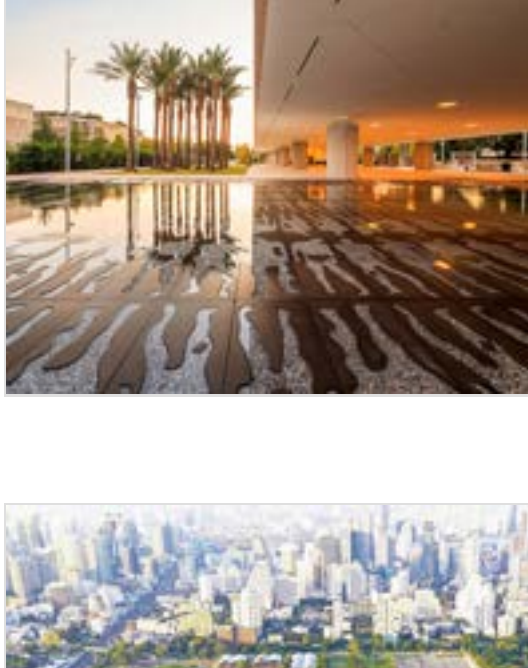


General Design Category

Honor Awards



African Ancestors Memorial Garden
Charleston, South Carolina, United States
[Hood Design Studio](#)
Client: City of Charleston



Alpine Garden and Amphitheater
Lijiang, Yunnan, China
[Zscape](#)
Client: HYLLA



Benjakitti Forest Park: Transforming a Brown Field into an Urban Nature
Bangkok, Bangkok, Thailand
[Turenscape + Arsomsilp](#)
Client: Ministry of Finance, Thailand



EcoCommons – Social and Ecological Resilience in the Campus Landscape
Atlanta, Georgia, United States
[Nelson Byrd Woltz Landscape Architects](#)
Client: Georgia Institute of Technology



Louisiana Children's Museum: A Joyous Landscape in City Park
New Orleans, Louisiana, United States
[Mithun](#)
Client: Louisiana Children's Museum



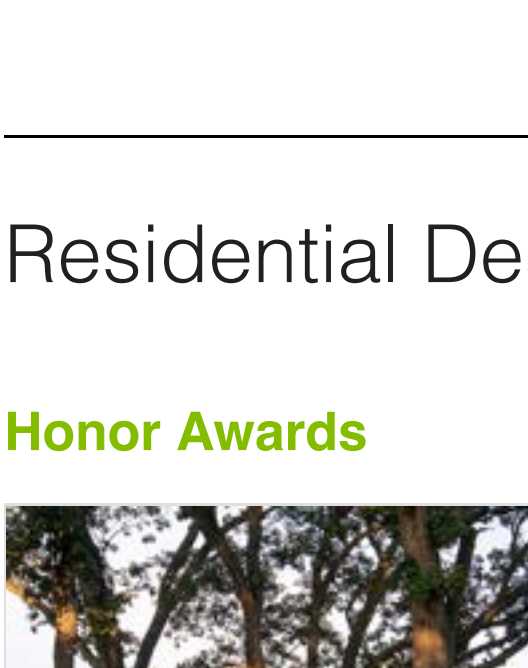
Sandy Hook Memorial: The Clearing
Newtown, Connecticut, United States
[SWA Group](#)
Client: Town of Newtown, CT



St. John's Terminal: An Ecology for Technology and Innovation
New York, New York, United States
[Future Green Studio](#)
Client: Google, Oxford Properties Group



The Bay: "One Park for All" in Sarasota
Sarasota, Florida, United States
[Agency Landscape + Planning](#)
Client: The Bay Park Conservancy



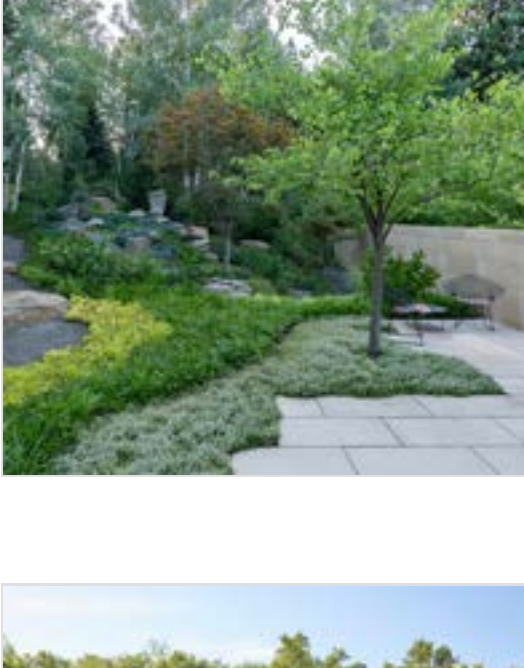
Tom Lee Park: "Come to the River"
Memphis, Tennessee, United States
[SCAPE / Landscape Architecture Studio Gang](#)
Client: Memphis River Parks Partnership

