



## DHM DESIGN

### ALENA GAGNON

Designer

*A valued member of DHM's ecological and landscape design team, Alena has a passion for open space design honed through engagement with our communities. Her background in a close-knit Vermont town and outdoor adventures in Colorado reflects dedication to community and environment. From her leadership as a Drone Pilot to her instrumental contributions in educational campuses, affordable housing, and recreation projects, she demonstrates an unwavering dedication to excellence. Her expertise includes GIS certification and graphic communication, which brings innovative spatial analysis, ecological sensitivity, and community engagement expertise to our work.*

## ABOUT

### EDUCATION

Master of Landscape Architecture  
University of Colorado Denver  
2018- 2021

Adventure Education, BA  
Green Mountain College  
Summa Cum Laude  
2014- 2017

Architectural Studies  
Middlebury College  
2012- 2013

### CERTIFICATIONS

GIS Certificate, CU Denver, 2021

Certified Drone Pilot

Wilderness First Aid/CPR Certification

Green Mountain Adventure Program Leader

USSA Level 100 Aerials

USASA Level 100 Snowboard Coach

### AREAS OF EXPERTISE

ArcGIS Pro, ArcGIS Online, QGIS

Natural Resources

Open Space

Residential + Ranch

Campus Design

Affordable Housing

Graphic Design

## NOTABLE WORK

### Phillips Mobile Home Park | Pitkin County, CO

The Phillips parcel, purchased by Pitkin County in 2017, represents many of the opportunities and constraints that are unique to the Roaring Fork Valley. Situated along the Roaring Fork River, the property offers important access to both the river and the riparian corridor, as well as the surrounding open space. The parcel is already home to a mobile home park that has historically offered an affordable housing option for a community in a housing crisis. However, many of the developed portions of the property are situated in the flood plain and debris flows. DHM Design, along with the consultant team, has worked with the various county departments, stakeholders and the residents of the mobile home park to prioritize the opportunities that the site offers as well as understand the constraints and safety hazards.

### Winter Park Parks, Open Space, Trails, and Campground Master Plan | Pitkin County, CO

DHM is working with the Town of Winter Park to develop a parks, trails, campgrounds, and open space master plan suited to a mountain town that is known for its seasonal recreational activities and surrounding natural beauty. The plan requires a comprehensive assessment of the town's existing outdoor recreation and open space facilities, policies, codes, and standards, as well as their connections and relationships to those administered by neighboring land managers such as Winter Park Resort, the US Forest Service, and the Town of Fraser. The final plan will include a written report summarizing findings, discussions, and decisions with the Town of Winter Park, including existing conditions, site analysis, proposed plans, graphical renderings, GIS mapping, and public feedback documentation.

### Aspen School District Landscape Revitalization | Aspen, CO

DHM is working with the Aspen School District and a multi-disciplinary team to improve the site around several buildings on campus. The goals of the project are to address drainage issues, formalize outdoor gathering areas, reduce lawn and expand native plantings, create a healthy tree canopy, and renovate the entry spaces at the high school, middle school, and elementary school. The team did an extensive study of the existing trees to evaluate their health and potential for pruning or removal, and identified ways to increase tree species diversity with new tree plantings. Concepts for the entries include amenities such as additional seating, plaza and outdoor classroom space, and rain garden to filter pollutants and mitigate flood risks.