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President’s Message

I am honored to be stepping into the role of Chapter President for the NY Upstate Chapter, ASLA. I would like to thank Robert Bristol for leading the organization over the past two years as well as the Executive Committee members who have supported Bob during his presidency. I also thank our membership for being members, supporting the society, and participating in chapter programs.

As I step into this new role as President, I am encouraged by the new volunteers, Members, and ideas emerging within our chapter. I look forward to supporting our Executive Committee Members and volunteers as they plan upcoming programs that work towards bringing our Members and Allied Professionals together.

Lastly, I encourage you to join us in Rochester on February 28 for the Annual Celebration, our largest (and most fun) event of the year, where we recognize the recipients of the 2020 Awards Program, celebrate the accomplishments of year past and enjoy an evening together before we tackle the year ahead.

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American Society of Landscape Architects is the professional Association for Landscape Architects in the United States, representing more than 15,000 Members. It promotes, advocates, educates and advances the practice of Landscape Architecture.

New York Upstate was the 13th chapter to be organized as part of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), founded on December 3, 1954. The Society’s Chapter Executive Committee meets regularly to plan events, coordinate continuing education programs and plan advocacy efforts. NY Upstate ASLA promotes the Landscape Architecture profession and advances the practice through advocacy, education, communication and fellowship.

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RIGHT: Executive Members at the Awards Event in March 2019.
The goal of the Annual Awards Program is to promote professional excellence in Upstate New York by acknowledging significant Landscape Architectural projects. The program recognizes a full spectrum of innovative projects executed by individuals, firms, agencies and academic institutions. The objective is to bring public attention to the outstanding services of Landscape Architects by honoring them with professional awards for projects that demonstrate a superior quality of design and execution.

The NY Upstate Chapter Design Awards Program received a total of 20 professional entries distributed among the five categories. The entries were judged by a multi-disciplinary Jury established by the Pennsylvania Delaware Chapter ASLA. The Jury awarded 10 projects.

The Awards were presented to winning firms at our Annual NY Upstate ASLA Chapter Design Awards Ceremony held at the Corning Museum of Glass in Corning, New York.

Thank you to the Members, friends, and colleagues who attended for an evening of CELEBRATION and FUN, making the night a success.

CATEGORIES

UNBUILT DESIGN >> Recognizes conceptual and developed designs prepared for a client, but never constructed.

RESEARCH AND COMMUNICATION >> Recognizes research projects that address challenges in the field of Landscape Architecture and projects that communicate history, or practice of Landscape Architecture.

BUILT DESIGN >> Recognizes all built projects including, but not limited to streetscapes, waterfronts, parks and recreation, commercial, and industrial projects.

PLANNING AND ANALYSIS >> Recognizes projects related to the planning and analysis of transportation systems, urban environments, and regional and local communities.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION >> Recognizes projects focused on historic preservation, restoration, rehabilitation, and projects related to the inventory of historic resources.

AWARD LEVELS

HONOR AWARD >> Highest distinction, recognizing projects that represent the highest professional standards. The Jury can choose to award only one per category.

MERIT AWARD >> Recognizes professional work of significant quality, innovation or professional impact. The Jury can choose to award the Merit Award to as many projects as they feel deserving.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS >> Additionally, the NY Upstate ASLA Chapter is proud to recognize outstanding individuals, practitioners and students for their achievements in areas of design, leadership, ASLA Chapter involvement and other activities in the community related to the profession.
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes an individual practitioner for their contributions to the profession over their career. This is an Executive Committee nominated Award.

Richard S. Hawks, FASLA

Professor Richard S. Hawks, FASLA, was the Chair of the Department of Landscape Architecture, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry for 25 years. He was named the William Munsey Kennedy, Jr. Distinguished Faculty Chair in 2013 and was appointed a SUNY Distinguished Service Professor in 2014 and retired in 2017.

He was the Co-Director of the National Endowment for the Arts’ Your Town, A Citizen’s Institute for Rural Design CIRD from 1991 - 2012. The CIRD received a variety of awards, including the ASLA Honor Award and the National Planning Award for Public Education from the American Planning Association. His current research addresses New York City’s response to climate change and Hurricane Sandy focusing on the use of new parks to create a more resilient shoreline.

He has served on a variety of national boards, including The Landscape Architecture Foundation (LAF) Board of Directors, American Society of Landscape Architects’ (ASLA) Vice President for Education 2010-2012, and Chair of the Landscape Architecture Accreditation Board. In 2006 and 2007 ASLA National Student and Professional Awards jury and past Chair of the National ASLA Awards and Honors Committee. Professor Hawks was inducted as an ASLA Fellow in 2000. Hawks is past President of the Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture (CELA), received the CELA Outstanding Administrator Award in 2004, and was inducted as a CELA Fellow in 2009. He is currently on the Editorial Advisory Board for Landscape Architecture Magazine.

Hawks received a Bachelor’s Degree in Landscape Architecture at SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry and his Master’s in Landscape Architecture at the Graduate School of Design, Harvard University.
DISTINGUISHED PRACTITIONER AWARD ➤
This award recognizes an outstanding individual practitioner for their achievements in three areas; design, leadership, and ASLA Chapter involvement.

Public Practice
Mark Mistretta, RLA, ASLA
NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
Mark is the Western District Director for the NYS Parks Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation he is responsible for the planning, development, management and evaluation of all operations, facilities and programming within the Niagara Region.

Additionally, consults with senior staff in the Allegany and Genesee Regions of the State Parks. A long-standing Member of ASLA for the past 37 years, Mark’s dedication to the profession and ongoing community service engagements with the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy and the Buffalo Green Fund, has allowed him to expand the reach of Landscape Architects beyond the society.

Private Practice
Peter Osborne, RLA, ASLA
Appel Osborne Landscape Architecture
Peter Joined ASLA in 1989 while an associate of Obrist and Appel Landscape Architecture, the predecessor to today’s firm, Appel Osborne Landscape Architecture. During the mid-1990s Peter served as a Member of the Board on the New York Upstate ASLA Chapter. He has been serving the community since late 1990’s as a Planning Board member for the Village of Liverpool. In 2015 he was appointed to the New York Council of Landscape Architects (NYSCLA), a Board that represents both the New York and Upstate Chapters of ASLA regarding licensure and lobbying efforts at the state level.

Academic Practice
Anne C Godfrey, RLA, ASLA
SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
Anne C Godfrey, Assistant Professor of Landscape Architecture, emphasizes cross-disciplinary investigation through critical practices in photography. Her research centers on how photography influences the ways in which we understand, value and design for landscape places. Her work bridges the gap between Landscape Architecture and theory in art, photography and visual studies.

In addition, her teaching engages speculative design for climate change resilience. Since 2011, students in her upper division design studios have won or been finalists in top professional international competitions. Thus far 6 teams, 21 students total, have placed in the following competitions: Land Art Generator Initiative, Biomimicry Global Design Challenge and TerraForm One’s OnePrize.

The environmental design journal DesignIntelligence named Godfrey as one of the 30 Most Admired Educators in 2014. She received the Lord & Schryver Award from the Oregon Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects in 2016 for her mentorship of female students in the field.

DISTINGUISHED STUDENT AWARD ➤
This award recognizes students who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and service within the Department of Landscape Architecture or in other activities in the community related to the profession.

Lois Nguyen
Cornell University
HONOR AWARDS
ROC the Riverway
ROCHESTER, NY

PLANNING & ANALYSIS / HONOR AWARD
Bergmann »

Once the home of thriving industries, today the riverfront serves as the foundation of natural beauty, recreation, access, and opportunity. ROC the Riverway builds upon the success of recent investments in Downtown Rochester and represents decades of bold and progressive ideas, brought forth through a community driven process to provide visual and physical access to the river.
Washington Square Park Community Design Exploration
ROCHESTER, NY

UNBUILT DESIGN / HONOR AWARD
Stantec »

Washington Square is one of the oldest public spaces in the City of Rochester. It is the site of a range of monuments and has long served as the staging ground for community activism. The Washington Square Park Community Association hired [the firm] to assist in reimagining the square through a community-based process. The result is a design plan that is sensitive to the cultural history and engages with the 21st century city.
Lauded as a modern engineering accomplishment, the 1950’s saw the completion of a trenched highway to speed motorists out of the central city. Dubbed the Inner Loop, time has proven this grade-separated expressway disruptive to the social fabric of the City. To foster a more vibrant community and reconnect neighborhoods, the City of Rochester is effectively burying the 20th-century nod to the Automobile by filling in a 4,500 linear foot section.