Residential Design Category

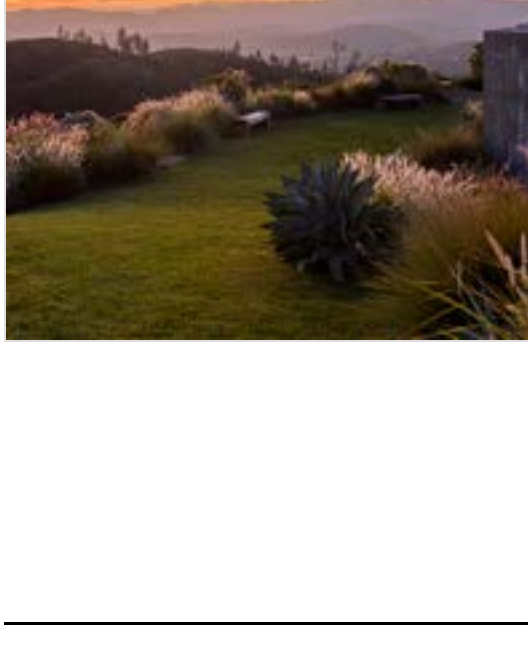
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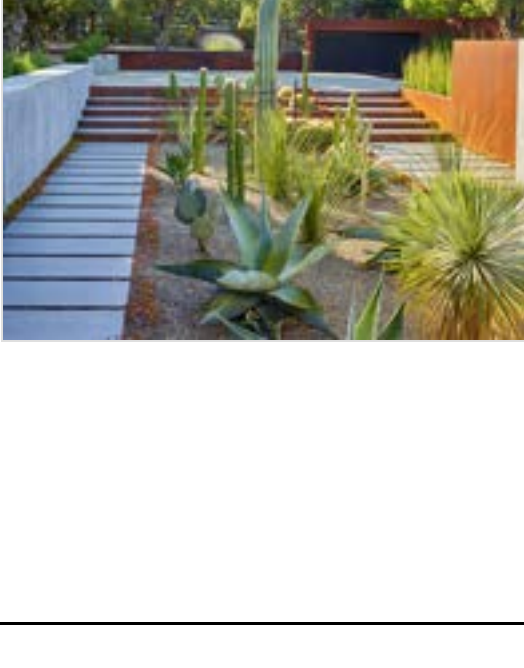
Highbank: The Restoration of a Lost Prairie
Midwest Region, United States
[Design Workshop, Inc.](#)



House on the Bluff
Montauk, New York, United States
[LaGuardia Design Group](#)



La Fénix at 1950
San Francisco, California, United States
[GLS Landscape Architecture](#)
Client: BRIDGE Housing & Mission Housing Development Corporation



Nurturing Nature in the Mile High City
Denver, Colorado, United States
[Design Workshop, Inc.](#)



