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EDUCATION

B. of Architectural Design, Hamilton University, 1995

NOTABLE WORK

Ralston Central Park

In the summer of 2010, DHM Design joined a multi-discipline planning team led by the City of Arvada for the Garrison Street Corridor. One of the goals of the team was to have a well integrated planning and design process for the park and adjacent projects. The floodplain improvements to Ralston Creek removed 90 homes from their floodplain designation by shifting the floodplain into the parkland to the south, creating a significant change to the existing park site. In order to accommodate the floodplain improvements, the existing Garrison Recreation Center and corner building were relocated to another site; existing trees within the floodplain were removed and the entire site lowered by approximately five feet. This significant change allowed the City of Arvada an opportunity to redevelop the entire park site, including the Ralston Creek Regional Trail, the Garrison St. and Brooks Dr. streetscape. DHM Design also provided park planning services for renovation of the existing 22-acre park along Ralston Creek. DHM Design worked closely with a team of civil engineers, transportation planners and City officials to develop a park master plan, with public input and City Council adoption. Design challenges included removal of existing facilities, extensive grading to improve floodplain limits for adjacent neighborhoods, preservation of existing trees and integration with adjacent neighborhoods. The City celebrated the parks completion in June 2014.

ORGANIZATIONS

National Recreation and Park Association
American Institute of Architects

104th Avenue

More than 4 miles of road improvements encompassed a project in Commerce City, where DHM designed the streetscape, raised decorative concrete medians that incorporated xeric planting concepts and large drifts of ornamental grasses and cobblestone. Conceptual bridge designs maintained the integrity of the community character that had been impacted by road and landscape construction.

Converse Sports Complex Renovation

DHM is leading a team of experts to perform renovations that will include the construction of a "championship" grade field and improvements to the remaining three fields. Possible Improvements at the "championship" field include new fencing, backstop, dugouts, bleachers, score booth, infield improvements (either synthetic turf or standard material with a drainage system), lighting improvements and warm-up areas. Improvements to the remaining three fields could include improved infields with drainage systems, new fencing and temporary fencing to allow for use by both youth and adult players.



Matthew is a leader in parks, recreational, open-space, and educational campus facility planning & design with 19 years of experience helping communities and government agencies develop effective and sustainable solutions. His dedication to responsible design and excellent client service has led to a wide range of successful project types and scales. Matthew's extensive experience with existing and proposed recreational facilities, knowledge of natural resource issues, detailed design and construction experience, understanding of development costs and outstanding communication skills allow him to exceed project management expectations.

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Parks/Rec/OpenSpace

Ralston Central Park; Arvada, Colorado
Four Acre Lake Park; Arvada, Colorado
Cheyenne Ball Field Complex; Cheyenne, Wyoming
Fort Missoula Regional Park; Missoula, Montana
McCormick All-Abilities Playground; Missoula, Montana
Pathfinder Regional Park Master Plan; Canon City, Colorado
Ruston Park Master Plan; Federal Heights, Colorado
44th & Kendall Neighborhood Park; Wheat Ridge, Colorado
Griffith Station Park; Arvada, Colorado
Britton Neighborhood Park; Arvada, Colorado
Rendezvous Park; Fraser, CO
Silverthorne Parks, Trails and Open Space Plan; Silverthorne, CO
Sand Creek Greenway Trail; Commerce City, CO
Bear Creek Trail and Greenway; Morrison, CO
Creskside Park at the Farm; Arapahoe County, CO
Cherry Creek Vista Park; Greenwood Village, CO
Denver Audobon Nature Center and Park; Jefferson County, CO
Central Park; Arapahoe County, CO
Happy Meadows Park; Cordera, Colorado Springs, CO
Ye Olde Castlewood Park; Cordera, Colorado Springs, CO
Reunion Park; Commerce City, CO
Witherspoon Trail & Greenway; Anchorage, KY
Knife River; Missoula MT
Skyline Park; Arvada, CO
LOVA Trail; CO

Educational/Campus Facilities

Marrama Elementary School Learning Landscape; Denver, CO
McGlone Elementary School Learning Landscape; Denver, CO
Barney Ford Elementary School Learning Landscape; Denver, CO
Elementary School at River Run; Denver, CO
Mission Hills Church Landscape Master Plan; Littleton, CO
Sichuan International Studies University; Chongqing, China

Office/Commercial/Mixed Use

Briargate Crossing; Colorado Springs, CO
Town Center at the Meadows; Castle Rock, CO

Urban Design/Transportation/Streetscape

The Farm at Arapahoe County; Arapahoe County, CO
Dove Valley Streetscape, Arapahoe County, CO
Reunion Streetscape, Commerce City, CO
The Preserve at Greenwood Village Streetscape;
Greenwood Village, CO
Green Valley Ranch 48th Avenue Streetscape;
Denver, CO
Meadows Streetscape; Castle Rock, CO

Civic Projects

Zone 7 Pump Station; Aurora, CO
Dove Valley Streetscape; Arapahoe County, CO

References

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