Nearly 6 acres of new land was created in the process. Each parcel went through a rigorous RFP process to determine the appropriate mixes of retail, residential, office, hotels, and a museum expansion—with the goal of reconnect the City and make new Neighborhoods.
MERIT AWARDS
With funding from NOAA and NY Sea Grant, the City of Rochester and Monroe County worked together to develop the Green Infrastructure Retrofit Manual. Because new construction is governed by state mandated stormwater design standards, this project concentrates on the opportunities for including GI practices in retrofits and redevelopment projects.

KEY:
1. Curb Line
2. Curb Opening
3. Access Cover
4. Back Wash Weir
5. Jellyfish Cartridge
6. Open Back Inlet to Allow Flow to Bioretention
7. Observation Well
8. Rip Rap, Placed Cobbles, and Gravel Reinforcement
9. Perforated PVC
10. Washed Stone
11. Undisturbed Soil
12. Planting Media

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- Volume Reduction by Evapotranspiration
- Volume Reduction by Infiltration
- Stormwater Interception
- Phytoremediation of Contaminated Soil and Water
- Reduction in Atmospheric Carbon
- Air Quality Benefits
- Enhanced Ecosystem Services
- Increased Canopy Cover, Reduction of Heat Island Effect
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OPEN BACK JELLYFISH CURB INLET
Captures and returns pollutants for easy clean out and disposal

Bioretention Area

POLLUTANT REMOVAL
- TSS 50%
- Total Phosphorus 60%
- Total Nitrogen 50%
- Oil and Grease 82%
- Total Metals <50%
- Trace 100%
- Turbidity < NTU

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As part of the Willert Park Green Infrastructure Project, the Buffalo Sewer Authority wished to provide a greater community outreach program with the intent of engaging and educating the neighborhood youth about Green Infrastructure projects. That engagement became “Water WORX”, an 8-part stormwater summer camp, created and presented to the Willert Park neighborhood youth.
One Monument Square

TROY, NY

UNBUILT DESIGN / MERIT AWARD
PLACE Alliances »

For years the most prominent site in Troy, NY has sat vacant. A hole in the ground marred in controversy and disappointment as redevelopment attempts have failed. Key to past failures was the lack of community involvement. A new approach focuses on creating “a place for the People of Troy.”
Grace Plaza at Davis Hall
BUFFALO, NY

BUILT DESIGN / MERIT AWARD
Joy Kuebler Landscape Architect, PC »

Grace Plaza is located at the University at Buffalo’s North Campus. The project goals were to investigate and analyze the poor performance of existing stormwater practices and to ultimately redesign the site, improving the function of the green infrastructure practices while also creating a dynamic greenspace to support students and faculty. The result was a re-imagining of the engineering district to create the first green “quad” on campus.
Winter Garden at Oishei Children’s Hospital
BUFFALO, NY

BUILT DESIGN / MERIT AWARD
Joy Kuebler Landscape Architect, PC

From the start, the Oishei Children’s Hospital in Buffalo had ambitious plans to weave biophilic design throughout its new state-of-the-art facility. The centerpiece of this effort is The Winter Garden, an interior garden in a double height space at the southeast corner of the building. The Winter Garden is an oasis of sunlight and uplifting nature experience that supports patients, families and staff throughout all four seasons.
MMMB Patient Terrace at Roswell Park Cancer Institute
BUFFALO, NY

BUILT DESIGN / MERIT AWARD
Trowbridge Wolf Michaels Landscape Architects »

The vision for the recently completed 3,000 SF rooftop garden terrace at Roswell Park Cancer Institute is that guests will have access to this respite between clinical appointments and that the space will be made comfortable, memorable, and reflective by the design and amenities.
Gateway Plaza
SCHENECTADY, NY

BUILT DESIGN / MERIT AWARD
LAndArt Studio NY »

Connecting park and city, Gateway Plaza presents Schenectady as a sustainable, innovative and charismatic destination. A catalyst for activation of Schenectady’s new artisan district, the park is designed to support public events, promote community recreation and inspire public art. The park is organized around two strong cross-axes that join at the location of three corTen steel sculptures that celebrate Schenectady’s past, present and future.
Monroe Avenue
Green Street Retrofit
BRIGHTON, NY

BUILT DESIGN / MERIT AWARD
Barton & Loguidice »

Brighton, NY has embraced a merger of multi-modal transportation with green infrastructure technologies as a valid strategy for guiding redevelopment along Monroe Avenue. Above and beyond meeting water quality and quantity metrics, green infrastructure systems are redefining the corridor and providing a strong return on investment for the community.
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2019 was an exceptional year filled with many noteworthy achievements, opportunities, and prominent awards for the Cornell Student ASLA Chapter and the Cornell Landscape Architecture Department.

Professor Marvin I. Adleman Fund for Practical Experiential Learning Established

In January, the Cornell Department of Landscape Architecture announced a generous gift from long-time supporter and alumnus Steven E. Lefton funding various experiential learning activities including field trips to professional offices and significant landscapes, department lecture series, the Adleman Internship Award, and other learning opportunities. Lefton visited the campus later in the spring to meet students, to hear about recent Adleman Award internship experiences, and to lecture on the role Landscape Architects can play as leaders in the design industry.

Climate-adaptive Design Studio inspires Hudson River RFP

In March, an RFP released by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) took a step to move climate-adaptive design ideas into design development. Associate Professor Joshua Cerra's Climate-adaptive Design studio (CaD) in partnership DEC has worked with Hudson River communities since 2015 to envision alternative design strategies for more climate-resilient and connected municipal waterfronts. DEC selected two professional design teams to work with Kingston, NY and Piermont, NY to move climate-adaptive design ideas inspired by prior collaboration with the CaD studio forward.

1967 Residential Fire Memorial

In spring 2019, four students, William Gossett, Elijah Ball, Lyuxiao Liu and Onam Bisht, working with Associate Prof of the Practice Valerie Aymer, participated in an independent study initiated by the University Landscape Architect, David Cutter, to design a memorial to commemorate the Cornell Heights Residential Club Fire of 1967. The study commissioned by Cornell President, Martha Pollack, included input from alumni and friends from the class of 1967 to design a memorial that would serve as a contemplative reminder of the eight students and professor who perished in the residential fire. Four designs were submitted, and the chosen design was installed over the summer. A dedication ceremony was held on October 4th. The memorial is located on the eastern side of Sage Chapel and includes a planting of trees, shrubs and bulbs, nine boulders - one for each of the individuals who perished, and a bronze inlaid plaque.
Design Week in Portland, Oregon

Early in April, Joshua Cerra gave a panel presentation at Creative Design Solutions for Community, Infrastructure and Environment: An Evening with Michael Singer and Friends. Cerra spoke on efforts with municipalities and community stakeholders in the Hudson River Estuary to build climate change awareness and action through an engaged design process. The Climate-adaptive Design studio is helping communities move forward on planning for climate change now, for the benefit of their citizens and the greater ecology.

Urban Eden Crab Apple Day

On November 8th, the Urban Eden Class rolled up their sleeves and gave back to the community of Ithaca by installing and expanding a grove of crab apples on the west side of the city. Fifteen bare root trees were planted by students with assistance from the Ithaca Department of Public Works, giving them hands-on experience while enhancing the community of Ithaca. The event was also attended by the City of Ithaca Mayor, the City Forester, the Ithaca Garden Club, and local media.

LABASH Conference

In April, Cornell Landscape Architecture Students attend the student planned, LABASH Conference, hosted by College of Environment + Design at The University of Georgia. At the culmination of the event it was announced that the 50th Anniversary LABASH Conference will be held at Cornell University in 2020.

Atkinson Academic Venture Funds Awarded

In May, Cornell Landscape Architecture Department faculty led by Jamie Vanucchi and Maria Goula, as part of an interdisciplinary team along with Allizon Chatrchyan, Tiumur Dogan, Johannes Lehmann and Fengqi You were awarded funds for Design Research for Carbon Removal. The team collectively share a range of expertise in Landscape Architecture, architecture, climate smart agriculture, soils, and life cycle analysis. Their work will focus on a series of workshops with partners and stakeholders to design prototypes for climate-positive buildings and landscapes for the Finger Lakes region.

