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Photos Available – See links in attached table to high-resolution images of each winning project. The 2023 Award-winning projects are available with full descriptions and more photos on the ASLA Colorado website: www.aslacolorado.org/awards.

ASLA Colorado’s 2023 Professional Design Awards: Recognizing excellent works by Colorado’s landscape architects

The American Society of Landscape Architects Colorado Chapter presented 23 (twenty-three) Professional Design Awards, 10 (ten) academic awards for four University of Colorado Denver and six Colorado State University landscape architecture students, and several individual recognition awards at the Chapter’s Annual Gathering and Awards Event held at Space Gallery, 400 Santa Fe Drive, Denver CO 80204 on the evening of August 31, 2023.

The professional awards recognize exceptional accomplishments by Colorado and Wyoming landscape architects. ASLA Colorado is one of the largest chapters nationally, representing more than 460 landscape architects, landscape architecture students, and affiliates in Colorado and Wyoming. The Chapter is part of a national organization representing more than 15,000 members (www.asla.org). Landscape architecture is a licensed design profession like engineering and architecture that requires licensure to protect public health, safety and welfare. It was also recently recognized as a [STEM profession](#).

“This year, ASLA Colorado is celebrating our 50th anniversary! Since 1973 we have been promoting the development, education, awareness, and fellowship among landscape architects in Colorado and Wyoming. These awards celebrate amazing works by our Chapter’s landscape architects, who continue to serve communities and clients across Colorado and Wyoming, nationally, and internationally. Our members design a wide array of places including beautiful and functional landscapes for cities, residential sites, parks and public spaces. We also conduct research and create large scale master plans. Park and neighborhood plans serve diverse communities, addressing both social justice and environmental needs. Several of these projects were called out by the jury for special recognition for their diversity, equity and inclusion efforts. All of the winning projects exemplify the profession’s dedication to and expertise in combining art, science, history, social sciences and technical design to create vibrant places where people live, work and play.” said ASLA Colorado President Sara Bonaquist, ASLA.

More than 180 landscape architects, suppliers and friends attended the awards event.

Jurors from the ASLA New York Downstate chapter judged 47 (forty-seven) entries in July. The 23 (twenty-three) winning projects are listed in the table below and posted on the ASLA Colorado website at www.aslacolorado.org/awards. The online awards gallery includes photos, locations, plant lists and the full narratives describing each project. The site allows viewing the awards by category, year of entry and winning firm or agency.

In addition to the professional awards listed in the table below, the Chapter recognized several members of our community for their contributions and service to the chapter and community:

- Phillip E. Flores Chapter Service Medals (2)
 - Recipients: Vivian Kovacs and David Sprunt, ASLA
 - Named in honor of the Chapter's first president, Phillip E. Flores, FASLA, the medal recognizes the recipient's many years of service to the Colorado Chapter and the community. Recipients are selected by the Chapter Fellows, landscape architects who have been recognized nationally for their exceptional accomplishments over a sustained period of time. This is the highest award given by the Chapter.
- Volunteers of the Year Award (2)
 - Vice President of Communications Chelsea Gieryic, Associate ASLA
 - Katie Bridges, Affiliate ASLA
- Contractor of the Year Award
 - [The Unfound Door](#) (professional photography)

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Ken's Print+Graphics, Colorado Real Estate Journal.

For more information on this year's awards, the awards categories, criteria for selection, and on the history of our prestigious awards contact ASLA Colorado at info@aslacolorado.org or phone 303-748-0321.

See attached table of Professional Award Winners

2023 American Society of Landscape Architects – Colorado Chapter – Professional Awards

23 total – For more info contact: Greg Williams, ASLA CO Executive Director 303-748-0321

