

NJASLA Professional Awards

2013

Designing Healthy Communities



Jan Saltiel Rafel,
LEED AP, RLA, ASLA

As principal of Edgewater Design LLC in Millburn, N.J. with over 25 years of experience in the design and planning of landscapes and urban spaces. Ms. Rafel started her career in New York City working on parks, corporate and residential estate planning and has continued to work on all sectors of landscape architectural design and planning with the firm she founded in 1989 – Edgewater Design. For the past 20 years Ms. Saltiel Rafel has had a particular emphasis on public landscape design working with state universities, public schools and municipalities. She has also served on several advisory committees such as Sustainable N.J., Millburn biking trail committee and has designed several sustainable gardens for the local elementary schools.



E. Timothy Marshall, ASLA

As principal and owner of ETM Associates LLC, Mr. Marshall has been providing professional public space design and management solutions, strategies and developmental guidance since 1984. ETM Associates, LLC was formed in 1997 and specializes in Public Space Design and Management. The firm is concerned with all aspects of public space and sees design, implementation and ongoing management as a continuum of related professional activities.

Mr. Marshall has been involved with public space issues for more 29 years. Mr. Marshall was formerly the Deputy Administrator and Vice President for the Central Park Conservancy. As former Deputy Administrator and Vice President for New York City's Central Park Conservancy, he was involved in the development of The Central Park Restoration and Management Plan, and was directly responsible for its on-going implementation as well as the day-to-day management of Central Park, one of the world's most important public spaces.



Laura Lawson, Ph.D.

Dr. Lawson is a Professor and Chair in the Department of Landscape Architecture at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. Her research includes historical and contemporary community open space, with particular focus on community gardens and the changing roles of parks in low-income communities. Her teaching includes community-based design studios and seminars focused on research methods, social issues in design and planning, and the public landscape. She is author of *City Bountiful: A Century of Community Gardening in America* and co-author of *Greening Cities, Growing Communities: Urban Community Gardens in Seattle* (2009).

The New Jersey Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects is pleased to present the 2013 Professional Awards. The awards program is intended to help broaden the boundaries of our profession; increase public awareness of the role of landscape architects; raise the standards of our discipline; and bring recognition to organizations and individuals who demonstrate superior skill in the practice and study of landscape architecture.

A jury of distinguished landscape architects reviewed (24) twenty-four submissions and selected winners in three categories. You will have the opportunity to view the winning projects throughout the conference on a continuously-running video presentation located on the conference floor. The winners will also be featured in upcoming NJASLA newsletters, our website, and chapter displays promoting the profession throughout the state.

Thank you for attending this year's presentation. We hope you will not only enjoy yourself, but that you will find inspiration for your own winning submission to next year's program.

Eric Mattes
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Denise Mattes
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Chapter Award - Landscape Architectural Design

River Barge Park, Carlstadt, NJ

New Jersey Meadowlands Commission

The goal of the owner/client, a state regional planning agency, was to transform a derelict site into a compelling destination for recreation, eco-tourism and environmental education opportunities. River Barge Park, a stone's throw from the new MetLife Stadium, is a public park and boating center on the western banks of the Hackensack River in southern Bergen County, NJ. Completed in the summer of 2012, this 5.5 acre site has been re-imagined into an urban jewel that captures a sense of history as it provides critical public access to the Meadowlands urban estuary and the broader New York/New Jersey Harbor Estuary. The park provides a variety of boating activities for both motor and human-powered boats and showcases sustainable waterfront development solutions.



Merit Awards - Unbuilt Project CJ Cheiljedang Integrated Research and Development Center, Gwanggyo New City, Gyeonggi-do, Korea

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The integration of this Research and Development Center for a Korea-based food, feed, and bioscience company building into the landscape, and of a garden into the building, generates a dynamic, energetic presence from the highway and the approach. The client company shares its image and culture with the community and commuters. This competition design is rooted in three themes: health, joy, and convenience. Accordingly, the form of the building creates a shared amenity: a multi-level central garden as an activity zone where people and science are on display; a theater of creativity and collaboration. The Central Garden is the heart of the proposed building design; and water, a source of inspiration, is its essence.



Merit Awards - Unbuilt Project

Taichung Gateway Park, Taiwan, Republic of China

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The Taichung Gateway Park International Landscape Design Competition, held in Summer 2011, was conducted to create a major new "urban park of the future," sited largely on the remains of an existing military airfield, a 67.34 hectare parcel in the northwest central area of Taiwan's Taichung City. The project's main goals: to create a 21st-century urban eco-park integrating adjacent districts; recognize the historic context of the airfield; provide for urban greening; and, overall, address environmental issues created by development. Utilizing an integrated design approach to create a fundamental place that belongs to "the people," the team set out to create a unique, functional and educational experience. This design is based on stewardship of resource and mind, for the sole purpose of enriching the environment and lives of all.



Merit Awards - Unbuilt Project

Pier 42 - East River Waterfront Park Transformation, New York, NY

MKW + Associates, LLC

The new Pier 42 Waterfront Park was designed to be a dramatic new entry to historic East River Park and a spectacular new public open space on the East River for the Lower East Side community. The design transforms a derelict pier and warehouse, situated in a sea of asphalt, into a welcoming community space with facilities for all users, with beautiful civic space for community gathering and people watching; new access to the river; ample 'green' space; and a range of educational and interactive play elements that encourage nature-based fun and learning; and innovatively illustrates the site's waterfront industrial history.