Federal Capacity Funds (NIFA) awarded. In May, Cornell Landscape Architecture Department faculty led by Maria Goula as co_PI received funding for 2 years in order to develop their research proposal: Increasing applicability and performance of carbon sequestration methods by visualizing/modelling and assessing opportunities for land cover change within the Erie Canal Heritage Corridor

Innovative Teaching and Learning Awards

Over the summer, Assistant Professor Jennifer Birkeland, received grant funds to develop a digital landscape research seminar where students design responsive digital landscapes. The final projects will be an immersive environment in which users interact with the images around them. The funds were provided by the Center For Teaching Innovation, which grants funding for projects exploring new tools and emerging strategies to facilitate vibrant, challenging and reflective learning experiences at Cornell.

Urban Resiliency at Pompeii

Kathryn Gleason co-directed the second field season of a three-year permit to Cornell to dig at the Casa della Regina Carolina, in Regio VIII at Pompeii. One of the largest private urban gardens in the city, the excavations are a study in resiliency in the face of natural disaster. The dig is showing how residents rebuilt after a devastating earthquake in 62 CE, only to be buried by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 CE. It is rare to be able to see the recovery process frozen in a moment of time.
Education Update: Cornell

Kathryn Gleason's recent co-edited book, Gardens of the Roman Empire, has received numerous industry and scholarly awards. Associate Professor Maria Goula was appointed Director of the Cornell Institute of European Studies for the academic year 2019-2020.

Post Industrial Sites in New York City

In August, the department held its first summer program in New York at the Cornell New York City Studio. Assistant Professor Jennifer Birkeland led a group of Landscape Architecture graduate students to assess and envision redevelopment solutions for the Red Hook Grain Terminal post-industrial site. During the course, the students were involved in an engaging experience, living in NYC and visiting dozens of other urban landscapes and design offices throughout the city. At the culmination of the course, students presented their proposed designs to a panel of practicing Landscape Architects from NYC.

Evening Film Series

Associate Professor Martin Hogue, with help from Graduate students Caroline Marin, Danielle Serigano, and Eve Anderson, presented a series of evening film on Wednesday evenings in Kennedy Hall: exploring landscapes the Spring 2019 was themed Underground and featured films like Journey to the Center of the Earth (1959) and The Fantastic Mr. Fox (2009). The Fall 2019 was titled Outer Space, and featured films like A Trip to the Moon (1902) and Apollo 11 (2019).

Cornell ASLA Hike + Lunch

In August, the Cornell ASLA Student Chapter hosted a back to school hike through Cascadia gorge and then a visit to Ithaca's Farmers Market. The annual event provided an opportunity for new Landscape Architecture students to get to know fellow graduate and undergraduate students in the program.

Cornell ASLA Student Chapter + Upstate ASLA Chapter Social

In October, the Cornell ASLA Student Chapter and the NY Upstate ASLA Chapter hosted a social hour at Cornell's Big Red Barn across from Kennedy Hall Studio. Landscape Architecture Students and fellow practitioners came together to enjoy light-fare, libations, and good company.

Artist Residency

Associate Professor Martin Hogue was appointed an artist in residence at the Stone Quarry Hill Art Park in Cazenovia, New York, where he has led Camping at the Art Park. On the basis of his ongoing camping research, Hogue first proposed the temporary installation in 2017 as a means to broaden the range of experiences available to visitors. Hogue carefully selected four campsites across the 104 acre property, available to campers for each weekend during the month of June, beginning on Friday afternoon and ending on Sunday morning. Even if the park is open 365 days a year from dawn to dusk, camping provides a unique opportunity to spend 48 uninterrupted hours within this beautiful, immersive, Central New York landscape.
Cornell Landscape Architecture Awards

2019 ASLA National Honor Award
Awarded to Lingyi Xu, Yi Yang, and Songyi Zheng for “Remix: Imagine the Resilient Future for Peddocks Island in 100 Years.” The project envisions new landforms, a floating wave-energy generator, and seagrass berms to provide long-term protection, adaptation, and renewal of this important home for wildlife and recreational asset. Faculty advisors were Maria Goula and Jamie Vanucchi.

DL&W Corridor International Design Ideas Competition Honorable Mention
Awarded to Lingyi Xu, MLA, Zhuohan Xie, MLA, Zhuojia Lou, MLA, Zikun Zhang, MLA for “The Verdant Vein,” which proposes the redevelopment of an post-industrial brownfield in southeast Buffalo into a dynamic zone by connecting with the Olmsted Park System via three proposed greenways. Faculty advisors were Maria Goula and Jamie Vanucchi.

2019 Frederick Dreer Award
Awarded to Jihany Hassun for “Californication of the Sertao”, Dean Yeh for “Nature Based Landscape Design in Denmark and Sweden”, and Juana Ucros for “Study Coffee and Cacao in Columbia.”

ULI Hines Student Design Competition 2019 Honorable Mention
Awarded to Sage Taber, Jihany Hassun, Tim Dehm, and Akshai Wilkinson for their project entitled “Encore: A New Rhythm for the Queen City” which proposed an integrated, resilient, and harmonious new urban neighborhood for downtown Cincinnati. “Encore restages the land and history of Cincinnati in a new neighborhood composed of civic, commercial and cultural opportunities for everyone”.

2019 E. Groton Davis Traveling Fellowship Award
Presented to Katherine Ackerman for “Gender, Landscape Vulnerability,” Sasha Anemone for “Immersive Ontario a Phenomenological Study of Post Industrial and Hybrid Landscapes,” and Danielle Serigano for “Representation and Creative Change: Puerto Rico Post Climate Disaster.”
This fall, the SUNY ESF ASLA Chapter has begun a long term planning initiative, hosted two events, and begun a monthly newsletter for students!

The Executive Committee Members have completed a time line for the academic year consisting of outreach to new students at orientation and roughly two events per semester (at least one of these per semester taking place off-campus). The Committee intends for this framework to be applied to future academic years, until club needs change. The Committee has also made the decision to separate administrative meetings from whole club meetings, allowing for the whole club meetings to incorporate activities such as sketching, discussions about topics in the field, and trips to see nearby lecturers.

So far this semester, SUNY ESF ASLA has hosted a charrette for PARKing day, has hosted PARKing day itself, and has brought students to a lecture at Cornell to see Shauna Gillies-Smith, founder of GROUND. Pictures of our PARKing day event can be seen later in the book. The 2019 PARKing day theme for the SUNY ESF ASLA Chapter was the urban food forest. Apples, sumac, grapes, and other fruits and veggies were provided, harvested from the wild and from an urban farm. The structure of the park was created with logs, branches, and wood chips. At PARKing day, students were able to connect with other participating firms such as SWBR, and plans are in place to coordinate with these firms for a larger PARKing day experience next year (potentially taking over Walton Street near Armory Square for the day!).

Additionally, to increase awareness of the student chapter, the Committee decided to establish a monthly newsletter. This newsletter provides information on upcoming events, as well as current news within the field of Landscape Architecture.
Upcoming Events

The Save the Rain Volunteer Tree Planting event is this Saturday, October 26th from 9am to 1pm. Meet at the Seals Community Center at Kirk Park, 300 W Borden Ave, Syracuse NY 13205. Register online at https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/TreePlanting-Creek_231.

Register for the 2019 ASLA Conference today! This year the conference will be held in San Diego, from November 15th-18th. Find more info at https://www.aslaconference.com/.

The RISE 2019 National Conference at the University of Albany will be held from Nov 18th to 20th. This year’s topic is Transforming University Engagement in Pre- and Post-Disaster Environments: Lessons from Puerto Rico. For more information visit https://www.albany.edu/rise2019/home.html.

Recent News

Check out the Cornell CALS Speaker Series! Nov 6th will feature Shauna Gillies Smith (founder of GROUND) and Nov 20 will feature Kristi Cheramie (Assoc. Professor at the Knowlton School - The Ohio State University). Both events will take place at 6:15pm in 151 Warren Hall.

If you haven’t yet, check out the recently released 2019 ASLA Professional and Student Awards! These can be found online at https://www.asla.org/.