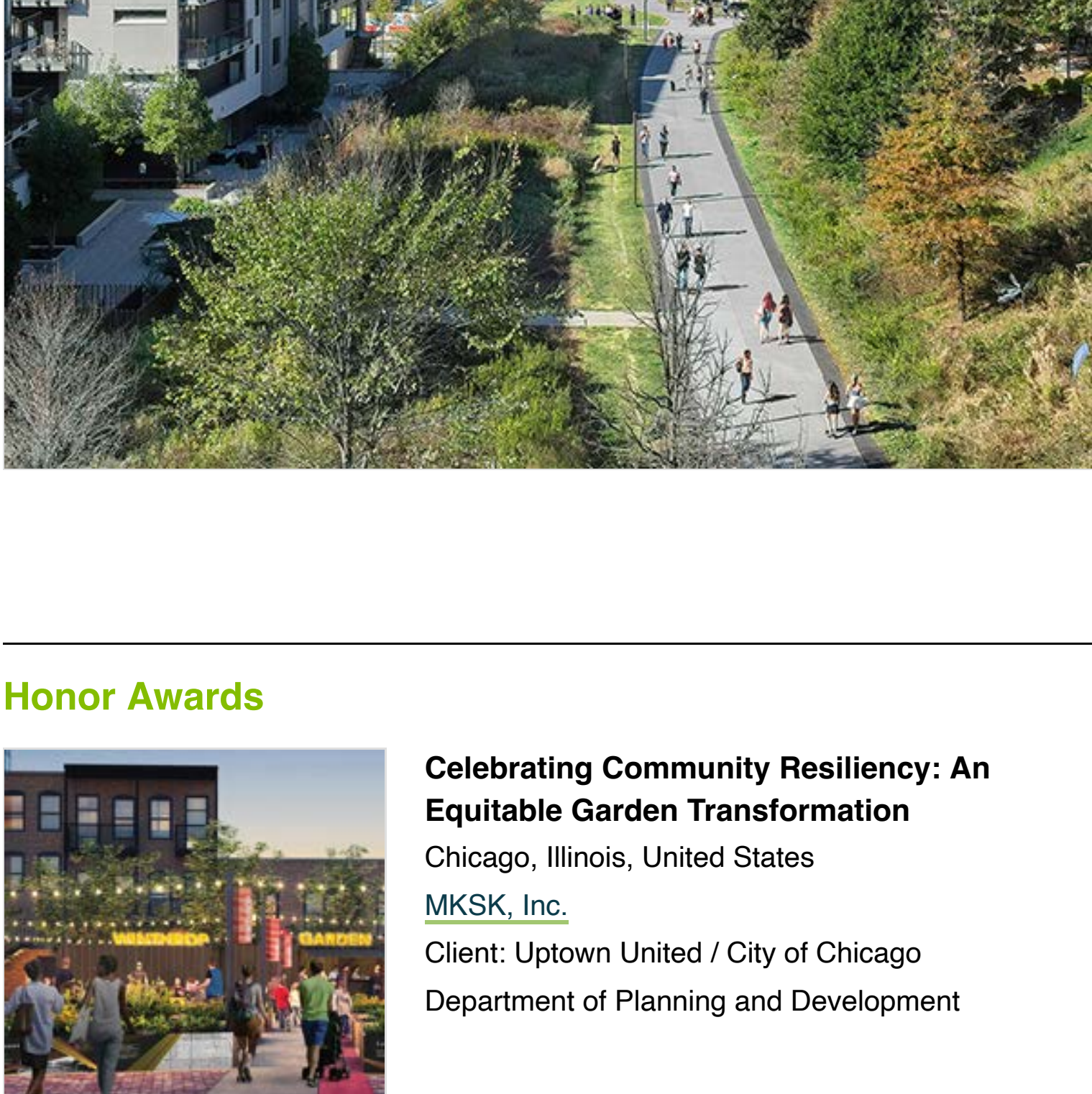
Trinity Road
Glen Ellen, California, United States
[Surfacedesign, Inc.](#)



Uliveto
Woodside, California, United States
[Surfacedesign, Inc.](#)

Urban Design Category

Award of Excellence



Atlanta BeltLine

Atlanta, Georgia, United States
[Perkins&Will](#)
Client: Atlanta BeltLine, Inc.

Few planning projects achieve the environmental, social, and economic impact the Atlanta BeltLine has achieved for Atlanta. Known as a congested, car-dependent city with anemic public transport and insular neighborhoods, Atlanta has in two decades repurposed nearly 60 percent of the 22-mile rail corridor that encircles its city center. Multi-use public art trails now facilitate broader access to essential goods, services, and amenities while connecting diverse communities along the corridor. A linear arboretum and native meadow species provide vital ecological services. When completed, the public greenway and linked transit will form a continuous loop connecting 45 neighborhoods and 1,300 acres of parks.

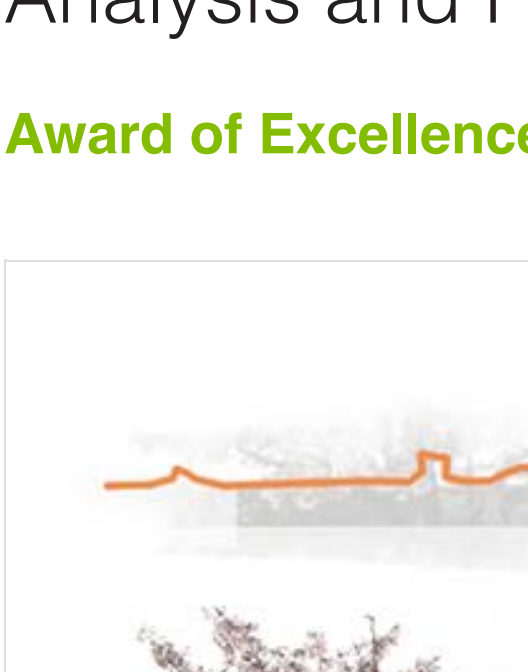
Honor Awards



Celebrating Community Resiliency: An Equitable Garden Transformation
Chicago, Illinois, United States
[MKSK, Inc.](#)
Client: Uptown United / City of Chicago Department of Planning and Development



