



DHM DESIGN

LAURA KIRK

President | Managing Principal | Professional Landscape Architect (CO) | ASLA

Laura has an extensive history of community planning and design experience. She is adept at techniques for bringing people together, gathering information and opinions, and developing consensus for project goals and design solutions. Laura believes collaboration is a key component to the success of any project and approaches every project with this philosophy. Throughout the creative design process, she remains mindful of the historic, cultural, and ecological attributes of the landscape.

ABOUT

EDUCATION

M.of Landscape Architecture
University of Colorado, Denver, 1988
B.of Arts
Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vermont, 1980

CERTIFICATIONS

Professional Landscape Architect | Colorado
Healthcare Garden Design Certification,
Chicago Botanic Gardens, May 2010

BOARD COMMITMENTS

Third Street Center, President of the Board
2008-2017
CLEER, Clean Energy Economy for the Region
2010-2014
SCoR, Sustainability Center of the Rockies
2007-2010

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

University of Colorado Denver
Women in the Design Professions; April, 2017
Colorado Housing Now
January 2006
Smart Growth Conference
January 2006

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Community Planning
Public Process
Healing Gardens

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NOTABLE WORK

True Nature Healing Arts | Carbondale, CO

The True Nature Healing Arts (TNHA) garden is a peaceful sanctuary, free and open to the public from dawn to dusk. The therapeutic environment incorporates several healing modalities, including a labyrinth, reflexology path, outdoor yoga space, outdoor massage area, and contemplative gardens. The movement between gardens and building is completely integrated and activity moves seamlessly from one area to the next. Designed to inspire, each element is carefully conceived and shaped to support the healing work undertaken at the yoga studio and spa.

Rocky Mountain Institute | Basalt, CO

DHM Design developed a landscape design for the new Rocky Mountain Institute Innovation Center in downtown Basalt. The new building qualified for LEED Platinum Certification, Living Building Challenge Petal Certification, and Passive House Certification. This was achieved while using replicable methods and easy-to-source materials. The landscape embraces the riparian woodland habitat that surrounds the center and connects it to the adjacent river corridor. Stormwater management was a critical aspect of the design and incorporates stormwater-fed irrigation, catchment basin gardens, and native plantings.

Basalt River Restoration | Basalt, CO

This project included a comprehensive approach to achieving a number of long-standing social, environmental, economic and community goals including public access to the river, a riverfront park, redefinition of the floodplain and the transformation of a prominent downtown corner location. DHM has been retained by the Town of Basalt to assist with master planning through construction for this parcel. DHM is involved in all aspects of the process from community meetings and design to coordination with engineers and federal agencies. In the end, this project will result in a new riverfront park that will add immeasurably to the character and vitality of the Town of Basalt.

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RECENT PROJECTS

Cultural & Historical

Roaring Fork Transit Authority Master Plan;
Highway 82 & I-70 West Corridor; Roaring Fork Valley, CO
Hotel Jerome; Aspen, CO
Grand Junction Downtown Master Plan; Grand Junction, CO
Aspen Civic Center Master Plan; Aspen, CO
Ridgway Streetscape; Ridgway, CO
Centennial Hall; Steamboat Springs, CO
Camp Hale Master Plan; Leadville, CO
Wheeler-Stallard Restoration; Aspen, CO
Camp George West Master Plan; Jefferson County, CO
Sunken Gardens Historic Landscape Assessment; Denver, CO
Molkery Park; Denver, CO
Pueblo Mountain Historic Park; Beulah, CO
Civic Center Cultural Complex Master Plan; Denver, CO

Campus

True Nature Healing Arts Healing Gardens; Carbondale, CO
Rocky Mountain Institute; Basalt, CO
Third Street Center; Carbondale, CO
Aspen Valley Hospital; Aspen, CO
Valley View Hospital Medical Office Building; Carbondale, CO
North Campus Improvements; Mesa State College; Grand Junction, CO
Master Plan St. Mary's Academy; Englewood, CO
University of Colorado President's Residence; Boulder, CO
North High School; Denver, CO

Parks & Recreation

Basalt River Restoration; Basalt, CO
Glenwood Springs Parks & Open Space Master Plan Update;
Glenwood Springs, CO
Crown Mountain Park; El Jebel, CO
Carbondale Recreation Center; Carbondale, CO
LEED Platinum Certification, January 2009
ASLA Merit Award for Design, 2009
ASLA Land Stewardship Award for Design, 2009
Aspen Recreation Center; Aspen, CO
Rocky Mountain National Park Amphitheater; Estes Park, CO
Lookout Mountain Nature Center; Jefferson County, CO
Dinosaur Ridge Visitor Center; Morrison, CO
Mt. Rushmore National Memorial Amphitheater & Visitor Center;
Keystone, SD
Sequoia National Park Visitor Center and Visitor Lodging; Sequoia, CA
Mill Mountain Park Master Plan; Roanoke, VA

Residential Planning

Aspen Club Redevelopment; Aspen, CO
Burlingame Ranch Affordable Housing; Aspen, CO
ASLA Award of Honor in Analysis and Planning 2005
Haymeadow Residential Development; Eagle, CO
Aspen School District Affordable Housing;
Snowmass and Pitkin County, CO
Truscott Affordable Housing; Aspen, CO
Top of Mill; Aspen, CO
Chaparral; Pitkin County, CO
Lodgepole Employee Housing; Sequoia National Park, CA
Employee Housing Design; Yosemite National Park; El Portal, CA
Employee Housing Planning and Design;
Grand Canyon National Park, AZ
Employee Housing Design; Rocky Mountain National Park;
Grand County, CO

Residential

Shantay Residence; Carbondale, CO
East End Residence; Aspen, CO
Zhevago Residence; Kiev, Ukraine
Steele Residence; Aspen, CO