The New Jersey Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects is pleased to present the 2014 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 twenty-one submissions and selected winners in five categories. We invite you to view the winning projects throughout the conference on our continuously-running video presentation located on the conference floor. The winners will also be featured in upcoming newsletters, our website and other events which promote our profession throughout the state during the course of the year.

Thank you for attending this year's presentation. We hope you enjoy this year's ceremonies and strongly encourage you to consider submitting your work for next year's program.

Eric Mattes  Denise Mattes

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Dr. Wolfram Hoefer, Rutgers University
Wolfram is an Associate Professor at the Department of Landscape Architecture at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey and serves as Undergraduate Program Director for the department. He also serves as Co-Director of the Rutgers Center for Urban Environmental Sustainability. In 1992 he earned a Diploma in Landscape Architecture from the Technische Universität Berlin and received a doctoral degree from Technische Universität München in 2000. He is a Licensed Landscape Architect in the state of Bavaria, Germany. His research and teaching focus is the cultural interpretation of brownfields as potential elements of the public realm.

Nancy Prince RLA, ASLA
Nancy is the Deputy Chief for Design at New York City Parks. In this role she guides the design aesthetic and vision for all park projects completed in the five boroughs. Nancy began her career at Parks in 1985; prior to becoming Deputy Chief for Design, Nancy held the roles of the senior designer for Queens and Manhattan parks and served as lead designer on numerous award winning projects. Her work has been recognized with the Award for Excellence in Design from the Art Commission, the Big Apple Brownfield Open Space award, the Silver Rudy Bruner Award for Urban Excellence, and New York Magazine’s Best Outdoor Playground. In addition, a number of her projects have been featured in prominent national landscape architecture magazines. Nancy holds a Masters Degree in Urban Design from the City University Graduate Center and a Masters Degree in Landscape Architecture from the University of Massachusetts.

Katy Weidel, FASLA, LLA
Ms. Weidel is the senior Landscape Architect and Supervisor of Park Planning for The New Jersey Meadowlands Commission (NJMC), where she has worked for the past 28 years. Her work involves transforming derelict sites into compelling destinations for recreation, eco-tourism and environmental education opportunities. Her projects deal with the reclamation of sanitary landfills, disturbed wetlands, and mis-managed uplands into ecologically productive and diverse habitats for wildlife and habitat diversity. During her tenure with the Agency, the Landscape Architecture Group has amassed (28) design awards for its contribution to the transformation of this urban estuary into the “meadowlands miracle”, including (12) ASLA awards from both National and the NJ Chapter. Most recently, she received the NJASLA 2013 Chapter Award for a new meadowlands public park, boating & paddle center. Ms. Weidel received her BSLA from Rutgers University and her MLA from Cornell University. She served in adjunct roles at the University of Minnesota and CCNY, in addition to her field experiences in several landscape architecture firms in the NY metro area.
MERIT AWARD: ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT
Waterfront South Rain Garden Park - Camden, NJ
Rutgers Cooperative Extension Water Resources Program for Client Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority
www.water.rutgers.edu

The Waterfront South Rain Garden Park project has transformed an eyesore and contaminated site in the Waterfront South Neighborhood of Camden City to a true community amenity. Through a community-driven design process, the team realized the full potential of the site to not only serve as a Gateway into the neighborhood, but to also provide a critical function in helping to reduce stormwater runoff volume to Camden City’s combined sewer system which frequently creates flooding and sewer backups in the neighborhood.

HONOR AWARD: LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN - PLANTING DESIGN
Stonebridge @ Montgomery-Social Spaces Landscape Masterplan – Skillman, NJ
Holly Grace Nelson, Landscape Architect for Client Stonebridge @ Montgomery, Skillman, NJ
www.stantec.com

Stonebridge of Montgomery is a 250-resident assisted living complex where the median resident age is 85. A sustainable landscape was created to provide an ongoing environment that is healthy for the landscape and the people who live there. The social spaces landscape masterplan marries sustainability objectives with the creation of new social spaces.

MERIT AWARD: THE UNBUILT PROJECT
The Children’s Garden at the State Botanical Garden, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia
MRW+Associates, LLC for Client University of Georgia
www.mrwga.com

Situated on 2 acres of the State Botanical Garden at the University of Georgia in Athens, GA, the new Children’s Garden occupies the site and surroundings of a former parking lot. Guiding principles that were followed throughout the design process include: nature as teacher; connecting with nature through arts, science and literacy education; and healthy foods, body, communities, earth.

HONOR AWARD: STUDENT: LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN – SITE DESIGN
The consultant assisted the New York Restoration Partnership in developing a redevelopment plan for this site to meet the goals of the NYCDEP’s Green Infrastructure Plan to reduce outflow from this private property by incorporating, bioretention swales, blue roofs, green roofs, infiltration bioswales, permeable pavers, and rain barrels in the design to reduce stormwater flow from the site and adjacent sidewalks.

HONOR AWARD: LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN-SITE DESIGN
Chapter 1 Beachfront Restoration Project, NYC
Matthews Nielsen Landscape Architects for Client NYC Dept. of Design & Construction, NYC Dept. of Parks & Recreation
www.mnlandscape.com

Following Hurricane Sandy in 2012, NYC had just a few months before Memorial Day 2013 to open and address the 14 miles of beach maintained by the NYC Parks Department. The Phase 1 Beachfront Restoration Project was created to provide emergency access and facilities. The Landscape Architect took a lead role in the overall strategy in the site design of these emergency access nodes.

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74TH-75TH STREET – DUNE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT
Avalon, NJ
Hess Landscape Architects, Inc. for Client Borough of Avalon, NJ
www.hessla.com

The critical role ocean-front dunes play in the survival of coastal communities remains more important than ever. This particular site on 74th and 75th Street was selected as a Borough Pilot Project model and was designed to provide a solution to restore and re-vegetate the dunes with proper, sustainable plant material.

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