The Wharf's 7th Street Park and Recreation Pier
Washington, District of Columbia, United States
[Michael Vergasson Landscape Architects, Ltd.](#)
Client: Hoffman & Associates



Urban Balcony Embracing Rewilded Nature
Xi'an, Shaanxi Province, China
[Turenscape](#)
Client: Xi'an Yanta District Infrastructure Construction Investment Management Co. Ltd, China



Wild Mile: Transforming an Urban River into a Floating Eco-Park
Chicago, Illinois, United States
[Omni Workshop](#)
[Skidmore, Owings & Merrill](#)
Client: City of Chicago Department of Planning and Development / Urban Rivers

Analysis and Planning Category

Award of Excellence



A Green Ring for the ancient city of Pompeii

Pompeii, Naples, Italy
[Studio Bellesi Giuntoli](#)
Client: PARCO ARCHEOLOGICO DI POMPEI - Ministero della Cultura

A green ring of 4 km, surrounding the walls of ancient Pompeii, is planned as a buffer park where necropolises and extra urban Roman villas coexist with agriculture and forests. The park will highlight the site's historical character while enhancing the quality of the visit, creating inclusive pathways and resting places for the 4 M tourist who visit yearly and for the residents. The Ring, with its new functional areas, will become the main spine of the connection network between the archaeological site and the territory. New view points will connect the ancient city with the landscape of Vesuvius and of the Gulf of Naples while the ecological corridors of the surrounding ecosystems will be integrated in the new green infrastructure.

ASLA / IFLA Global Impact Award



Puente Hills Landfill Park Implementation Plan
City of Industry (San Gabriel Valley), California, United States
[Studio-MLA](#)
Client: Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation



Ellinikon Park: Planning for Climate Action and Carbon Positivity
Athens, Athens, Greece
[Sasaki](#)
Client: Lamda Development



Seven Greenways: A Cooperative Vision for Water in the Arid West
Salt Lake County, Utah, United States
[Design Workshop, Inc.](#)
Client: Wasatch Front Range Regional Council / Seven Canyons Trust



Sojourner Truth State Park for Scenic Hudson
Ulster County, New York, United States
[OLIN](#)
Client: Scenic Hudson