Merit Awards - Unbuilt Project

Voorhees Environmental Park, Voorhees, NJ
Rutgers Center of Urban Environmental Sustainability (CUES)

The Voorhees Environmental and Cultural Education Foundation (VECEF) in partnership with Voorhees Township (Camden County) are advocating for the transformation of a 35 acre capped landfill into a public park facility. Design challenges include landfill reuse, environmental and ecological considerations, green technology, and economic viability. The design process by the CUES team was informed by a prior Rutgers Graduate Program service learning project that developed design alternatives that were discussed with the client and the public.



Merit Awards Landscape Architectural Design

Hoxie House - The President's Residence
Stevens Institute, Hoboken, NJ

MKW + Associates, LLC

Situated on a bluff encompassing 0.36 acres and overlooking the Hudson River and lower Manhattan, Hoxie House was constructed in 1929 and required an update to its site and to accommodate the program of the incoming president and his wife. The design program consisted of making the space around the residence a more private zone with the feeling that it belongs to the house and less so the campus, while integrating it with the rest of the campus however. Some portion of the site design was to incorporate the identity of Stevens University however and provide a welcoming aspect to students and visitors at this northern end of the campus. A vehicular drop-off was included as well as a plant palette that provided year round visual interest and fragrance.



Merit Awards Landscape Architectural Design

Capital Health Medical Center, Hopewell, NJ

Wells Appel

The new Capital Health Medical Center serves as a beautiful example of what can be achieved at the intersection of landscape, architecture, garden, art, sustainability, and healthcare. Situated on a 166-acre site, the new 320-bed, LEED hospital and medical office building includes an astonishing array of healing gardens, including three roof gardens; grass and wildflower meadows; constructed wetlands and swales; installations of public art and sculpture; the sight and sound of water in fountains, runnels, and water walls; and the elegant use of hardscape materials and lighting.



Merit Awards Landscape Architectural Design

Newport Green, Newport, NJ

Mathews Nielsen

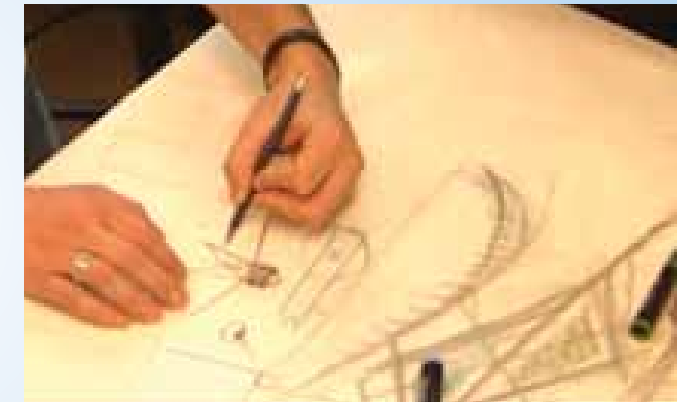
Newport Green is a 4.3 acre privately-funded public waterfront park located at the north end of Newport, a mixed use development across from lower Manhattan. The park is the largest green space in Newport that is home to 20,000 residents with another 10,000 residents anticipated on the remaining parcels north of the park. The design program was derived through a series of workshops and outreach to the Newport residents who are comprised of diverse ethnicities, resulting in an overwhelming request for active recreation for all age groups. The park's rectangular configuration stretches from a busy road on the west to the Hudson River on the east. The magnificent views to the river and Manhattan skyline beyond were an organizing feature of the plan, circulation and landforms.



Honor Award Student Entry, Communications Praxis Studio: Agricultural Literacy, A Short Documentary Film

Rutgers University Landscape Architecture
Student: Kevin Perry

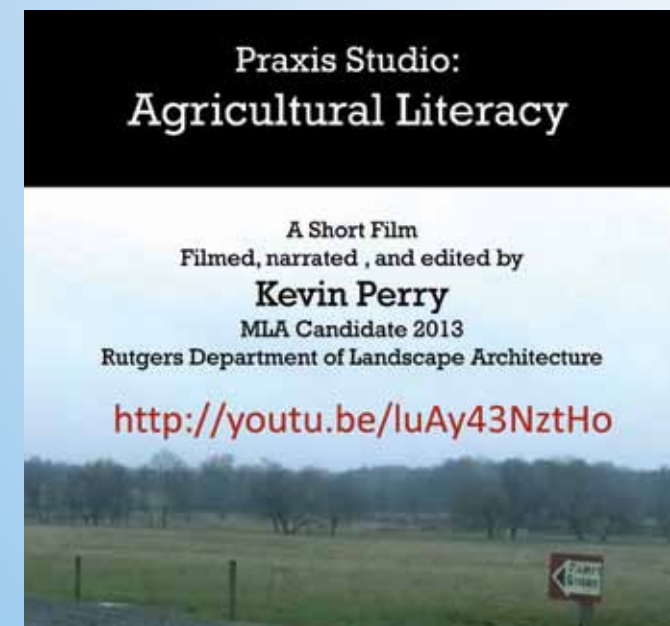
"Praxis Studio: Agricultural Literacy" is a short documentary film that was produced for three reasons: to communicate ideas around agricultural literacy, to encapsulate and record the process arc of a Rutgers landscape architecture praxis studio, and to explore the potential of short film as a medium of communication for landscape architects. As an exploration, it serves to inform landscape architects of the powerful potential of the short-film format in the era of democratized video. By building off existing creative and technical skill sets, landscape architects have the potential to engage this medium and produce fresh and profound pieces of communication.



Praxis Studio: Agricultural Literacy

A Short Film
Filmed, narrated, and edited by
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Rutgers Department of Landscape Architecture

<http://youtu.be/luAy43NztHo>





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