

2016 AWARDS JURY

Mark K. Morrison, RLA, LLA, FASLA, GRP



Mark K. Morrison brings nearly forty years of professional design experience to Mark K. Morrison Landscape Architecture PC (MKM). Morrison founded his firm in 1983 with a commitment to improving urban and regional open space. MKM's work can be seen in numerous urban landscapes throughout New York City's five boroughs; the firm has transformed hundreds of open spaces throughout the five boroughs of New York from asphalt to green. Mark is a leader in green roofs and planting on structure, and has been both awarded and sought out for his forward thinking and innovative green roof projects. Over the years MKM's projects have ranged from zoos to parks; from corporate headquarters to college campuses; from city parks to urban waterfronts. MKM's global work includes projects in Turkey, China, Africa, the Arabian Peninsula, Russia and the Caribbean.

David Tulloch, PhD, BSLA, MLA



Dr. Tulloch holds a B.S.LA from Kentucky; an M.LA from LSU; and a Ph.D. from Wisconsin. His teaching includes project based regional design studios, a popular environmental planning course, and a variety of GIS courses.

David Tulloch's scholarship is built around bridging geospatial technologies and applications of these for the improvement of the built and natural landscapes. As a leader in geodesign he has been an active participant in the annual Geodesign Summits and published two papers on the topic. A passion for improved data for planning and design decisions is manifest in his active role in research in institutional GIS, public participatory GIS, and volunteered geographic information. With an eye towards applications, he is currently the geospatial leader on an RWJF and NIH-funded project at Rutgers CSHP investigating longitudinal relationships between childhood obesity, urban food and physical activity environments.

Andrea Buckingham, LLA



Andrea Buckingham, LLA is a landscape architect and horticulturist. After graduating from Cook College, Rutgers University, she worked for MKW Associates and then in 1991 started her own practice, which specializes in high-end residential design. Her work has been featured in several publications and her projects range from estate master planning and design to intimate pocket gardens. Her focus is in creating cohesive outdoor rooms that complement the architecture of the home, engage the senses and honor the lifestyles and goals of her clients. Her hands on approach during the installation process, collaboration with skilled craftsman and passion for plants have garnered her a reputation of distinction.

The New Jersey Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects is pleased to present the 2016 Professional Awards. The awards program is intended to help broaden the boundaries of our profession; increase the 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 well-rounded, distinguished landscape architects reviewed thirty-one submissions and selected 13 winners in 5 categories. We invite you to view the winning projects throughout the conference on our continuously-running video presentation located on the conference floor as well as be a part of our presentations throughout the meeting. The winners will also be featured in upcoming newsletters, on 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 strongly encourage you to consider submitting your work for next year's program.

The 2016 Professional Design Awards Committee

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ROOSEVELT PLAZA PARK H2O

Camden, NJ
Chapter Award - Landscape Architectural Design – Site Design Honor Award
*Landscape Architectural Design—Site Design, **Sikora Wells Appel***

Located in a prime, but previously underused, 1.7 acre public open space in front of Camden, NJ’s City Hall, Roosevelt Plaza Park H2O has created a new and comfortable place for residents, workers, students, and visitors to enjoy. The project goal of the client, Cooper’s Ferry Partnership, was to encourage city residents and visitors to utilize and actively enjoy safe public spaces in the City. The design encourages users to implement simple stormwater management measures at home, while calling attention to larger stormwater issues. The construction budget for this project was \$65,000.



SWEET STREET DESSERTS – OUTDOOR CAFÉ AND GARDEN

Reading, Pennsylvania
Honor Award
*Landscape Architectural Design—Site Design, **Charlesworth – Fleischacker, LLC – Jeffrey A. Charlesworth, LLA***

Charlesworth-Fleischaker was commissioned to design an outdoor extension to a successful café, which not only offers a restaurant menu and desserts to the local community, but also produces high-end baked goods for the hospitality industry both in the U.S. and abroad. The site had a number of constraints including tight building setbacks, grade changes and a century-old stream viaduct under the site, which required special engineering to accommodate the deck and related structures. The firm worked closely with the client to develop elements including paving, railings, site furnishings, plantings and stormwater measures.



RORY MEYERS CHILDREN’S ADVENTURE GARDEN

Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Society
Dallas, Texas
Honor Award
*Landscape Architectural Design—Site Design, **MKW + Associates – John Williams, LLA***

The Rory Meyers Children’s Adventure Garden provides an immersive, educational, curriculum-based experience for both the city’s school children and local, regional and national visitors. The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Society sought a multidisciplinary design team to create a world-class, destination children’s garden to further develop and enhance their educational mission. Goals of the project include: to positively affect children’s attitude about nature; to immerse visitors in nature; to support and reinforce school curricula; to become a visitor destination; and to be aesthetically beautiful and horticulturally of note.



RUTGERS UNIVERSITY, NJ INSTITUTE FOR FOOD, NUTRITION AND HEALTH – LIVING WALL

Rutgers University
Merit Award
*Landscape Architectural Design—Planting Design, **Ecowalls, LLC – Michael A. Coraggio, ASLA***

Located in the central corridor in the NJ Institute for Food, Nutrition & Health, the living wall is a adorned with roughly 5,00 low-light tropical plants of 46 varieties, and spans three floors of the building. It measures 40’ high and 32’ long. The design intent of the living wall was to promote health and wellness by connecting the buildings inhabitants with nature in an unexpected way. It was intended to be an interactive feature of the building, becoming a teaching tool and destination for multiple courses on campus. The installation was meant to push the boundaries of plant diversity and foster a vertical landscape that would showcase healthy and mature plant material over the longevity of the project.