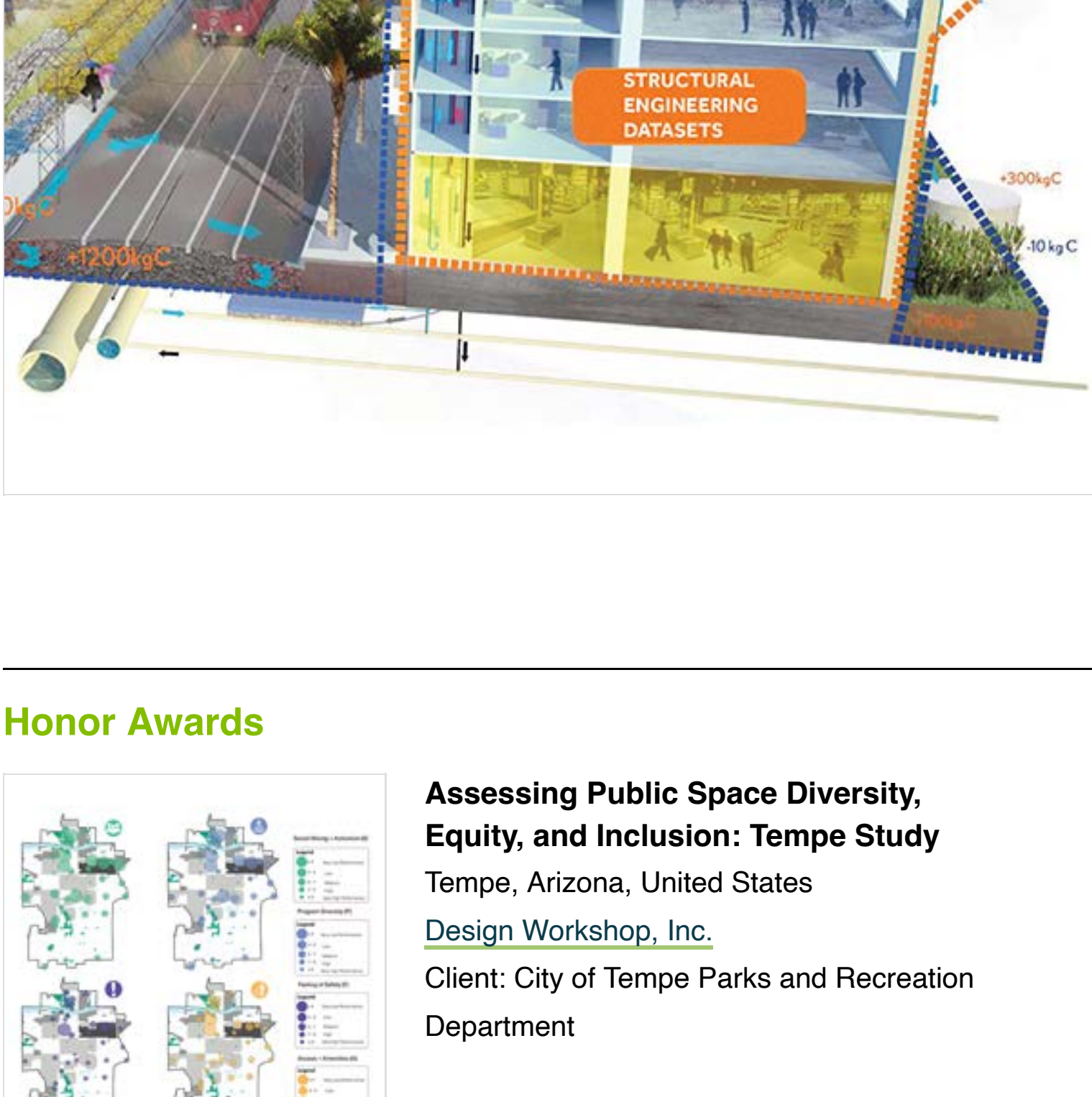
The Resilient Campus: Historic Ecology and Water Conservation at UCLA
Los Angeles, California, United States
[Design Workshop, Inc.](#)
Client: University of California Los Angeles (UCLA)



Accessible Paths and Places Plan
Berkeley, California, United States
[Sasaki](#)
Client: University of California, Berkeley

Research Category

Award of Excellence

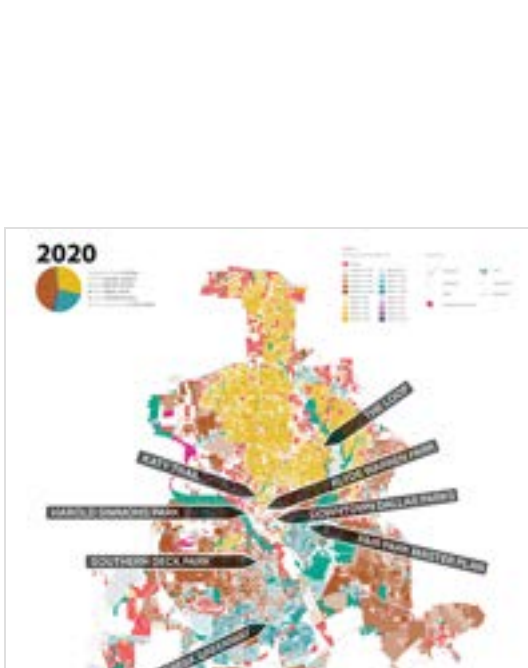


Designing with a Carbon Conscience

Boston, Massachusetts, United States
[Sasaki](#)
Client: Sasaki

Carbon Conscience results from a multi-year investigation into how designers can make informed planning decisions related to climate impacts. This work included a literature review of over 400 sources, including architectural, industrial, ecological, and landscape white papers. Carbon Conscience is the only peer-reviewed dataset and application that brings landscape and architectural land uses together to study planning decisions from a whole project life cycle assessment perspective. It is now being integrated into the next generation of Pathfinder, Landkit, and EPIC tools. Carbon Conscience supports advocacy for investing in living systems for carbon drawdown and reducing embodied carbon in the built environment.