Consider signing the ASLA Adapt: Climate Action Now petition at http://aslaadapt.com/, calling for the national ASLA to address climate change challenges.

SUNY ESF ASLA is looking to appoint an Event Organizer and an Outreach Coordinator! If you are interested in one of these positions, please drop by our next meeting or email kakoriot@syr.edu.

Our next meeting will be Nov 6th - we will meet at 445pm in the Nifkin Parking Lot to depart for Cornell to see Shauna Gillies Smith speak! Please email kakoriot@syr.edu to reserve a spot in the van.

Want to post an image in our newsletter? Send submissions (photos, drawings, etc.) to kakoriot@syr.edu!
2019 Chapter Events & Socials

Have an idea for an event or gathering for 2020? Let us know!

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This year we held social events and a continuing education seminar with the goal to bring friends and colleagues together, build relationships, and provide professional development opportunities.

In May, the Rochester Section gathered for a continuing education class and happy hour sponsored by Parkitects. The event provided the opportunity to learn about Poligon and the unique design solutions they can provide to our projects.

In October, the Rochester Section hosted Geneva on the Rise, a regional half day educational seminar. In 2016, the City of Geneva received $10 Million from the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI). The DRI awards ten communities, one in each of the economic development regions, $10 Million for projects related to downtown revitalization with the intent of promoting economic growth.
The seminar highlighted two projects that were recipients of DRI funding. Tom Robinson from Barton and Loguidice talked about the ongoing Geneva Streetscape Projects and how they incorporate ped/bike mobility, the inclusion of green infrastructure, provide better connection to the waterfront, and the integration of public art.

Robert Switalla from Bergmann and Ryan Wallace, CEO of Solar Home Factory talked about the Lake Tunnel Solar Village project, an infill residential development that brings people together in a vibrant urban environment while providing quality, stylish and sustainable housing.

A third session, lead by Bill Price from SWBR, was a walking tour of the Geneva waterfront, highlighting the unique design elements to promote activity, shoreline stability and connectivity to the waterfront.
2019 Chapter Events & Socials

Eastern Section >> Kirsten Anthony Catellier, NY Upstate Chapter ASLA 2019 Section Leader

This past year we had the opportunity to host two events in the Eastern Section providing networking and professional development hours!

In March, the Eastern Section hosted a Happy Hour and PDH with Parkitects and Aquatix. The event took place in Saratoga Springs at Farmer's Hardware. The presentation focused on the A-Z’s of Spray Park Design and gave attendees very thorough and detailed information on the design process. Everyone enjoyed food, drinks, and socializing!

Enjoying the warm weather, in July the Eastern Section hosted a single day Regional Event at the Saratoga Lake Golf Club in Historic Saratoga Springs! The seminar started with classroom style sessions during the morning and then moved outdoors for a walking tour or golf in the afternoon, followed by a happy hour. Attendees learned about NYS EFC Funding opportunities, Resort Design focusing on all season operations, and the Repurposing of the Albany Skyway Infrastructure! Attendees enjoying the walking tour had the opportunity to view projects implemented by NYS EFC grants and then participated in an in-depth discussion on not only the history of Saratoga but how development has evolved over the years in the City. We had a diverse mix of attendees creating the opportunity for dialogue across disciplines. Thank you to all who attended and volunteered!

Looking forward to 2020 and more opportunities to learn and network!
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On March 16th, 2019 the Southern Tier Section held a small symposium in conjunction with the 2019 ASLA Awards Banquet in Corning, NY. Held on the day after the Awards Banquet from 8:00 am to 12:30 PM and located in the event hotel it provided a convenient opportunity to earn 2.5 continuing education credits while experiencing a local attraction. The presentations covered different aspects of how green infrastructure technologies, and design processes were utilized to solve the unique complications that arise from applying living material to an elevated structure.

We welcomed Michael Haas, RLA as the first speaker. In his presentation titled - Green Infrastructure Planning and Design in an Urban Framework: Three Case Studies, he talked about the less flashy, but equally important technical side of green roof design.

These included: construction techniques used, how safety and maintenance can drive the creative design on existing infrastructure, and how stormwater management and feasibility planning is integral to project design and success at many sites.

The second presentation given by Kathryn Wolf, RLA, focused on The Center Arch Bridge Project, located in Corning. Covering the project from its developmental stages through completion, this was informative and a fabulous primer to the walking tour of the Center Arch Bridge that immediately followed the presentation. The presentation also addressed the issues encountered due to the unique circumstances encountered when converting a historical vehicular street bridge to a green pedestrian corridor.
The following tour of the bridge included a Q&A on artistic elements, construction materials, planting depths, and the complications of honoring historic elements, all while looking at the actual structures.

**Thank you to everyone who made this event possible and braved the windy cold with us!**

Looking forward into 2020; the Southern Tier Section will be assisting with the Technical Workshop at Cornell University (Spring 2020) and hopefully hosting a PDH event and tour in Binghamton, NY (TBD 2020).
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2019 Membership Survey

In 2019 Executive Committee sent out a Member Satisfaction Survey. The feedback we received was used by the Committee at our annual Chapter Retreat in October as we looked ahead and developed our focus and programming for 2019.

Thank you to all who participated in the Annual Member Survey. Your feedback assisted our Executive Committee at the annual strategic planning session.

Aligned with our allied professional organizations, we only had 18% of our membership participate in the survey. Among those who participated, we had representation from all five sections and a broad range in practitioner experience. See survey highlights below.

In response to the survey results, we will continue to focus our efforts on providing educational opportunities that provide value to our membership. We learned that there is interest in more technically focused education opportunities with cross disciplinary engagement. We continue to receive a positive response to offering single day seminars that highlight each region and offer a mix of both classroom style and outdoor tours.

Thank you for your feedback. As always, please reach out to your local section leader if you have ideas on seminar topics, instructors, or venue.

How long have you been a member of the Chapter?

- Less than 5 Years: 31.6%
- 5-10 Years: 18.4%
- 10-20 Years: 15.8%
- More than 20 Years: 29%
- Student Member Less then 5 years: 31.6%
- Not a Member: 2%

Member Value

- Continuing Education: 7%
- Advocacy: 11%
- Events and Social Gatherings: 18%
- Network: 16%
- News & Information: 11%
- Annual Year in Review Book: 2%

Which of the following is your Chapter section?

- Buffalo: 5%
- Rochester: 10%
- Central: 24%
- Southern Tier: 29%
- Eastern: 32%
Trustee Report 2019

Joy Kuebler, Trustee

I was once again honored to represent the NY Upstate Chapter at the Annual Conference for Landscape Architecture, held this year in San Diego, California.

Our Board of Trustee meetings focused on the 2020 Budget as well as an upcoming Membership Campaign that is setting a goal of 18,000 members by 2025! This Membership Campaign is an excellent opportunity to grow the diversity of members from those new to the profession as well as seasoned veterans, but also a wider reach for those interested in the ever widening conversations of Climate Resiliency, Diversity, and community growth, redevelopment and equity. As our work continues to expand, we as Landscape Architects touch the world in new and exciting ways. We now have an incredible opportunity to reach out to an ever widening group of practitioners, but also a wider group of people interested in what we are doing and what our conversations are about, whether they are teachers, engineers, activists, or neighbors. There's never been a better time to talk about what we do as Landscape Architects, and to share our incredible work with everyone we can. Upstate NY has much to contribute to the conversation and to support the growth of the Profession and the Society.

The Board of Trustees also got a sneak peak of the robust and interesting Operations Plan for 2020 with activities, meetings and events to showcase our participation in the global conversations around climate and diversity, as well as supporting members to participate and advocate at any and every level they wish. Supporting community level conversations as well as global, the ASLA is eager to hear from and support members in a wide range of new ways. Look for continued developments in the re-branding and positioning project with Frameworks, as well as a vital change to the Website.

We also addressed and approved updates to policy positions on Wetlands, Water Quality and Conservation and Visual Resources. ASLA will be joining a group of allied professionals in an organization called Alliance for Responsible Professional Licensure to work collaboratively across design disciplines to advocate for the public value of licensure.

And a group of passionate Landscape Architecture students reached out to the ASLA with a plea for bold new leadership in the realm of Climate Change. ASLA is excited to invite these students to become more active in the Society and to support them in pursuing leadership opportunities as we work together to push the needle on issues that impact us all as Landscape Architects.

