



# DHM DESIGN

## LAURA KIRK

Principal | Professional Landscape Architect (CO) | ASLA

*Laura has been an integral member of DHM Design for more than 30 years. As a former President and Managing Principal of the firm, she has guided its legacy and through her work, positively impacts countless communities across the west. She is adept at techniques for bringing people together, gathering information and opinions, and developing consensus for project goals and design solutions. With an extensive history of community planning and design experience, 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

True Nature Healing Arts Foundation Trustee 2021  
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

Power Hour - Carbondale Chamber February, 2020  
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

*Governor's Award for Downtown Excellence - Best New Addition to Downtown, 2016  
CCASLA Merit Award for Design, 2014*

The True Nature Healing Arts garden is a peaceful sanctuary, free and open to the public. The therapeutic environment incorporates several healing modalities, including a labyrinth, reflexology path, outdoor yoga space, outdoor massage area, and contemplative gardens. The integrated movement between gardens and building allows seamless movement between activities. Designed to inspire, each element is conceived and shaped to support the healing work undertaken at the yoga studio and spa.

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

DHM Design worked with various County departments, stakeholders and residents of the mobile home park to prioritize opportunities, as well as understand constraints and safety hazards. The project includes a Health Impact Assessment which reviewed policy, redevelopment considerations and program decisions that impact the health of existing and potential future residents. Through public meetings, DHM has shaped master plans that explore maintaining and increasing the number of units while narrowing in on options that address the interests of the stakeholders.

#### Lift One Lodge | Aspen, CO

The mixed-use Lift One Lodge, located at the original Lift One base of Aspen Mountain, will bring accommodation and amenities to this ski corridor. DHM has provided landscape architecture and visualization services for the site which will feature a 52-room luxury hotel, residence units, multiple food and beverage venues, spa/fitness facilities, full-service rooftop lounge and pool, and enhancements to the surrounding area for year-round use. In addition to the application package for the City of Aspen, the team received approval from the Colorado Passenger Tramway Safety Board for a new lift terminal location.

#### Downtown Development Authority (DDA) | Glenwood Springs, CO

DHM Design was hired to act as the Executive Director for the City of Glenwood's DDA. Laura serves as DHM's representative in this role, working with the DDA Board of Directors, City staff, and business community to create vitality for the downtown through implementation of plans and projects that strengthen the retail, restaurant, office, civic, and tourist hub of the area.

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## RECENT PROJECTS

### Hospitality & Wellness

True Nature Healing Arts; Carbondale, CO

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*CCASLA Merit Award for Design, 2014*

Lift One Lodge; Aspen, CO

Aspen Club Redevelopment; Aspen, CO

Hotel Jerome; Aspen, CO

### Residential Planning

Phillips Mobile Home Park; Pitkin County, 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

### Parks & Recreation

Basalt River Restoration; Basalt, CO

*CCASLA Merit Award for Design 2017*

*CASFM Honor Award for Outstanding Achievement 2015*

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

### Cultural & Historical

Roaring Fork Transit Authority Master Plan;

Highway 82 & I-70 West Corridor; Roaring Fork Valley, 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

Molkeny Park; Denver, CO

Pueblo Mountain Historic Park; Beulah, CO

Civic Center Cultural Complex Master Plan; Denver, CO

### Campus

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

### Residential

Shantay Residence; Carbondale, CO

East End Residence; Aspen, CO

Zhevago Residence; Kiev, Ukraine

Steele Residence; Aspen, CO