Honor Awards



Assessing Public Space Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Tempe Study
Tempe, Arizona, United States
[Design Workshop, Inc.](#)
Client: City of Tempe Parks and Recreation Department



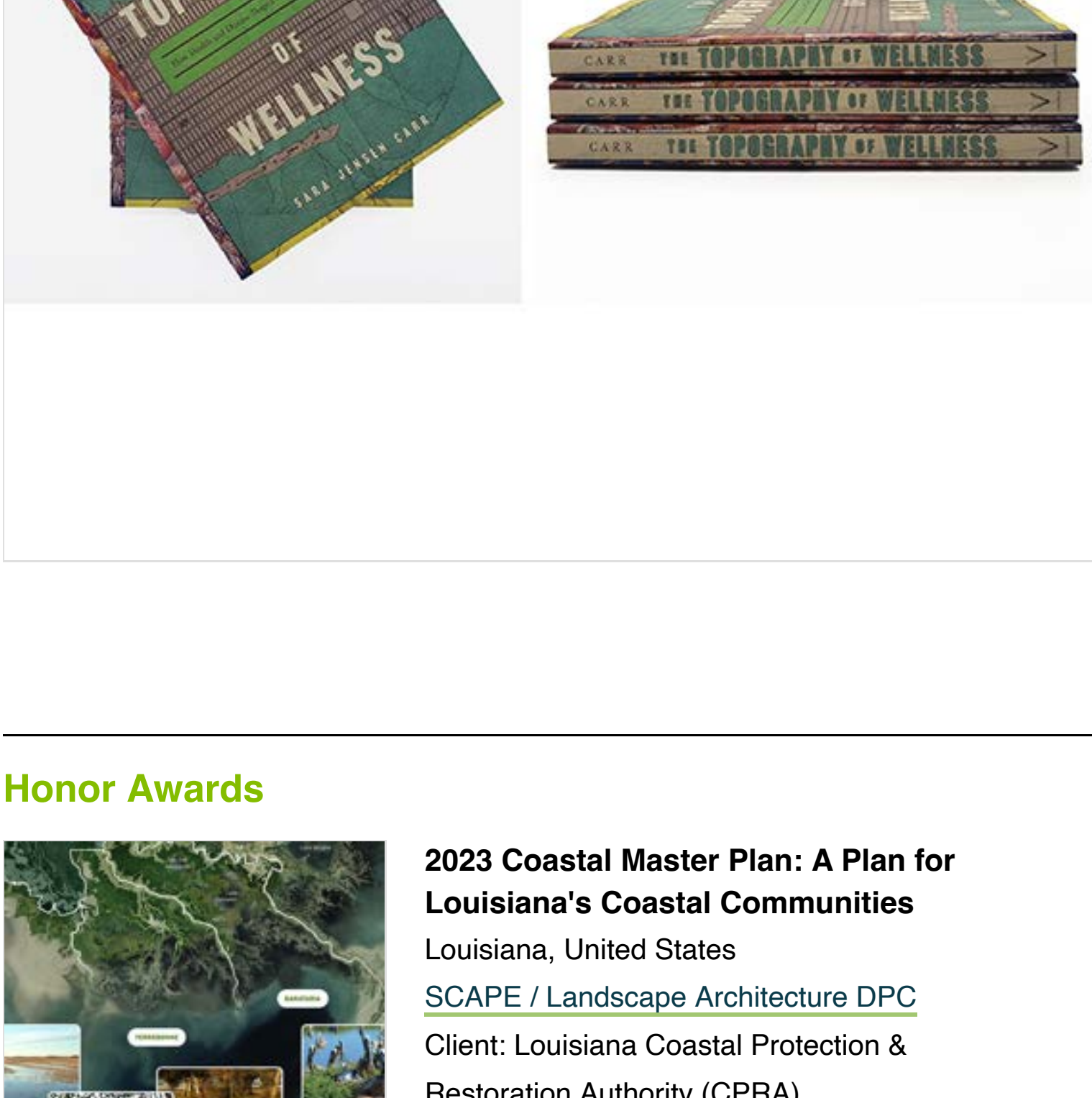
Landscape Architecture for Sea Level Rise: Innovative Global Solutions
New Orleans, Tampa, Boston Philadelphia, Wilmington, San Francisco, Port St. Joe, Louisiana, Florida, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Delaware, California, Florida (respectively), United States Busan, Melbourne, Wellington, Bangkok, Tohoku, Multiple International Political Jurisdictions, South Korea, Australia, New Zealand, Thailand, Japan
[Galen Newman, ASLA](#); [Zixu Qiao](#)
[Texas A&M University](#)
Client: Routledge Publishing



