural elements and natural views are revealed as the user moves through the garden, creating a dynamic landscape for exploration.





Merit Award - Design Exploratory Category

Valle de Oro Urban Wildlife Refuge Sites Southwest

Location: South Valley, Bernalillo County NM
 Client: Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority, US Fish and Wildlife
 Consultants: Wilson & Company, The Acorn Group, Wetwater Environmental Services

Valle de Oro is the nation's first urban wildlife refuge planned by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. The 600 acre plan includes a visitor center, permeable parking areas, trails, wildlife habitat ranging from xeric to mesoxeric, and 6 wetlands/management units meant to attract avian waterfowl. Drawing from its environment and history as a portion of El Camino Real, the site will feature interpretive exhibits, botanical labs, agricultural fields, children's learning opportunities, overlooks, and storm water devices conceived as artwork.

Valle de Oro
Draft Site Plan Concept #1





LEGEND

- Perimeter Trail Xenscape
- Barr Drain Forest
- Successional Forest
- Cottonwood Bosque
- Saltgrass Meadow
- Wildlife Management Units
Habitat will vary
- Moist Soil Depressions
- MeadowEdge/Island Plant
Communities
- Coyote Willow
Bioremediation
- Arroyo Riparian Habitat
- Playa Habitat
- Chihuahuan Habitat
- Lowland Mesa Habitat



Plan View of wetland cells along main interpretive trail

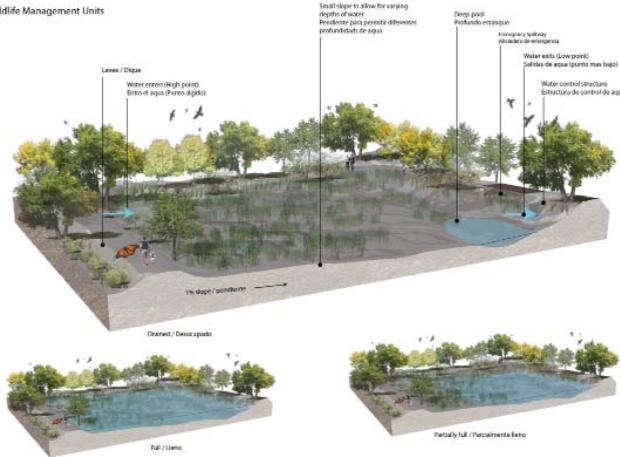


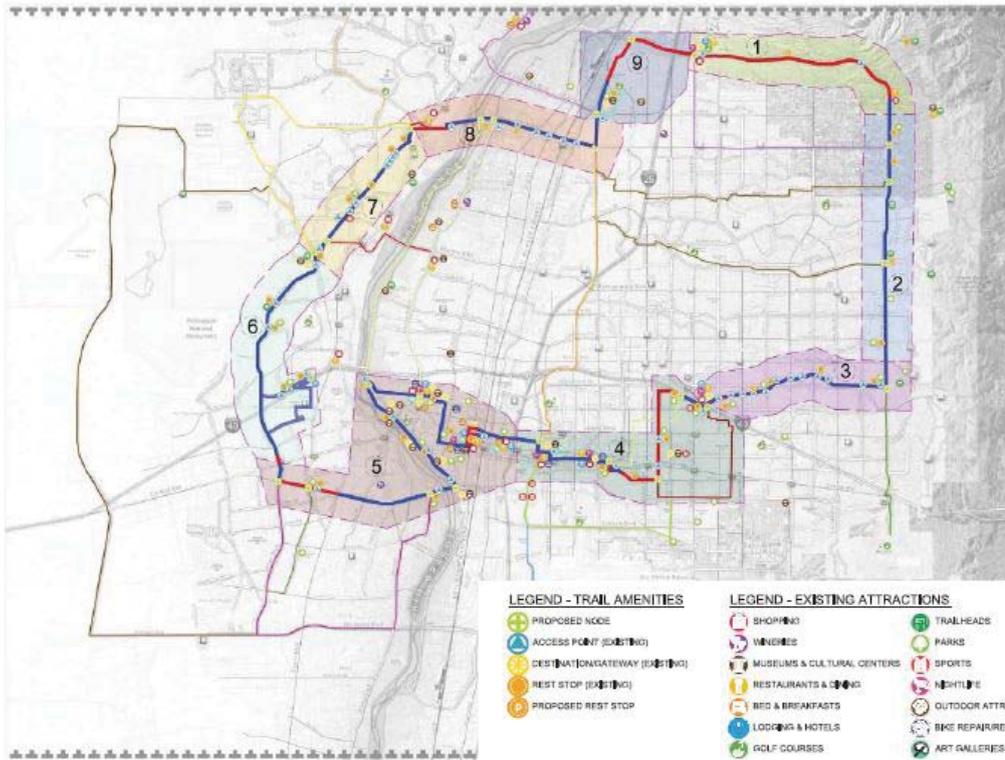
Section of interpretive trail and multi-use function as maintenance trail