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Awards Category	Award Given	Special Recognition	Firm Name	Project Title	Client	Project Location	Award Page on ASLA Colorado Website	High Resolution Featured Image
Category 1A: General Design (over \$ 500,000 construction budget)	Merit Award		Hord Coplan Macht	Aims Community College: Re-imagining the Campus Experience	Aims Community College	5401 W 20th St, Greeley, CO 80634	https://www.aslacolorado.org/award/aims-community-college-campus-experience/	https://www.aslacolrado.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/12_Aims-Community-College-Reimagining-the-Campus-Experience.jpg
Category 1A: General Design (over \$ 500,000 construction budget)	Merit Award		Wenk Associates	Arkins Park and Promenade	City of Denver Parks & Recreation	3400 Arkins Ct, Denver, CO 80216	https://www.aslacolorado.org/award/arkins-park-and-promenade/	https://www.aslacolrado.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/ARKINS-PARK-PROMENADE_IMA_GES_01.jpg
Category 1A: General Design (over \$ 500,000 construction budget)	Merit Award		Stream LA	Cherry Creek Greenway	Mile High Flood District, City and County of Denver, Arapahoe County	Cherry Creek S Dr. and E. Iliff Avenue	https://www.aslacolorado.org/award/cherry-creek-greenway/	https://www.aslacolrado.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/09_CHERRY_CREEK_GREENWAY-scaled.jpg
Category 1A: General Design (over \$ 500,000 construction budget)	Merit Award	With Special Recognition for Exemplary Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Efforts	Stream LA	Panorama Park Renovation	Colorado Springs Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services	4540 Fenton Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80916	https://www.aslacolorado.org/award/panorama-park-renovation/	https://www.aslacolrado.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/05_PANORAMA_PARK-scaled.jpg
Category 1A: General Design (over \$ 500,000 construction budget)	Honor Award		BrightView Design Group	Backcountry Garden: An Immersive Nature Experience	Santa Barbara Botanic Garden	Santa Barbara, California	https://www.aslacolorado.org/award/backcountry-garden/	https://www.aslacolrado.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Featured-Image-1.jpg
Category 1A: General Design (over \$ 500,000 construction budget)	Honor Award		Dig Studio	Vermijo + Sierra Madre Streets	City of Colorado Springs, Norwood Development Group	Colorado Springs, CO	https://www.aslacolorado.org/award/vermijo-sierra-madre-streets/	https://www.aslacolrado.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/11_Vermijo.jpg
Category 1A: General Design (over \$ 500,000 construction budget)	President's Award of Excellence		Sasaki	Bonnet Springs Park: Transforming an Abandoned Rail Yard into an Ecological Jewel and Community Asset	Bill Tinsley, Josh Henderson	400 Bonnet Springs Boulevard, Lakeland, FL 33815	https://www.aslacolorado.org/award/bonnet-springs-park/	https://www.aslacolrado.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Image1.jpg
Category 1B: General Design (under \$ 500,000 construction budget)	Merit Award		Hord Coplan Macht	Soda Springs Park: A Revitalized Beginning	City of Manitou Springs and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board	1016 Manitou Ave, Manitou Springs, Colorado	https://www.aslacolorado.org/award/soda-springs-park/	https://www.aslacolrado.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Cover-Image_Soda-Springs-Park-a-Revitalized-Beginning.jpg

Category 2A: Residential Design (over \$ 100,000 construction budget)	Merit Award		DHM Design	Aspen Hallam Lake Bluff Residence	Confidential	Aspen, Colorado	https://www.aslacolorado.org/award/aspen-hallam-lake-bluff-residence/	https://www.aslacolorado.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/01-AspenHallamLakeBluffResidence-scaled.jpg
Category 2A: Residential Design (over \$ 100,000 construction budget)	Merit Award		Design Workshop Aspen	Elizabeth Street Garden Cultivating Colorado's Ecologies	Confidential	Denver, Colorado	https://www.aslacolorado.org/award/elizabeth-street-garden/	https://www.aslacolorado.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/01-Elizabeth-Street-Garden9-scaled.jpg
Category 2A: Residential Design (over \$ 100,000 construction budget)	Merit Award		Design Workshop Aspen	Tributary House	N/A	Driggs, Idaho	https://www.aslacolorado.org/award/tributary-house/	https://www.aslacolorado.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/2023-National-ASLA-Tributary4.jpg
Category 2A: Residential Design (over \$ 100,000 construction budget)	Honor Award	With Special Recognition for Exemplary Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Efforts	Norris Design	Viña Apartments + Community Space	Columbia Ventures	Denver, Colorado	https://www.aslacolorado.org/award/vina-apartments-community-space/	https://www.aslacolorado.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Featured-Image_Vina-Apartments-Community-Space.jpg
Category 3: Urban Design	President's Award of Excellence	With Special Recognition for Exemplary Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Efforts	Valerian LLC	Platte Farm Open Space: From Brownfield to Community Asset	Denver Parks and Recreation	4800 Sherman St, Denver, CO 80216	https://www.aslacolorado.org/award/platte-farm-open-space/	https://www.aslacolorado.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Feature-Image.jpg
Category 4: Analysis and Planning	Merit Award		Design Workshop Denver	Beyond the Display Garden: Growing Sustainability, Connection and Experiences in Nature	Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden	Belmont, North Carolina	https://www.aslacolorado.org/award/beyond-the-display-garden/	https://www.aslacolorado.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/07_DSBG-Master-Plan-1-scaled.jpg
Category 4: Analysis and Planning	Merit Award		Stream LA	Denver Green Continuum: Streets Guidelines	City and County of Denver, Department of Transportation Infrastructure (DOTI)	N/A	https://www.aslacolorado.org/award/denver-green-continuum/	https://www.aslacolorado.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/15_GREEN_CONTINUUM-scaled.jpg
Category 4: Analysis and Planning	Merit Award	With Special Recognition for Exemplary Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Efforts	Design Workshop Denver	Greening Five Points	Green Dot Coalition (Green Spaces, National Wildlife Federation)	2590 Walnut St. Denver CO	https://www.aslacolorado.org/award/greening-five-points/	https://www.aslacolorado.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Five-Points-Workday.jpg