Race and the Control of Public Parks
Dallas, Texas, United States
[Isaac Cohen](#)
[buildingcommunityWORKSHOP](#)

Communications Category

Award of Excellence



The Topography of Wellness

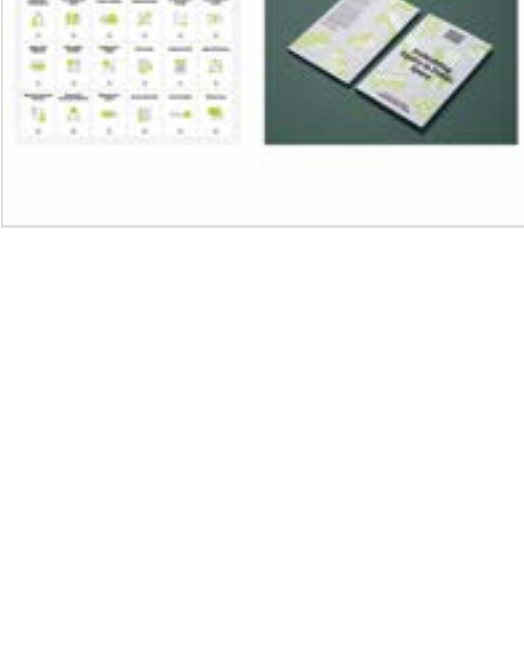
Boston, Massachusetts, United States
[Sara Jensen Carr, ASLA](#)

The Topography of Wellness: How Health and Disease Shaped the American Landscape is a chronological narrative of how six historical epidemics had a reciprocal relationship with urban landscapes, reflecting changing views of the power of design, pathologies of disease, and the epidemiology of the environment. From the contagions of cholera and tuberculosis to the more complicated pathways of contemporary chronic illnesses, each disease narrated here, alongside their associated combat strategies of urban quarantine, eradication, and acupuncture has left its mark on the present-day environment. The consideration of this history ends with a call to reframe and reclaim health and equity as central tenets of our profession for the future.

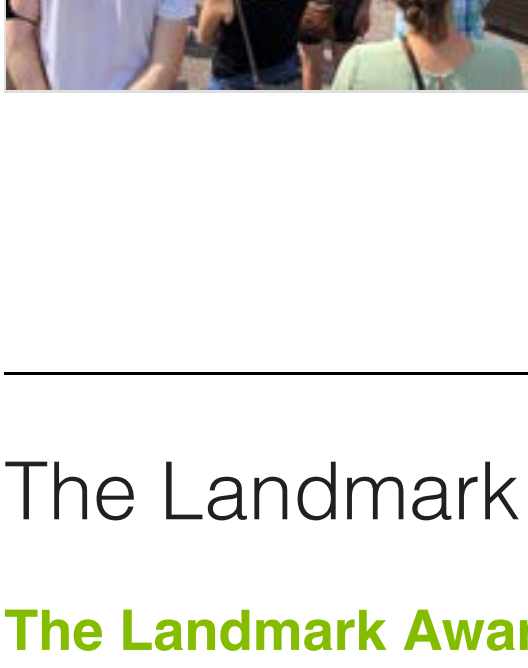
Honor Awards



2023 Coastal Master Plan: A Plan for Louisiana's Coastal Communities
Louisiana, United States
[SCAPE / Landscape Architecture DPC](#)
Client: Louisiana Coastal Protection & Restoration Authority (CPRA)



Connecting to Our Indigenous Histories at Machicomoco State Park
Gloucester Point, Virginia, United States
[Nelson Byrd Woltz Landscape Architects](#)
Client: Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation



Design By Fire
Davis, California, United States
[Brett Milligan, ASLA](#)
[Emily Schlickman, ASLA](#)



The Community First Toolkit: A Framework for Equitable Public Spaces
Multiple locations, in the United States, Canada, & Mexico
[Grayscale Collaborative](#)
[Urban Institute](#)
Client: High Line Network (program of Friends of the High Line)

The Landmark Award

The Landmark Award



Xochimilco Ecological Park

Mexico City, Mexico, Mexico
[Grupo de Diseno Urbano S.C.](#)
Client: Gobierno de la Ciudad de Mexico

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Landmark Award | The Landmark Award

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[Grupo de Diseno Urbano S.C.](#)
Client: Gobierno de la Ciudad de México



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The designed wetlands provide recovered habitats for more than 200 species of birds, amphibians, and the endangered axolotl salamander.