It was also my honor and pleasure to receive ASLA’s Outstanding Service Award on behalf of our very own David Cutter. David has been active in the NY Upstate Chapter for more than 20 years, leading as a Chapter President, a Trustee, and Vice President for Education, under which the Society undertook its first Diversity Summit. It should be noted that Dave was recently a candidate for National President as well. Dave was not able to receive the award in person this year and asked me to receive the award on his behalf. Be sure to congratulate him for this incredible honor!

Looking forward to an incredible 2020!
Historic American Landscapes Survey  

Richard H. Powell, FASLA

Historic preservation has grown beyond the protection of a single building or a historic district to include historic landscapes that provide the setting and context for properties and larger landscapes that have regional and national significance.

In October 2000, the National Park Service (NPS) established HALS to document historic landscapes in the United States and its territories. In 2001, ASLA, the NPS and the Library of Congress entered into a tripartite agreement to implement and achieve the goals of HALS. NPS administers the planning and operation of HALS, standardizes formats and develops guidelines for recording landscapes and catalogs and/or publishes information when appropriate. ASLA aids and encourages HALS providing support, financial and professional advice for documentation of historic landscapes through the Historic Preservation-Practice Network (HP-PPN). The Library of Congress accepts and preserves HALS documents and makes records available to the public.

I have recently assumed the HALS Chapter Liaison position from Zakery Steele (with many thanks for your efforts!) and I am capably assisted by Amy Mclean, RLA, Male Associates in Albany, NY. We can provide technical and other types of assistance to carry out the mission of the HALS program. We are available to provide local knowledge and conduct local activities to meet ASLA's obligations and report on HALS activities in the NY Upstate Chapter's annual report.

As the NY Upstate HALS liaison, my responsibilities include:

- Creating and updating lists of local examples of significant historic landscapes;
- Coordinating HALS activities with the NYS Office of Recreation and Historic Preservation's State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO);
- Advising on the review and revision of state and local historic preservation laws with the aim of historic landscape documentation;
- Leading advocacy efforts with Congressional legislators for HALS funding;
- Educating government agencies and consultants about the use of HALS for compliance with Sections 106 and 110(b) of the National Historic Preservation action, Section 4(f) of the Transportation Department Act of 1966 and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA);
- Enlisting donations to the HALS/HABS/HAER fund;
- Promoting public awareness of HALS and historic landscapes; and
- Continuously seek opportunities for local documentation projects.

Presently, New York State has 19 documented HALS sites. Eight are in Metropolitan New York and Long Island including portions of cemeteries and associated buildings. Upstate New York has nine documented HALS sites including three cemeteries in Albany, Bath and Elmira, the Shaker Village in New Lebanon, a Sunken Garden at the Warner Castle in Rochester, the Oriskany Battlefield in Oriskany, and three parks – Lincoln, Schiller and Sunnycrest in Syracuse.
Each year, ASLA’s HP-PPN HALS subcommittee sponsors a HALS Challenge competition. The purpose is to promote the documentation of historic landscapes. The 2019 theme was documenting a Historic Street Landscape. There were 15 entries. The winners were announced at the ASLA 2019 annual meeting in San Diego.

The 2020 HALS Challenge Theme is Vanishing Landscapes (threatened, trace or lost landscapes) which can include former road, railroad, trail, or utility routes whose traces remain in the landscape. Submittals for the Challenge are due to the HP-PPN by the end of July, 2020.

Amy and I look forward to hearing from Chapter members and others about possible landscapes in Upstate New York for possible HALS documentation.
The Chapter has three primary sources of revenue; first, the National Chapter reimbursement which is a portion of your membership dues. Second, sponsors that advertise or underwrite particular events and lastly, income derived from fees for chapter events offering professional development credits. Income has risen over the last year from sponsors and with increased attendance from membership at events throughout the chapter sections. Our National Chapter reimbursement has decreased due to lower membership and higher operating costs at the National level. A special thanks goes to the generous sponsors for their continued support throughout the year that make it possible for the Chapter to offer low cost continuing education/professional development credits to its members.
PARKing Day

Cornell University »

This Fall, the Cornell ASLA chapter and Cornell Landscape Architecture students led by Assistant Professor Jennifer Birkeland assembled a contemporary scene for their Parking Day space in Collegetown. Exploring traditional gardening tropes and digital tools, a series of faux designs were developed, created and fabricated by the students. Exploring new representations and materiality to transform the parking stall via le Vicomte.
The SUNY-ESF Student Chapter ASLA celebration of Parking Day 2019 was set up in Armory Square. The student chapter partnered with Professor Matt Potteiger’s Food Systems class to turn a parking lot into a space to enjoy the harvest of urban forest and plants. A table was set with food from apple trees, sumac, grapes, and other wild growing plants, as well as food grown at Brady Farm - all free for the taking. The table and space was designed using logs, branches and woodchips from urban trees.
Projects All Around Upstate
See what your Colleagues have been up to in 2019

Take a look at new projects that have been installed and designed recently across our New York Upstate ASLA Chapter region. These next few pages highlight what our Members have been working on over the past years to enhance Upstate Landscapes.

Announcements

Appel Osborne Opens a Buffalo Office

2019 was a year of significant growth for Appel Osborne. Since January, our firm has hired six new team members; three Project Managers and three Project Designers. We are proud to have a staff of 28, including 15 Licensed Landscape Architects. Beyond an expanding team, our firm celebrated a milestone in November with the opening of our second office location in Buffalo, NY. Appel Osborne has been fortunate to gain an increased number of projects and client relationships in Western New York, and it was determined that a Buffalo location would be crucial to upholding the superior service we take great pride in. We look forward to earning long-standing relationships with our existing clients, as well as developing new ones.
Home on the Finger Lakes
SKANEATELES, NY
A. J. Miller Landscape Architects PLLC »

A. J. Miller Landscape Architects were asked by their client to create a site design to complement the architecture of their new house on Skaneateles Lake while engaging the site’s natural surroundings. A long driveway winds through the dense woodlands down a steep grade toward the lake front.

The client wanted a low maintenance landscape where they were able to spend their time enjoying their lake home. To this end we chose native plants and created a wildflower meadow with a staggered linear grid of hedges and trees planted on the hill behind the house. A concrete retaining wall made with a wood effect form work was constructed to ensure the steep grade change and Hydrangeas climb up the wall from the lower level. Beautifully crafted IPE wood was used for the handrails and posts while stainless steel cabling provides a light and airy fence line.

A gravel terrace wraps around the home and bluestone pavers create the pathways around the site, under the covered porch, and are used for all the stairs. The site plan includes the adjoining guesthouse property, providing a seamless transition through the woods, lawns, and pathways.
Glenn H. Curtiss Museum
HAMMONDSPORT, NY
Appel Osborne Landscape Architecture »

In Hammondsport, NY, our firm prepared a Site Master Plan as well as developed green infrastructure initiatives to obtain grant funding through the Environmental Facilities Corporation program. The Master Plan addressed the critical need for museum expansion located on a sensitive environmental area surrounded by regulated wetlands. The Master Plan addressed sustainable landscape planning, wetland mitigation, expansion of the facilities, improved community visibility, and incorporated design as a teaching tool. Storm water design and calculations were performed to determine NYSDEC compliance and CFA guidelines. This year, Phase One of the Master Plan was implemented, which included a new gateway entrance design to strengthen the museum’s identity.
Our firm also completed a large athletic facility improvement project at Lockport CSD which included design at three different sites. At the high school, a multipurpose synthetic turf field was designed to accommodate lacrosse, soccer, and practice football. This field has a bleacher system with a press box. The tennis courts were also replaced at the high school. A new synthetic turf field within the existing track was designed at the intermediate school solely for football. The track was also resurfaced and new field events were provided. This stadium is complete with perimeter fencing, decorative entrances, and a drop-off area for vehicles. A third, undeveloped site that was recently purchased by the District, was transformed into a complex with two synthetic turf baseball fields. This facility includes a new parking lot and access road and a storm water management system that supports the potential expansion of the complex in future years.
Rain Check 2.0 Opportunity Report

BUFFALO, NY
Arcadis & Evolve EA »

The Rain Check 2.0 Opportunity Report provides the initial reconnaissance work by the City of Buffalo and the Buffalo Sewer Authority to use nature based solutions for stormwater management, climate resilience, public health and improved quality of life. The report contains thoughtful landscape analysis and planning framework for the implementation of green infrastructure throughout the City of Buffalo. Project involved tree canopy analysis with LiDAR data, remote desktop GIS analysis, on the ground field visits to identify potential green infrastructure opportunities and understand site conditions and contexts including sun exposure and public visibility, an equity analysis, identification of place-making opportunities, as well as the development of communication materials for community engagement and participation.
Frederick Douglass Memorial Plaza
MONROE COUNTY, NY
Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. »

The Frederick Douglass monument was the first in the U.S. to memorialize an African American citizen. In 1941, the monument was relocated to the Highland Park Bowl, just a few hundred yards from where Douglass’s home once stood on South Avenue in Rochester, NY. The monument was placed to face away from the road and was obscured by trees and foliage. In 2017, B&L was contracted by Monroe County to relocate the monument to a more prominent location and to illuminate the historic statue.

