



DHM DESIGN

SUSAN CHISM

Landscape Architect | Professional Landscape Architect (CO)

Licensed in Colorado, Susan has over 25 years of experience with a wide range of projects. A Maryland native, she attended Penn State University where she earned a BS in Landscape Architecture. Since moving to Colorado in 1999, she has lived and worked in the Roaring Fork Valley and Durango. In her free time she enjoys yoga, skiing, cheering on her son at bike races, and dancing with her daughter.

ABOUT

EDUCATION

B.S. in Landscape Architecture
Pennsylvania State University, 1993
Study Abroad, Continuing Education Courses
Todi, Italy

AWARDS & HONORS

Aspen Historic Preservation Commission,
Preservation Honor Award, Copeland Twining
Pioneer Park, Recipient 2008

CERTIFICATIONS

Professional Landscape Architect | Colorado

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Plant Design
Residential
Construction Administration

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RECENT WORK

Winding Way Residences | Aspen, CO

DHM Design is currently preparing permit drawings for exterior improvements to an existing residence to address the needs of a large family. Amenities include a pool, new patio, play structure, artificial turf lawn as well as new gardens. A second residence on the property, designed by Zone 4 Architects, is proceeding with land use approvals and will have similar amenities. A third residence will be designed with minimal disturbance to the surrounding native aspen tree forest.

Winter Way Residence | Aspen, CO

At this existing residence the owner's desired to update the landscape and gardens. DHM worked with the owners to select plant material that met their preferences for color, bloom time, maintenance requirements and contemporary layout. Installation is planned for spring 2023.

Natural Bridges National Monument Amphitheater | Blanding, Utah

The existing amphitheater was re-designed and upgraded to meet accessibility standards and incorporate new technology. The DHM led team, including design team partners, coordinated with the National Park Service staff to prepare Construction Documents for installation in 2023.

Ridgway Elementary School | Ridgway, CO

The Ridgway School District received a BEST grant to re-build and upgrade Ridgway Elementary School. DHM worked with RTA Architects to address the school's outdoor classroom needs as well as improve the safety of the student drop off area. The project is under construction and is seeking Green Globes certification.

Ridgway Riverfront Village | Ridgway, CO

A new mixed-use development is under construction adjacent to the Uncompahgre River. DHM prepared landscape plans for land use and construction. Amenities include a trail adjacent to the river and small park for future residents. Lighting plans were also prepared to meet the Town of Ridgway Dark Sky Lighting Ordinance.

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PROJECTS

Hospitality & Institutional

Animas High School (Durango, CO)
Ridgway Downtown Parking Assessment Report (Ridgway, CO)
La Plata County ACT Building (Durango, CO)
Mercy Hospice (Three Springs – Durango, CO)
Mercy Hospital Parking (Three Springs - Durango, CO)
Ouray Hot Springs Pool planting plan (Ouray, CO)
Element Hotel, Willits Town Center (Basalt, CO)
Colorado Rocky Mountain School, Gymnasium Landscape Improvements (Carbondale, CO)

Multi-Family Residential & Affordable Housing

Lumien II (Durango, CO)
Burlingame Ranch Affordable Housing Phases IIA and IIB (Aspen, CO)
Park Modern Buildings 1, 2 and 3, Willits (Basalt, CO)
Stott's Mill Housing (Basalt, CO)

Mixed-Use

Purple Cliffs at Escalante (Durango, CO)
Triangle Park Lofts, Willits Town Center (Basalt, CO)
Market Street Lofts, Willits Town Center (Basalt, CO)
Whole Foods Market Building, Willits Town Center (Basalt, CO)
Parkside Building, Willits Town Center (Basalt, CO)
Market Street North and South, Willits Town Center (Basalt, CO)
Delores Street Lofts (Carbondale, CO)

Residential

Granite Cliff Drive Residence (Glacier Club-Durango, CO)
Red Bridge Ranch (Durango, CO)
Old Pond Way Residence (Snowmass, CO)
Three Trees Residence (Aspen, CO)
Eldorado Country Club Residence (Indian Wells, CA)
Mountain Song Residence, (Aspen, CO)
Sawmill Residence (Aspen, CO)
Alpine Cottage (Snowmass, CO)
Whisperwind Way Residence (Snowmass, CO)
Stone Road Residence (Basalt, CO)
Spring Park Road Residence, Missouri Heights (Carbondale, CO)

Streetscape & Parks

Triangle Park, Willits Town Center (Basalt, CO)
Willits Lane/ Easy Valley Road Roundabout (Basalt, CO)
Pocket Park, Willits Town Center (Basalt, CO)
Willits Town Center Streetscape (Basalt, CO)
Copeland Twining Pioneer Park Renovation (Aspen, CO)

Design Guidelines & Master Planning

Central City Historic District Design Guidelines Update
(Central City, CO)
Ridgway State Park Trails Master Plan (Ridgway, CO)
The Ranch at Coulter Creek, Landscape Design Guidelines
(Carbondale, CO)
Willits Residential Guidelines, updates and project review (Basalt, CO)