

ABOUT

EDUCATION

B. of Science Landscape Architecture,
 Colorado State University, 1990
 M. of Landscape Architecture,
 Harvard Graduate School of Design, 1999

CERTIFICATIONS

Professional Landscape Architect
Colorado | New Mexico | Idaho | Oklahoma
US Green Building Council
LEED Accredited Professional
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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Downtown Redevelopment Streetscape Urban Revitalization Brownfields Public Facilitation National Park Service

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DHM DESIGN

ANN CHRISTENSEN

Principal | PLA (CO, AZ, NM, ID, OK) | LEED AP | ASLA

Ann is a licensed landscape architect with over 25 years of experience. Her work focuses on redevelopment and urban design. Ann also leads many of DHM's National Park Service contracts. She has a strong emphasis on economic and ecological aspects of projects, seeking ways to emphasize creative design solutions that balance economic, social, and environmental sustainability. She recently participated in the design of a transit hub for the Grand Canyon and a master plan for the Crow Canyon Archaeological Center campus in Cortez, CO. Ann has managed the Durango studio since 2004, growing a diverse portfolio of projects and a staff of 8 talented employees.

NOTABLE WORK

Cheyenne West Edge Development | Cheyenne, WY

DHM was part of a team that helped the City win a \$1 million Brownfield EPA Coalition Grant to help the community redevelop the west side into a revitalized downtown amenity. This project will incorporate essential stormwater drainage management within park amenities and create connectivity to the Greater Cheyenne Greenway System. Instead of traveling elsewhere for entertainment and cultural experiences, residents will invest in the local economy. This newly created centralized park and connected parkway system will preserve the historic character of the near west side while creating new vibrant public venues. The project gained enthusiastic support using video, 3D modeling and social media.

Durango Character Districts | Durango, CO

The City of Durango is undertaking an ambitious, multi-year character district planning process to create a framework of coordinated district plans that define the unique character of each district and provides a vision for the future. This included the development of character district renderings from a macro to micro view, analyzing existing development code language for these Districts, producing conceptual visualizations of potential redevelopment and public projects, as well as translating existing City policy documents into amendments to the Land Use and Development Code. The purpose of the character renderings is to give form to the massing's studies and how the scenarios can take on a Durango specific character uniting the district with Main Street and the overall sense and place of the city.

Downtown Streetscape | Montrose, CO

DHM worked with Winter and Company to assist the Montrose Downtown Development Committee in the creation of a downtown development plan for Montrose. Through a series of design charrettes, our team guided the committee in identifying opportunities for physical improvements to the downtown area with the purpose of stabilizing downtown as the vibrant heart of Montrose in the face of competing development pressures at the edge of town. These efforts led to the Downtown Development Plan, which focused on enhancing existing character, promoting wayfinding and circulation, and augmenting the viability of downtown events and business. The plan included numerous proposals for pedestrian enhancements, streetscape improvements and civic spaces which have since been implemented.

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RECENT PROJECTS

National Parks Service

Grand Canyon National Park Visitor Center; AZ Grand Canyon National Park CVIP Roads & Parking; AZ Grand Canyon National Park Mather Point; AZ Thomas Jefferson Memorial Vehicle Barrier and Plaza; D.C.

Parks, Trails & Recreation

Town of Telluride Park Master Plan; Telluride, CO Three Springs Confluence Park; Durango, CO Durango Mixed Use Development; Durango, CO Animas River Trail; Durango, CO Escalante Park; Durango, CO Durango Airport Business Park; Durango, CO Buckley Park; Buckley, CO Pagosa Pedestrian Bridges; Pagosa Springs, CO

Water Recreation

Oklahoma River Whitewater Facility; Oklahoma City, OK Lake Nighthorse Recreation Master Plan; Durango, CO Uncompangre Riverway Master Plan; Montrose, CO

Residential

Homestead at Bayfield, CO Painter Ranch; Durango, CO Twin Buttes; Durango, CO Indian Shadow; Durango, CO Mercy Housing Durango; Durango, CO Los Prados Landscape Master Plan; Durango, CO Double L Ranch; Durango, CO

Urban Design & Streetscape

Montrose Brownfield Assessment Planning; Montrose, CO Yuma Downtown EPA Brownfield Revitalization; Yuma, AZ Crested Butte 6th Street Improvements; Crested Butte, CO Aztec North Main Streetscape Improvement; Aztec, NM Grand Junction Streetscape; Grand Junction, CO Cortez Medians and Gateways; Cortez, CO

Civic

Silverton School Master Plan; Silverton, CO City of Durango Library; Durango, CO Sunute Community Center; Ignacio, CO Ignacio Library; Ignacio, CO Crow Canyon Archaeological Center; Cortez, CO Fort Lewis Campus Stormwater Garden; Durango, CO Fort Lewis Infrastructure Improvements; Durango, CO Fort Lewis Athletic Fields; Durango, CO

Planning

Three Springs Code Revisions; Durango, CO Three Springs Design Guidelines; Durango, CO Cheyenne West Edge Redevelopment Plan; Cheyenne, WY