B&L worked with a metal fabricator to design and create pillar sculptures which symbolize the North Star and other constellations of the northern sky including Ursa Major, Ursa Minor, and Cassiopeia. The North Star held significance in Douglass’s life for two reasons; as guidance for the Underground Railroad; and The North Star being an anti-slavery publication he published while living in Rochester. Other project highlights included the relocated monument oriented to welcome visitors to the space, an ADA accessible plaza, local limestone seat walls and lighting accents.
The City of Dunkirk, NY, situated on Lake Erie, received funding from the NYS Downtown Revitalization Initiative to enhance one of the City’s most significant assets – their City Pier. The Dunkirk waterfront is a haven for recreational visitors and a popular fishing destination for Lake Erie anglers. The Pier’s primary use has been a parking lot, an expanse of asphalt with few amenities or features for a more flexible, pedestrian oriented waterfront. The former Pier space was outdated, and with the City focusing more on their waterfront, the Pier needed major upgrades.

The Pier was over an acre, and the community wanted to retain the Pier’s function, with ample parking and vehicular access to the waterfront. The overall goals of the project were to improve its appearance, safety and comfort for all users, add pedestrian enhancements, and ensure a consistent theme with the City’s new branding strategy. The Pier project included new pedestrian connections and amenities, colorful pavement accents, balance between vehicular and pedestrian uses, lighting and plantings, and a gateway arch feature that ties into the City’s revitalized branding. The Pier has become a transformative project for the City of Dunkirk and its future as a Lake Erie waterfront destination.
Ruby's Welcome Garden is located at Lollypop Farm, The Humane Society of Greater Rochester. Visitors pass through and experience the space on their way to and from Lollypop’s main entry. The garden celebrates and expresses the intersecting life cycles of humans, animals, and plants. Lush planting flanks a central plaza featuring granite seat blocks and angular, intersecting paving bands which extend into the garden beds. The space encourages play and interaction, while at the same time providing niches for reflection and remembrance. Ruby's Welcome Garden reinforces the mission of Lollypop Farm – building strong bonds between people and animals with a focus on the mutual benefits these relationships provide. As visitors and their pets experience the textures and colors of the plantings juxtaposed with the striking geometric paving patterns, they are reminded of the essential interaction of all living things.
The West River Wall project is the culmination of years of community planning and design. Today, a nearly 2000 liner foot river wall creates a physical and visual barrier between the Genesee River and the Corn Hill neighborhood. The river wall once acted as a flood protection measure but in recent years was de-accredited due to its deteriorating condition. In 2015, Bergmann was engaged to complete an initial study identifying potential solutions to replace the deteriorating wall and in 2017 was retained to complete the final design and construction documentation.

The project brought together a variety of design professions from Structural Engineers, Water Resource Engineers, Environmental Scientists and Landscape Architects to ensure a compressive design. Throughout the design process, engaging the public was an important focus for the design team. Getting input and support from the community is critical for the success of the design, programming and activation of the Corn Hill waterfront. This project also helps to further the goals and objectives identified in the ROC the Riverway Initiative by creating an accessible and active waterfront along the Genesee River in Downtown Rochester. The project not only provides the technical design needed for flood protection but creates a system that blends into the urban fabric and promotes visual and physical access to Genesee River.

The West River Wall project is anticipated to go into construction in 2020.
Beaver Creek CSO Abatement and Flood Mitigation Program: Woodlawn Park
Stormwater Wetland & Underground Storage

CITY OF ALBANY, NY
CHA Consulting, Inc. »

The City of Albany has experienced flash flooding and Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) issues causing flood damage to public and private properties and creating health hazards. To mitigate flooding issues within the Pine Hills Neighborhood in the City of Albany, CHA’s interdisciplinary team of landscape architects and engineers helped the City reimagine the stormwater management practices in Woodlawn Park.

This project had two components: a stormwater wetland and subsurface stormwater storage system below the Park’s baseball outfield. Providing preliminary design and construction documents, the CHA team created an offline storage system that will delay nearly 1.25 million gallons from being discharged to the CSO system during peak storm periods. The system is designed with an automated water leveling system that allows the water to held back and released automatically or manually depending on the need for water within the wetland complex or the irrigation needs for the baseball field.

Overall, this project has ameliorated flooding in this neighborhood, improved the overall aesthetic quality of the park, and enhanced an important community resource.
Sampson State Park Master Planning
TOWN OF ROMULUS, SENECA LAKE, NY
Costich Engineering, Land Surveying & Landscape Architecture. D.P.C.

At the start of 2019 our firm began with the initial site survey and master planning for the Sampson State Park located on Seneca Lake in the Town of Romulus. Sessler Excavating & Wrecking has entered into a partnership with the New York State Park and engaged our firm to complete master planning for the park including additional and upgraded camping facilities, marina and ship store, entertainment buildings and associated interconnected road and trail systems.

We are currently moving ahead with design development on the 1st phase of the Master Plan. This includes a section of the new campsites (92 total – RV and cabin pads), ship store and proposed concessions building (including bar & restaurant) which will complement the newly re-constructed marina which was opened this past summer. A waterfront destination for boaters and campers alike located right along the lake!
Northland Belt Line Corridor Green Infrastructure & Streetscape Improvements

BUFFALO, NY
CPL

This Project is part of an effort, led by Buffalo Urban Development Corporation and City of Buffalo, to redevelop properties in the corridor and create a Workforce Development Training Center. The goal is to return these properties to productive use, assist with revitalizing the neighborhood, and provide employment opportunities for residents.

The Project includes streetscape improvements that address pedestrian safety and accessibility and street tree health/longevity; green infrastructure stormwater management techniques; and the repurposing of an abandoned lot into a public space complete with stormwater planters, bioswale, native landscaping, pathways, seating areas and public art.

This Project supports the concept of Biophilic Cities: the idea that every resident of every neighborhood deserves to be surrounded by a healthy, functioning natural environment, as well as Buffalo Sewer Authority’s Rain Check 2.0 green infrastructure program. The green infrastructure added by this Project and several concurrent projects demonstrates the many potential benefits of green infrastructure, incorporating elements of corridor improvements, urban agriculture and greening of parking lots. In addition to more effectively managing stormwater, this breadth of green infrastructure supports neighborhood development and revitalization goals by improving environmental quality, public health and access to green space, as well as creating memorable neighborhood places.
Like many villages in Upstate New York, the Village of Delhi is changing its relationship to the vital waterways that run through them. The Delhi Recreational River Park and Walk has revitalized the unassuming Hoyt Park into a gateway for outdoor enthusiasts to the West Branch of the Delaware River.

Before and during construction, multiple local, state, and federal agency requirements were coordinated and a robust public outreach and input process was undertaken. The project location on multiple public and private properties and adjacent to (and often interacting with) a critical and protected waterway made for a truly challenging and rewarding design process.

The project features a paved walking path along the river bank that connects several municipal buildings, a boat launch, basketball court, a pervious parking area, buried stormwater infiltration chambers, native bluestone seating boulders, bioswales, native vegetation and amenities to accommodate fishermen, boaters, snowmobilers, walkers, and joggers.