Category 4: Analysis and Planning	Merit Award	Design Workshop Aspen	Place + Community + Ecology: A Climate Adaptive Landscape Plan for UCLA	University of California Los Angeles	Los Angeles, California	https://www.aslacolorado.org/award/place-community-ecology/	https://www.aslacolorado.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Featured-Image-scaled.jpg
Category 4: Analysis and Planning	Merit Award	Sasaki	Voices of the Lake: Lake Monona's Waterfront	City of Madison (WI) Parks Division	Madison, Wisconsin	https://www.aslacolorado.org/award/lake-mononas-waterfront/	https://www.aslacolorado.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/2023ASLACO-Lake-Monona.jpg
Category 4: Analysis and Planning	Merit Award	Design Workshop Aspen	Zilker Metropolitan Park Vision Plan Planning for the Future of a Timeless Place	City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department	Austin, Texas	https://www.aslacolorado.org/award/zilker-metropolitan-park-vision-plan/	https://www.aslacolorado.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/12_Zilker-Park-Vision-Plan-scaled.jpg
Category 4: Analysis and Planning	Honor Award	Design Workshop Denver	North America's First National Park City: Building the 100-Year Vision for Chattanooga's Parks and Outdoors	City of Chattanooga	Chattanooga, Tennessee	https://www.aslacolorado.org/award/north-americas-first-national-park-city/	https://www.aslacolorado.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Chattanooga-Parks-and-Outdoors-Plan5-scaled.jpg
Category 4: Analysis and Planning	Honor Award	Sasaki	Reid Park Reimagined: Addressing Extreme Heat and Water Stress in Tucson's Sonoran Desert	City of Tucson Parks and Recreation	Tucson, Arizona, USA 900 S Randolph Way, Tucson, AZ 85716	https://www.aslacolorado.org/award/reid-park-reimagined/	https://www.aslacolorado.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Feature-Image_Reid-Park-Reimagined-scaled.jpg
Category 4: Analysis and Planning	Honor Award	Design Workshop Aspen	Seven Greenways Vision Plan	Wasatch Front Range Regional Council and Seven Canyons Trust	Salt Lake County, Utah	https://www.aslacolorado.org/award/seven-greenways-vision-plan/	https://www.aslacolorado.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Seven-Greenways-ASLA_Image-scaled.jpg
Category 6: Research	Merit Award	Design Workshop Aspen	Marble Garden: Research shapes the reconstruction of a modernist iconic landscape	The Aspen Institute	Aspen, Colorado	https://www.aslacolorado.org/award/marble-garden/	https://www.aslacolorado.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/16_Marble-Garden-scaled.jpg

Awards Stats:

Merit Awards: 15 (including 2 with special recognition for DEI efforts)

Honor Awards: 6 (including 1 with special recognition for DEI efforts)

President's Award of Excellence: 2 (including 1 with special recognition for DEI efforts)

Total Number of 2023 Professional Awards: 23

Number of 2023 Professional Award Entries considered by the jury: 47

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