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- Schoenoplectus american
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- Distichlis spicata

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An ambitious project to restore a lost eco system, this beautiful and harmonious blend of natural and designed environments supports all life forms and leaves a legacy of achievement and renewal of this landmark.

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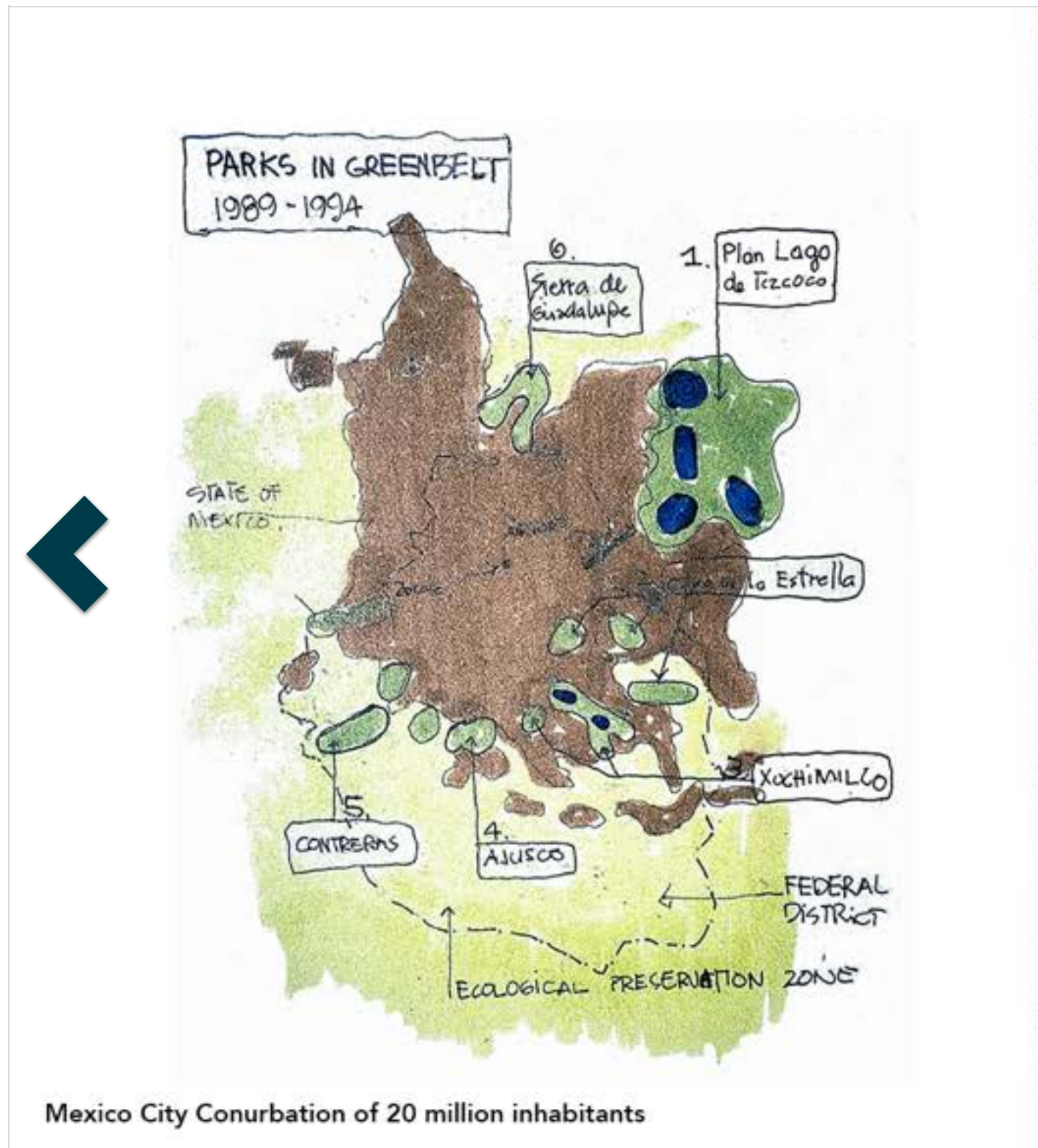
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Client: Gobierno de la Ciudad de México



Within a megalopolis of 20 million, Xochimilco is the last remanent of a 3,000 Ha cultural landscape of the historic Chinampa agro-aquatic system.

Xochimilco Ecological Park is a cultural, archaeological, recreational, sports park; plant and flower market in 277 Ha; built from 1990 to 1992.

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