THE POP-UP POOL PROJECT

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Merit Award
*Landscape Architectural Design—Site Design, **Sikora Wells Appel – Joseph Sikora, LLA***

With seventy outdoor pools, Philadelphia has more free outdoor public pools per capita than any other city in the country. They offer communal spaces in urban neighborhoods that have limited access to open space. Philly’s pools offer little more than water surrounded by unshaded concrete. This project uses relatively low-cost, high-impact design interventions to transform underutilized public spaces into catalytic, civic open spaces. The project, which was just under \$60,000, included custom, modular cedar deck loungers with palm trees, plantings, movable tables and chairs, shade umbrellas, oversized games and programming.



THE REPLACEMENT OF THE 14TH STREET VIADUCT

Hoboken/Jersey City/Union City, New Jersey
Merit Award
*Landscape Architectural Design—Site Design, **Stantec Consulting – Jeffrey Grob, LLA***

Constructed in 1910, stretching almost ¼ mile in length, and rising over 70 feet in height, this viaduct is considered an iconic landmark on the uptown Hoboken skyline. The NJ State Historic Preservation Office required certain steps to be taken to have the replacement structure appropriately reflect the context of the adjacent historic district. This firm was specifically responsible for the urban design of the streetscape on the local streets flanking both sides of the viaduct as well as all of the architectural treatments and finishes of all the components of the main structure.



MERCER MEADOWS

Lawrence & Hopewell Townships, Mercer County, New Hersey
Merit Award
*Environmental Enhancement
ETM Associates, LLC – Timothy Marshall, LLA*

Mercer Meadows is a 1,600-acre passive park which provide a myriad of opportunities to explore local history and ecology. The site lacked signage, visitor amenities, an integrated trail network, and identity. ETM Associates was commissioned to develop a comprehensive “Interpretive Plan.” This plan established an overall vision for the park that addresses the park’s challenges and enhanced the site’s natural features and visual identity.



THE GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE FEASIBILITY STUDY

The City of Perth Amboy, Perth Amboy, New Jersey
Merit Award
*Landscape Architectural Communication
Rutgers Cooperative Extension Water Resources Program, Jeremiah Bergstrom, ASLA*

The Green Infrastructure Feasibility Study for the City of Perth Amboy is a document created to educate and inform communities about opportunities for green infrastructure. The study is an initial document in the combined sewer planning process to help municipal officials evaluate their current stormwater issues and begin to use green infrastructure projects to solve these problems. This process and document are replicable for many towns through out the state.



CASE-DVOOR FARM SITE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Raritan Township, Hunterdon County, NJ
Merit Award
*Landscape Planning and Analysis
ETM Associates, LLC – Timothy Marshall, LLA*

The Case-Dvoor Farm has been a locus of human activity since prehistoric times and continuing to the present. It is the administrative home of the Hunterdon Land Trust, which has been actively engaged in preserving and restoring the environmental, architectural and historic aspects of the farm since acquiring the property in 1999. ETM Associates was awarded the project and led a team in developing a Site Management Plan which articulated a vision that preserves, restores and interprets the history of the property and provide a blueprint for sustained future management efforts.



WASHINGTON STREET “COMPLETE STREET” REDESIGN

Hoboken, New Jersey
Merit Award
*Landscape Planning and Analysis
The RBA Group – Charlie Cunion, LLA & Kevin Perry, Associate ASLA*

Washington Street is Hoboken’s “Main Street.” Its form is recognizable and successful and its edges defined by historical buildings, sidewalks and street trees. The current experience of this street is degraded by its failing infrastructure and the domination of cars at the expense of pedestrian comfort, safety and bicycle mobility. The principal challenge of this project was to preserve the historic character of the street, while transforming it to meet modern multimodal and infrastructure design standards.



THE LANDSCAPE OF LIFE GARDEN

New Providence, New Jersey
Merit Award – Student
*Landscape Architectural Design—Site Design, **Muzi Li – Rutgers University***

The Landscape of Life Garden for New Jersey Sharing Network (NJSN), aims to express the mission of NJSN, a non-profit, federally designated organ procurement organization, that is committed to saving and enhancing lives through the miracle of organ and tissue donation and transplantation. Muzi Li’s intent for her healing garden design was to bring a feeling of life extension, as well as comfort to donors, their families and the staff who work there.



LIVING LABORATORIES FOR THE COOK/DOUGLASS CAMPUS

Rutgers University – New Brunswick, New Jersey
Merit Award – Student
*Landscape Planning and Analysis
Theresa Hyslop – Rutgers University*

Inspired by hands-on classes she took at the University, Theresa focused her thesis on how she could examine the larger potential for the Cook/Douglass Campus to serve as a full-scale living laboratory, providing educational benefits while helping with facilities operations and campus sustainability. Intrigued by her finding about the potential for living labs on campus, the college provided her the funding to create a website to centralize living lab inquiries by students and faculty. Her hope is that the school can become a pilot campus for the living labs initiative outlined in the new Rutgers University Masterplan.