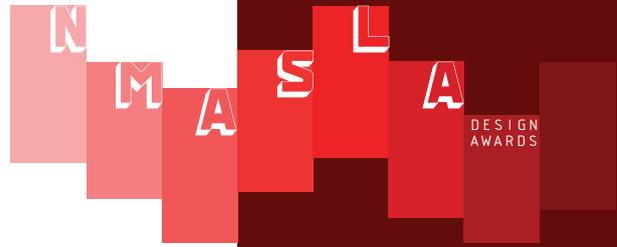
Section of park-like trail

Wildlife Management Units









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Honor Award - Student Category

Navajo Viewlines Jiangchen Zhu

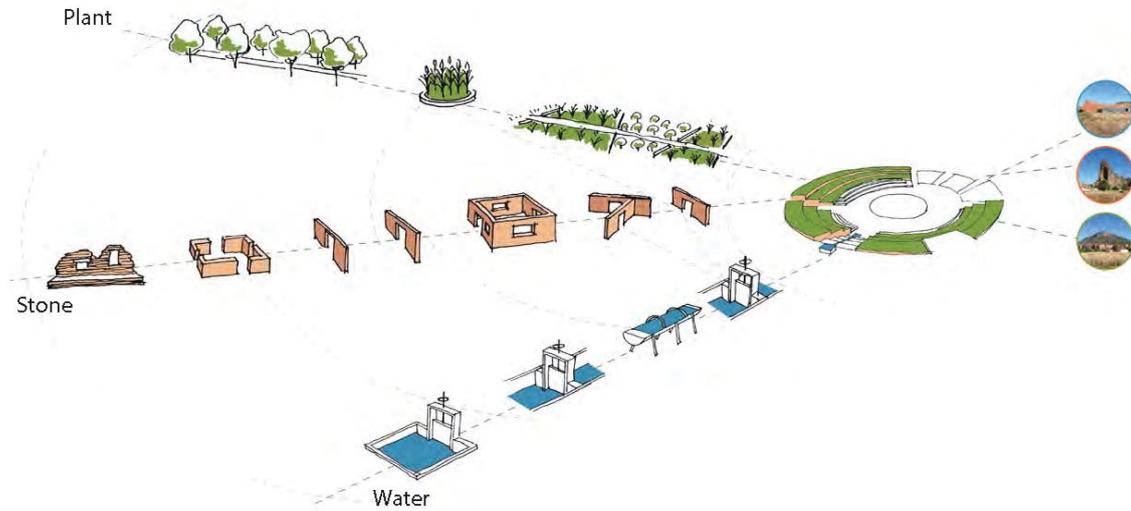
Navajo Viewlines re-imagines vacant land as an exciting town center for the Red Lake Chapter of the Navajo Nation. Faced with declining tourism and population loss, the community wished to create a destination that would spur economic activity while providing new opportunity for the residents. Leading to a central plaza, three distinct approaches highlight native plants, historic water infrastructure and the surrounding geologic features. These elements join together in the central Medicine Garden creating a landscape that celebrates the spirit of this unique landscape while providing a place for recreation and community gatherings. One juror noted, "This project shows great potential in assisting a community with their needs."

