



DHM DESIGN

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Walker Christensen is a Principal with DHM Design in Durango, Colorado. His valuable professional experience specializes in public parks, hot springs, stream and wetland restoration, stormwater reuse, adaptive reuse and sustainable design. Walker has worked on many projects through Colorado and the West that involve community planning, detailed landscape architectural design, drainageway restoration, sports park, trail and wayfinding designs. He has a special affinity for projects in small towns and the positive impact they have on these rural communities.

ABOUT

EDUCATION

B.S. Landscape Architecture
Colorado State University, 1997

CERTIFICATIONS

Professional Landscape Architect | Colorado

PUBLICATIONS & CONFERENCES

"Western Progress - Can We Move Forward While Protecting The Past?"
Colorado USGBC Conference, 2010
Colorado Preservation Conference, 2011
Monitoring Stream Restoration,
"Why We Should Always Look Back",
International Erosion Control Association
Conference, 2002

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Small Western Community Planning & Design
Hot Springs
Adaptive Reuse
Park & Drainage Design

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NOTABLE WORK

Three Springs | Durango, CO

CCASLA Merit Award 2007

DHM Design developed a landscape masterplan as a framework for tying the Three Springs community together. As part of that effort, parks, trails, plazas, wetlands, monumentation, signage, and wayfinding elements were designed and implemented. DHM Design completed the design for the streetscape in the village core of Three Springs. The design incorporates recycled and reclaimed materials into the furnishings. Generous pedestrian spaces were set up along the storefronts with a number of outdoor cafes. Planter beds, pots, and raised boxes with xeric plantings were incorporated to add color and texture to the streetscape. A raised, free-flow pedestrian intersection and concrete crosswalks were used to enhance the pedestrian experience. With all of these elements in place, DHM hopes is helping to create a healthy, vibrant, safe and walkable community at Three Springs.

Ridgway Infrastructure | Ridgeway, CO

The Town of Ridgway is currently facing rapid growth and development creating the need to improve town infrastructure without sacrificing the strong historic western town flavor. DHM began work on Ridgway's streetscape in 2006 to provide recommendations for improving the streetscape. The planning process included a thorough evaluation of the physical condition of the town core regarding circulation, parking, drainage, and walkways. The team successfully hosted a series of workshops that gained input from community members regarding the economics and future vision for the town. With funding from CDOT and the Town, the downtown core and streetscape are being revitalized with wider sidewalks, planting, custom furnishings and sculpture by local artists.

Zion National Park | Utah

DHM is working with the National Park Service to plan improvements for the congested south entrance to Zion National Park. New fee stations, relocated entry monument, improved pedestrian connections and expanded parking and wayfinding have been planned, with some elements already implemented. At the Visitor Center, the plaza is extended out through the parking area to create pedestrian spines to help guide visitors to the main building. DHM has also been involved with the latest phases of design for the newly constructed Watchman Campground improvements and redesign of the Zion Shuttle Transit Stop, Weeping Rock and Emerald Pools parking areas.

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RECENT PROJECTS

Parks, Trails & Open Space

Northside Park; Denver, CO
Buckley Park; Durango, CO
Smith Sports Complex; Durango, CO
Fort Lewis Softball Complex; Durango, CO
Uncompahgre Riverway Master Plan; Montrose, CO
Ignacio Parks, Open Space, and Trails Master Plan; Ignacio, CO
Animas River Trail - Various Sections; Durango, CO
Bayaud Park at Lowry; Denver, CO
Great Lawn Park; Denver, CO
Grange Hall Creek Trail; Northglenn, CO
Jefferson County Open Space; Jefferson County, CO
Lowry Air Force Base Redevelopment Parks & Open Space Plan; Denver, CO
Jackie Robinson Field; Denver, CO
Sand Creek Greenway Improvements; Aurora & Stapleton, CO
Westerly Creek Dam "Fillets"; Denver, CO
Smith Sports Complex; Durango, CO
Three Springs POST Master Plan; Durango, CO
Mancos Trails Master Plan; Mancos, CO
Victor Parks & Trails Master Plan; Victor, CO
Brian's Park Ice Rink; Victor, CO
Durango River Access Sites; Durango, CO
Washington Park Playground; Victor, CO
Boise River Park Phase 2; Boise, ID
Esther Simplot Park; Boise ID

Urban Design & Streetscapes

106th Avenue Streetscape; Northglenn, CO
Silverton Master Plan 2010 - Streetscape Enhancements; Silverton, CO
Mercado Streetscape; Durango, CO
Durango Downtown Sidewalk Plan; Durango, CO
Pueblo Community College; Canon City, CO
Wilson Gulch Road; Durango, CO
Florida Road; Durango CO
Ridgway Streetscape Master Plan; Ridgway, CO
Farmington Entry and Gateways; Farmington, NM
Ridgway Gateway Sign/Kiosk; Ridgway, CO

National Park Service, BLM, US Fish & Wildlife Service

Yellowstone -Landscape/Site Assessment; MT
Grand Canyon - CVIP Improvements; AZ
Petrified Forest National Park; AZ
Seedskaadee Refuge; Green River, WY
BLM Rawlins Field Office; Rawlins, WY
USFWS Black Footed Ferret Facility; Ft. Collins, CO
Zion National Park South Entrance; Springdale, UT
Bryce Canyon National Park; Utah
Rocky Mtn National Park -Beaver Meadows; Estes Park, CO
Watchman Campground; Zion National Park, UT

Planning

Twin Buttes; Durango, CO
The Oaks; Durango, CO
Sublette County; Wyoming
Painter Ranch; Durango, CO
Frontier Pathway's Scenic Byway; Pueblo and Custer County, CO
Cheyenne West Edge; Cheyenne, WY
Cheyenne Brownfields; Cheyenne, WY
Ouray Hot Springs Pool Master Plan; Ouray, CO
Public Art Master Plan; Durango, CO

Residential

Ute Canyon Lodge; Durango, CO
Hoffman-Polino Residence; Durango, CO
Arrigo Residence; Durango, CO
Double L Ranch; Durango, CO
The Lumien; Durango, CO

Commercial

Growth Fund Office Building Phase 2; Ignacio, CO
Fairfield Inn; Durango, CO
La Plata County Admin Building; Durango, CO

Ecology & Stormwater

Ft. Lewis College Stormwater Daylighting; Durango, CO
Lilley Gulch; Jefferson County, CO
Big Dry Creek; Arapahoe County, CO
Prentice Gulch Drainage Improvements; Greenwood Village, CO
Wetlands Monitoring Reports - 404 Permitting; Various Sites, CO
Westerly Creek Daylighting - BMP Area; Denver, CO

Schools

Rocky Vista University & Student Housing; Ivins, UT
Ignacio Elementary School; Ignacio, CO
Ignacio Middle School; Ignacio, CO
Ignacio High School; Ignacio, CO
Silverton Public School; Silverton, CO
Bayfield High School; Bayfield, CO

Hospitals & Healing Gardens

Mercy Labyrinth; Durango, CO
Hospice of Mercy; Durango, CO

Wayfinding

Silverton Wayfinding; Silverton, CO
Ridgway Wayfinding; Ridgway, CO
West End Wayfinding; Montrose County, CO
Victor Entry Signage; Victor, CO

Hot Springs

Ouray Hot Springs, Ouray, CO
Asotira Hot Springs & Open Space; Jackson, WY
Twin Peaks Lodge; Ouray, CO