



## DHM DESIGN

# MICHAELA KAISER

Landscape Architect

*Michaela has a deep appreciation of nature and the built environment along with a commitment to resourcefulness. Her passion for land stewardship and conservation began with her rural background and drew her to the profession of Landscape Architecture. Michaela strives to design creative, functional and engaging spaces for all and has worked on projects ranging from the Pikes Peak Summit Complex to Jamaica Bay Shoreline Restoration. Her travels continue to heighten her awareness of cultural values and the power of place.*

## ABOUT

### EDUCATION

M. of Landscape II, PennDesign  
University of Pennsylvania, 2014  
B. of Science Landscape Architecture  
Colorado State University, 2012  
Landscape Architecture Study Abroad  
Lincoln University-Christchurch  
New Zealand, 2011

### RECENT PROJECTS

Pikes Peak Visitor Center; Pikes Peak, CO  
Jamaica Bay West Pond Shoreline Restoration;  
Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, NY  
Washita Battlefield NHS Overlook; Cheyenne, OK  
Sand Creek Massacre NHS Overlook; Eads, CO  
Canyon Village Lodging;  
Yellowstone National Park, WY  
Sandy Hook Maintenance Facilities; NJ  
Staten Island Maintenance Facilities; NY  
Boysen Reservoir Resource Management Plan;  
Natrona County, WY  
GSA Bldg 45/46 Landscape Improvements;  
Lakewood, CO  
Cherry Creek Elementary School, CO  
City of Thornton Recreation Center Analysis, CO  
Aurora Sports Park Expansion; Aurora, CO  
Johnson Habitat Park Interpretive Panels;  
Denver, CO  
Holly St. Residence; Cherry Hills Village, CO  
Northglenn Medians; Northglenn, CO  
North Fork at Briargate; Colorado Springs, CO  
The Farm Community Center; Colorado Springs, CO  
Boulder Community Health Fitness Stations;  
Boulder, CO  
Reynold's Landing; Littleton, CO  
Turnberry Park; Commerce City, CO

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## NOTABLE WORK

### Pikes Peak Summit Complex, Pike National Forest, CO

Pikes Peak, "America's Mountain," is a beloved landmark, tourist destination, and fragile ecosystem set at 14,115'. The peak can be reached by the Pikes Peak Hwy, The Cog Railway, and by foot via the Barr or Crags trails. DHM Design developed numerous site concepts mindful of pedestrian, vehicular and cog circulation, drainage basins, grey water reuse, viewsheds and sight lines, cultural resources, delicate alpine tundra, and permafrost. These environmental factors were balanced with the needs of agencies; the City of Colorado Springs, Pikes Peak, the U.S. Forest Service, the NPS, the U.S. Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine, Colorado Springs Utilities, Pikes Peak Cog Railway, and numerous advocacy groups. Most importantly, the design kept the visitor experience of being on top of a fourteener a once in a lifetime experience.

### Gateway National Recreation Area | New York/New Jersey Sandy Hook and Staten Island Maintenance

In 2012 Hurricane Sandy devastated outer New York Harbor and caused severe flooding throughout Gateway National Recreation Area including sites at Staten Island, New York, and Sandy Hook, New Jersey. The design team was retained to study different sites and establish resilient maintenance facilities in both locations. Miller Field, on Staten Island is a former seaplane base, and now serves as one of the premier urban play fields in New York City. The whole field was covered in flood water and maintenance facilities and equipment were ruined. Sandy Hook at the northern end of New Jersey is a destination beach. Wave action overtopped most of the sand spit that forms this unit, and flooded the maintenance facilities housed in historic munitions structures at Fort Hancock. Our projects at Staten Island and Sandy Hook will rebuild maintenance facilities for essential daily operations.

### Boysen Reservoir Resource Management Plan

DHM Design was selected by the Wyoming State Parks, Historic Sites and Trails to develop a 20-year Master Plan for Boysen State Park. The goals were to provide a planning and decision-making structure to accommodate the development and preservation of natural resources, cultural resources, and visitor amenities. We also identified strategies for balanced facility maintenance and construction in order to maximize available funding and minimize operations and maintenance costs.