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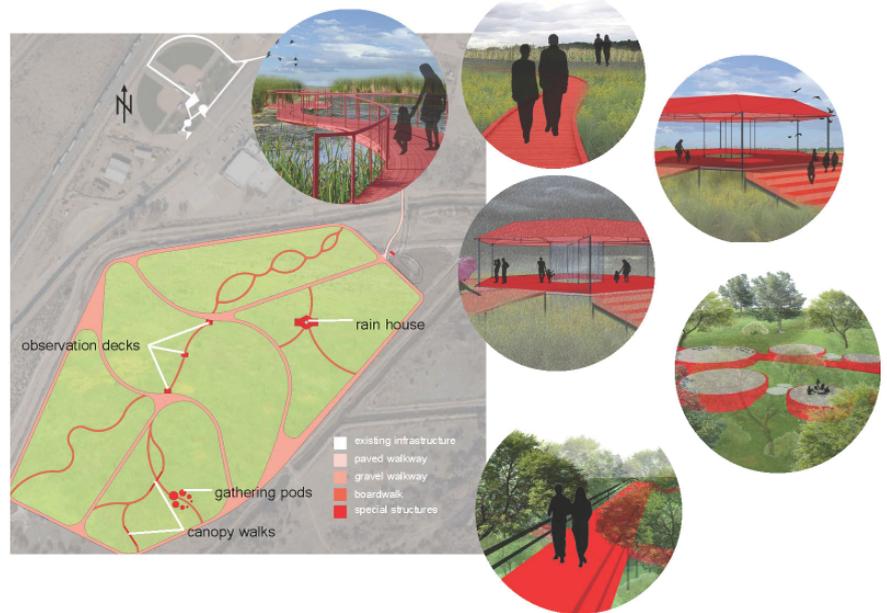
Merit Award - Student Category