While this project may appear small in physical scale, the robust public input, complexity of permitting, quality of design, and clear impact on the surrounding community makes this a project that Delta is proud to have brought to fruition.
Broome County Government Plaza Green Infrastructure Study & Design

BINGHAMTON, NY

Delta Engineers, Architects, & Land Surveyors, DPC

Government Plaza in the City of Binghamton is receiving a much needed update to its public spaces. Designed in the early 1970s by Sasaki Associates, the plaza has since undergone major modifications (1997) which made its large upper-deck plaza less accessible and added a physical wall between the lower plaza area and the street. With the help of the NYS Green Innovation Grant Program (GIGP), Broome County, which shares responsibility for Government Plaza with New York State and the City of Binghamton, is renovating both levels of the plaza to be open and welcoming to the public.

Among the key improvements to be highlighted in this central civic space are green roofs, stormwater planters, stormwater harvesting and reuse, cafe space, and a stage with solar energy canopy. All of the hardscape improvements will reuse existing granite cobbles and granite paving slabs salvaged from the building’s upper plaza, reducing the construction costs and environmental impact.

Delta is proud to have our Landscape Architects leading a team of local design professionals in incorporating Green Infrastructure solutions into the improvement of this iconic building complex. By closely studying Sasaki’s plans, we have ensured the new design remains true to the original character of Government Plaza while evolving to become a monumental public space filled with lush greenery, public art, and flowing water.
Lakeview Amphitheater is a new outdoor event complex with seating capacity of 17,500 (both covered pavilion and lawn seats), a nature area, vendor/festival area, waterfront dock, and recreational trails. The purpose of this project was to replace the now demolished Mohegan Sun Grandstand (formerly located at the NYS Fairgrounds) with a new venue within a 252-acre site on the west shore of Onondaga Lake, which has become a celebration of the rebirth of the lake and renewed public enjoyment of the lakefront. EDR was first tasked to produce a high-quality representation of an events complex that Governor Cuomo used to publicly present this initiative. This highly visible project gave EDR a rare opportunity to produce widely distributed and publicized simulations. EDR also collaborated with engineering, theater, and sound consultants to consider the amount of grading, solar orientation, and the impact of sound to determine the best location of the facility. Their role in the conceptual design report involved evaluating and suggesting alternative locations within the site area, and ultimately recommending exact locations for the amphitheater for the County to consider, thereby, again producing high-quality graphic representations of the “The Beacon” and “The Cove” options. Each included a detailed analysis of various architectural styles and characters of the pavilion, vehicular and pedestrian circulation, access, and egress from NYS I-690 (a major East to West 4-lane corridor), current State Fair parking lots, traffic counts and flow patterns, wayfinding, and location of key program elements (i.e. box office, vehicular parking, tram pick-up/drop-off, bus pick-up/drop-off, restrooms, security fencing, general service buildings, service areas, and VIP parking).
Private Residence
TOWN OF SKANEATELES, NY
Environmental Design & Research, Landscape Architecture, Engineering & Environmental Services, DPC

Situated on two acres on the east shore of picturesque Skaneateles Lake, this private family estate is set on a gracefully sloping site with 180-degree lake views. The goal was to construct a new contemporary housed and site that focused on the lake and offer unique outdoor spaces. Details of the site design were carried out to completion at the highest level. Strict regulation on lot coverage and impervious surface coverage were set forth by the Town, City Water Department, and NYSDEC. Skaneateles Lake is a source of drinking water for the region. This standard poses a challenge for the Landscape Architect to work toward minimizing impervious surfaces to meet the regulation while meeting client desires. Existing, natural features of the site, such as slope, were also challenging. A lengthy access driveway required a curvilinear alignment to negotiate the gradient, further increasing length and coverage. A sedum green roof provides impermeable surface area while adding a unique feature to the home. Site required extensive grading and stormwater planning to manage run-off. A series of swales were incorporated to convey drainage in a sensitive method, often hidden by plantings or as part of the lawn contouring. Level lawn surfaces were created to address substantial grade changes. Client desired multiple terraces were accomplished with board-form concrete foundation and retaining walls, loose gravel stairs with unfinished steel risers, and planted slopes between level areas; and serve as transitions between the various outdoor rooms. The Landscape Architect produced a custom Maintenance Manual providing guidelines for landscape contractors and/or the homeowners.
Private Residence

UPSTATE, NY

Experienced Brick & Stone

A private estate in Upstate New York updated their landscape with the installation of a patio and gazebo, an incredible re-use project. Utilizing salvaged medina curbing and historic Jamestown Rustic street brick pavers, the design of the patio, steps & walkways. The exterior of the gazebo knee wall was finished with rustic reclaimed brick to compliment the hardscape. Using antique materials naturally provides so much character to the historic estate. Adding even more sophistication to the design is the installation of antique street brick pavers in a herringbone pattern. The homeowner also included gorgeous herb gardens on the patio, framed with used medina curbing. The Landscape Architects involved in this project checked off all the boxes in creating a project with complex, vibrant character by using antique hardscape products. It was an honor for our team to be a part of this project - assisting with finding the right size, color, look and era of materials. It is exciting to see continued education within the industry on the design and installation of reclaimed materials for landscape projects.
Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Gateway Park - Empire State Trail
BUFFALO, NY
Experienced Brick & Stone

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, along with the grant assistance of the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation, expanded the Empire State Trail initiative along the waterfront in Buffalo, NY. Part of the grant was used to incorporate historic materials, such as salvaged granite curbing and used large stone blocks for benches, as a part of the landscape design for the gateway park. All parties involved did an excellent job designing the enhancements to the trail, continuing to make the Buffalo waterfront a world-class destination. Our team was thrilled to add that touch of history by providing the reclaimed, antique materials to their continued investment in the Buffalo waterfront and overall statewide tourism industry. The gateway park is a site to see!
Thompson Park
WATERTOWN, NY
Parkitects, Inc

Watertown’s Thompson Park is an historic Olmsted designed park that features The New York State Zoo, sledding hills, stone walls and pavilions all in a beautiful setting with amazing vantage points throughout. The park’s old wooden playground from 1987 was in need of repair as was the swimming pool which was no longer in operation. Parkitects’ project manager, Karen O’Connor, and Landscape Architect, Lynn Mason, worked with the town and a local school to develop a plan and create designs to replace both of these popular facilities. The new playground was designed to fill the former footprint of the expansive wooden playground while providing age appropriate equipment for both 2-5 and 5-12 year olds. The new playground features accessible ramps with inclusive play pieces, slides and climbers selected by the students. The splash pad, located just down the hill from the playground and adjacent to the former pool, features an accessible water table and other interactive pieces. The color palette for the play and splash pad equipment was chosen to complement the historic park and to blend into the natural beauty of the area.
As part of a grant through the New York State Department of State and one of the major strategies included in the Local Water Revitalization Plan, the Town of Waterford embarked on a project to revitalize Saratoga Avenue which is the gateway into the Town's core. Project goals included visually enhancing the gateway, promoting pride in their community, creating a pedestrian-friendly streetscape, calming vehicular traffic, building on the assets of the Waterford Museum and adjacent water resources of the region such as Cohoes Falls, the Hudson River, Mohawk River, and Erie Canalway, and enhancing the quality of life for residents in this mixed-use district. During the public participation process, key elements were identified that community members felt were important to include in the overall plan to successfully accomplish their goals. The elements identified were new sidewalks, crosswalks and flashing beacons, signage, plantings, drainage improvements, lighting, and streetscape amenities. The overall plan focused on creating character, providing pedestrian spaces and calming vehicles through a vegetative approach. Plantings were strategically incorporated throughout the streetscape for aesthetics, creating seating areas, reducing drainage problems, slowing down vehicles, and an overall uniform Town core.
Albany County Residential Health Care Facility Renovation and Additions

COLONIE, NY

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Shaker Place, formerly the Albany County Nursing Home, is undergoing $80 million in renovations and additions designed to increase the residential living capacity as well as improve the aging facilities and add amenities. The renovations and additions are structured around new residential wings, therefore creating seven courtyards for residents. These courtyard spaces provide flexible outdoor space for simply just taking a walk all the way to accommodating larger events and gatherings. Equally important, these spaces were strategically designed to allow for the highest level of enjoyment by the residents. Accessibility was a key factor in the selection of details. Paving materials, specifically the concrete walks and artificial turf, were selected and designed to provide traction, visibility, wheelchair and walker accessible, and low trip hazards. Planting materials were strategically selected to bring color and life into the spaces. External site renovations include reconfiguration of the existing parking lot to accommodate the added parking demand, a new porte-cochere and ambulance entrance, relocation of the emergency service road around the building perimeter and landscaping. Due to the proximity of Albany International Airport, stormwater practices could not pond water which would attract wildlife which was a constraint for stormwater design decisions.
Performance Park

SYRACUSE, NY

Terry Horst

Terry Horst Landscape Architecture teamed up with Locus Design for this Green Infrastructure project, Performance Park, designed for the Near Westside Initiative. The Park will provide additional parking for Syracuse ProLiteracy & WCNY tenant, as well as community performance and recreation spaces. The project was completed this Summer 2019 and was partially funded by the Onondaga County “Save the Rain” program.

