



The Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden, Dallas, Texas

The Dallas Arboretum sought to expand its educational mission by adding a science-based children's garden to its collections and array of specialty gardens for both school groups and families. The gently sloping site allowed the creation of a series of 14 linked and themed learning galleries as well as an earth sheltered Discovery Center. The design program sought to positively affect children's attitudes about nature; to increase visitor opportunities for the appreciation, understanding and enjoyment of nature; to be beautiful and horticulturally notable; and to support and reinforce school curricula. This last program element proved to be the most challenging to accommodate in that it resulted in an extensive list of outdoor learning rooms or galleries, each dedicated to particular grade levels or subjects. The collaborative efforts of the landscape architect, exhibit designer and architect, and the client, Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Society, were instrumental in delivering a high-quality, high-impact project. This project received the NJASLA Honor Award 2016.

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Hudson River Park Segments 6 and 7 New York, N.Y.

Above: MKW + Associates, in joint venture with Dattner Architects, led an interdisciplinary team that masterplanned and designed two miles of new parkland on Manhattan's west side. The design of Segments 6 and 7 of the Hudson River Park, spanning the river's edge from 26th to 59th Streets, created a variety of active and passive recreation spaces, included hard and soft landscapes, upland and pier environments, boathouses and community facilities, and restored and protected native habitat. The design of Hudson River Park, referred to as Clinton Cove, enhanced the connection between the city and the river with a new public boathouse and launching ramp at Pier 96 and an intimate, accessible sitting area with an elegant shade structure on the truncated Pier 95. There were three other sub-projects within MKW's design. The projects were honored with these awards: NJASLA Merit Award 2006 (Clinton Cove Park), NJASLA Honor Award 2007 (Pier 84), NJASLA Honor Award 2008 (Pier 66) and NJASLA Merit Award 2008 (Pier 84).

The Rehabilitation of the High Bridge New York, N.Y.

Below: As part of an interdisciplinary team, MKW + Associates' design for the rehabilitation of the High Bridge focused on the pedestrian experience, universal accessibility and user safety. It is the oldest bridge structure in New York City and provides a link between Northern Manhattan and the Bronx. Upon completion in 1948, the 1,200-foot-long, 116-foot-high bridge became a popular destination for pleasure-seekers, but then closed to public access in the 1970s due to neglect. The 2015 reopening reestablished an important link in the city's non-vehicular transportation network and renewed a cultural and recreational amenity. Historically inaccessible for wheelchair users and bicyclists, the approach to the bridge was regraded, code compliant ramps were constructed, and platforms were created at sitting areas for universal accessibility. The configurations and materials reflect a contemporary palette to clearly differentiate new and original construction. The High Bridge design was awarded the Lucy G. Moses Preservation Award 2016 and the NJASLA Merit Award in 2018.

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