(In)Filtration: Wastewater in the Landscape

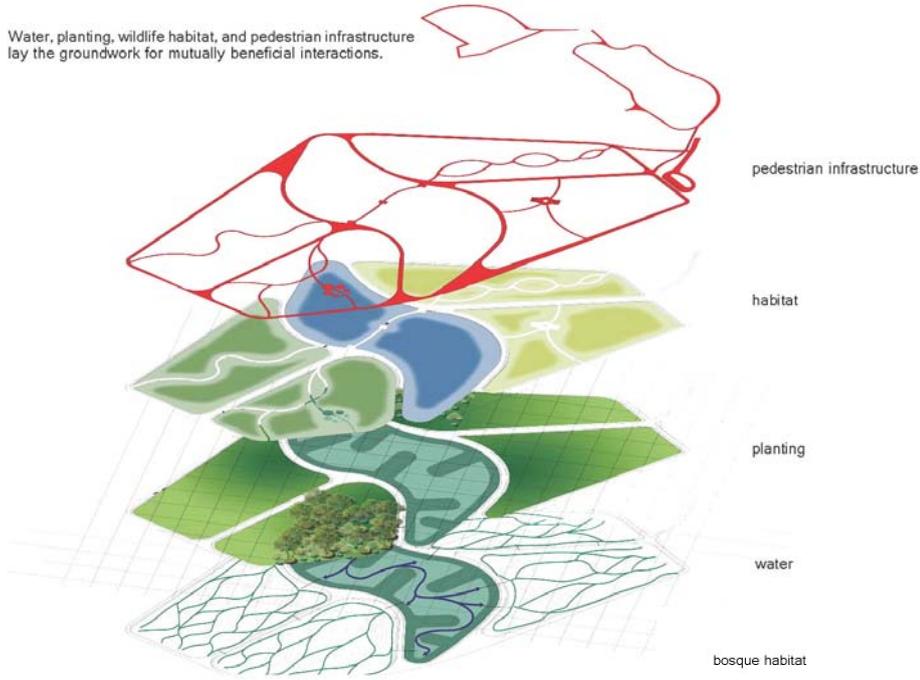
Kathleen Roltsch

Working with UNM's Indigenous Design and Planning Institute, the designer focused on transforming an existing wastewater treatment facility into an amenity for both wildlife and the residents of Isleta Pueblo. Wastewater remediation wetlands are the ideal designed space to help humans understand their role as part of nature, and not distinct from it. Water is considered an invaluable resource, but is often completely ignored in its contaminated state. This project examined the history of wastewater, the mechanics of wastewater wetlands, and methods of creating interfaces between people and water, and culminated in a designed wetland for a local community.

There are a variety of pedestrian experiences throughout the site, including large gathering spaces and strolling paths, boardwalks and canopy walks bring people into different habitats while allowing wildlife to move under and around them.



Water, planting, wildlife habitat, and pedestrian infrastructure lay the groundwork for mutually beneficial interactions.

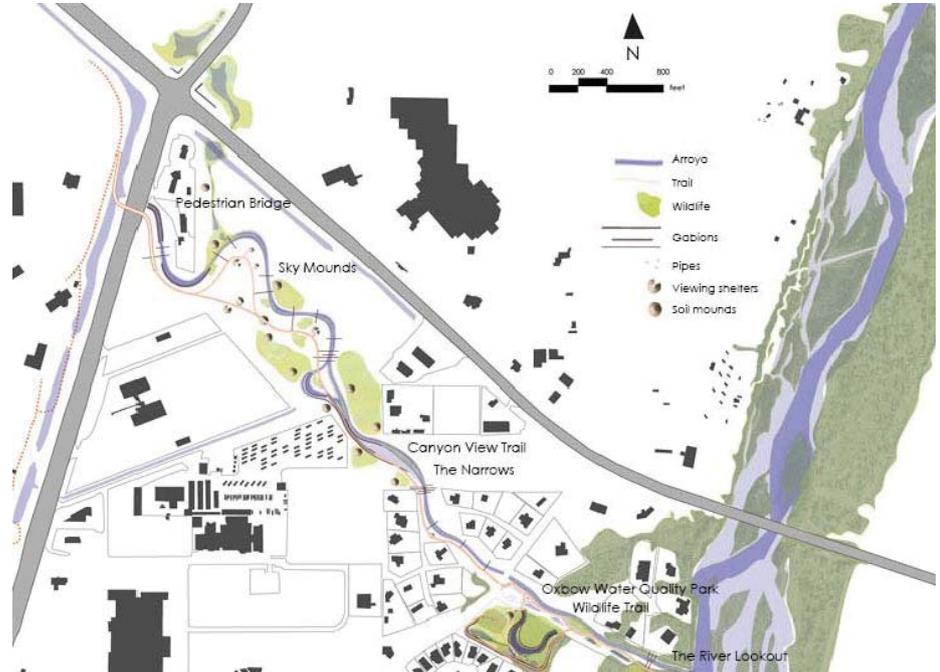


rain house
(by randiken)

Merit Award - Student Category

Landscape as Infrastructure: Opportunities in the desert southwest Wendi Fox

This project challenges the common perceptions of infrastructure by incorporating art, ecology, and environmental planning. The result is a landscape that is functional, socially stimulating, and ecologically restorative. Utilizing an existing arroyo corridor, a meandering trail connects people to systems which often function out of sight. The artful interventions provide many benefits by cleaning stormwater, providing habitat, and offering intriguing places for people, but most importantly creating a dialogue about our unique environment and culture.







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