The site was previously mostly vacant and covered with impervious surface materials. All impermeable surfaces were removed, and site was redesigned using various green infrastructure practices to lessen the impervious surface coverage. Green Infrastructure practices used in this project include porous pavement, permeable pavers, tree trenches, underground stormwater infiltration systems, trees, and rooftop disconnect. These features enable stormwater to permeate into the ground on site, reduce the amount of stormwater going to the combination sewer system and prevent downstream flooding issues.

Other site elements in the project include exercise equipment, stage area, parking lot, seating, and a bike rack.
Buffalo Outer Harbor Civic Improvements

BUFFALO, NY

Trowbridge Wolf Michaels Landscape Architects »

The Buffalo Lake Erie waterfront is being transformed from its industrial past to a vibrant community resource rich in recreational opportunities and open space. Trowbridge Wolf Michaels Landscape Architects (TWMLA) led a multi-disciplinary team to complete a master plan for 128 acres of Buffalo’s Outer Harbor. The plan emphasizes the creation of public access to the waterfront, ecological restoration, and provision of amenities such as food service, seating and shade, and comfort stations. The plan also includes a Great Lakes-themed nature play area, boardwalks, interpretive kiosk and fishing access.

Construction of the first implementation project was completed this year. The 20-acre Lakeside Complex features a bike park, event lawn, trails for walking or cycling, and 10 acres of habitat restoration. The bike park includes facilities suitable for a range of skill levels with an emphasis on facilities for children. An expansive event lawn provides space for both passive and active uses and will sponsor festivals and programming. Habitat enhancement includes managing invasive species, reestablishing native plant communities, and creating deer-exclusion areas to promote landscape recovery targeting habitat restoration for migratory birds.
Colonie Pool Complex Splash Pad at Mohawk River Park

TOWN OF COLONIE, NY

Weston & Sampson PE, LS, LA, PC

In 2017, the Town of Colonie began the planning process to reconstruct the kiddie pool area into a splash pad. For many years the kiddie pool area was an underutilized portion of the Colonie Town Pool Complex. Situated next to the two main pools, the splash pad provides alternative aquatic play space for an array of age groups. Children and adults of all ages and ability levels have a different alternative to cool off and play during the summer months. The multiple play zones offer exciting play areas of brightly colored aquatic features of different shape and type of features including sprinklers, ground sprays, sailboat, foaming geyser, water guns, buckets, and fountains. The splash pad includes ample seating and shade structures for patrons to relax and enjoy beautiful summer afternoons. The splash pad was a welcomed addition to the pool complex and brings life to the beautiful town park.
The Nigro Family Plaza at Siena College is located along the south edge of the academic quad adjacent to the main entrance of the Sarazen Student Union. Siena College Trustee and benefactor John J. Nigro (H’13) generously funded the project, with support from the College and the Class of 2019 Senior Gift.

With the intent of creating a formal gathering space for students, the plaza includes raised planters constructed of narrow recessed block to reflect the more modern entryway to the building, and slim concrete pavers were selected to complement the wall stone. Limestone treads from Siena Hall, first constructed in 1938, were incorporated into the paver layout to represent the historic elements of the college. Tables, benches, and other site furnishings provide students with space to work, chat, or enjoy a snack from the campus food truck.

“The Nigro Family Plaza creates an outdoor space for the Siena community to congregate and enjoy throughout the year. The plaza extends the Sarazen Student Union into the quad area and will be another cherished space on campus for years to come.” – Mark Frost, AVP for Facilities Management.
City Harbor will be a new mixed-use waterfront neighborhood that is among the first developments in the newly created Waterfront Zoning District in the City of Ithaca. The long-awaited revitalization of this underdeveloped area will create new connections between established neighborhoods, public space amenities, and the Ithaca waterfront. A new waterfront promenade connects directly to the existing Cayuga Waterfront Trail, and connects a series of public open spaces, including the Paddle Park, Picnic Park, Meadow Park, Terrace Park, Willow Park, the Benches, the Steps, and the Point Plaza. These open spaces bring all site users together to enjoy the range of activity happening along the waterfront. WPD’s role as project Landscape Architects included site-wide master planning that prioritizes waterfront access, creates a walkable neighborhood scale, and projects for potential future phasing. Parking areas are generously planted with bioretention basins and canopy trees. Multimodal connections to bike trail, sidewalk, and bus systems are integrated throughout. Site restraints such as utility easements and potential competition for space became opportunities for innovative energy systems and potential public-private partnerships. This project is currently in its entitlements process and will bring new vitality to the Ithaca waterfront.
City Centre Ithaca

ITHACA, NY
Scott Whitham Landscape Architecture, PLLC
“Whitham Planning & Design” »

City Centre Ithaca Apartments is an infill mixed-use development project that brings vibrancy to the heart of downtown Ithaca. WPD’s role for the project included acting as project Landscape Architects and leading the entitlements and public outreach processes. WPD worked with the project team to site the building and associated outdoor spaces to integrate with the existing urban landscape in one of the busiest intersections in downtown, immediately adjacent to the Ithaca Commons and ‘Restaurant Row’. Streetscape plantings include large trees, generously scaled sidewalks for outdoor dining, a covered dining plaza, and brick paving details to highlight the curved corner of the building. WPD collaborated with local green roof and native plant experts to create a dynamic green roof plaza above the apartment’s parking structure that meets the grade of the adjacent hillside. This space is a popular outdoor amenity for residents and restaurant visitors, and the planted green roof and slope provides visual screening from the busy Route 79 and mediates between the ecologies of downtown and the Six Mile Creek corridor. The planted terrace on the 8th floor of the building offers unique views of Cayuga Lake. City Centre is an exemplary project that promotes meaningful urbanism, open space, and downtown revitalization.
In 2010, the New York Upstate Chapter ASLA (NYU-ASLA) embarked on a Scholarship Program to bestow monetary awards to undergraduate students studying Landscape Architecture based on academic excellence and involvement with their Student Chapters of ASLA.

Our Chapter is dedicated to promoting the competencies and values of Landscape Architecture; and what better way than to encourage students who are already committed to our profession to continue their studies and support our organization’s future leaders?

The Scholarships will be awarded through nominations on applications with criteria established by each college’s Scholarship Committee, and then approved by the Executive Board. Amounts and number of Scholarships will be determined by our Chapter Executive Committee based upon recommendations of the Scholarship Committee and funds available.

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Looking Forward to 2020

**February**
28th Annual Reception & Awards Celebration (Rochester, NY)

**March**
7th Technical Workshop, Visual Representation (Cornell, NY)
13th-14th Native Landscape Symposium (Ithaca, NY)

**April**
World Landscape Architecture Month
2nd-4th LABash (Cornell_Ithaca,NY)
23rd Advocacy Day (Wash. DC)
24th Off-Campus 50th Anniversary Symposium and Celebration (ESF_Syracuse, NY)

**May**
8th Lobby Day (Albany)

**July**
Half Day Event, 3-4 PDH (Eastern Section)

**August**
Half Day Event, 3-4 PDH (Southern Tier Section)

**September**
18th PARKing Day (Various Locations)

**October**
NY Upstate APA Conference (Albany)
2nd-5th Conference on Landscape Architecture (Miami)

**November**
Annual Chapter Executive Committee and Board Retreat (TBD)
Technical Workshop (ESF_Syracuse, NY)

This calendar is subject to change so please go to our website (www.nyusla.org) for all event updates.