

ABOUT

EDUCATION

B.S. Landscape Architecture Colorado State University, 2014 Associates of Applied Science in Architectural Design and Technology and Certificate in 3D Auto CAD Arapahoe Community College

CERTIFICATIONS + ORGANIZATIONS

The Park People Community Forester Program

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

National Parks Recreation Trails Accessibility Restoration Athletic Fields

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DHM DESIGN SHEENA KERSTIENS Associate

Sheena joined DHM Design in June of 2016 with an interest in landscapes that allow us to interact and explore the world around us. She likes to connect people to the land and brings a thoughtful aesthetic to recreation and civic projects. Most recently, Sheena has worked on historic trails at Gettysburg National Monument, a meaningful Veterans Memorial for Adam's County in Colorado and all abilities playgrounds within some of our region's most interactive local parks. On her own time, she enjoys the outdoors with her dog Shelby and is an avid photographer as she explores our beautiful state.

NOTABLE WORK

Little Round Top | Gettysburg, PA

Little Round Top is one of the most heavily visited sites within Gettysburg National Military Park. The volume of visitors to Little Round Top exceeds the capacity of existing roads and paths causing significant damage to the cultural and natural resources. DHM is currently preparing Pre-Design and Schematic Design solutions with a 'light on the land' approach that balances accessibility and visitor experience within the cultural landscape of the historically significant site. The previously prepared Cultural Landscape Report Treatment Recommendations Matrix was used as a guiding document for site improvements including, but not limited to; pedestrian and vehicular circulation, erosion control and slope stabilization.

Veterans Memorial Park | Commerce City, CO

DHM Design was hired by Commerce City to create a master plan for the complete renovation of Veterans Memorial Park. Services included design, construction documents and construction observation for the park located at the corner of Parkway Drive and Forest Drive adjacent to Eagle Pointe Recreation Center. The project includes the replacement of the existing play area with an All Inclusive Playground called "Eagles Nest", surrounded by picnic facilities, seating areas, a natural play area, restroom, bird themed sculptural elements and open lawn play areas. The project also included a natural rock climbing playground with interpretive displays, a labrinth and a looped walkway system that provides connectivity between the recreation center, park, memorial and the adjacent neighborhood. Many of the existing trees were preserved creating shade and a mature landscape setting.

Lutz Sports Complex and Long Lake Ranch | Arvada, CO

Apex Recreation District, who manages the facility, hired DHM Design and their chosen team of local engineering firms and other consultants that specialize in sports field design to renovate and develop four new softball fields at the 55-acre complex. The site is a regional destination and has been bringing in recreation, and economic development to the community for years. Our design removed (4) existing fields and replaced them with new ballfields that included much needed drainage improvements, custom backstops, LED ballfield and pedestrian lighting, additional parking, a restroom and concessions building and improved connectivity through the City of Arvada. A new plaza and seating area was also added for spectators and families. The visioning, design and construction of this facility's expansion was done in conjunction with that of the nearby Long Lake Park.

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FEDERAL PROJECTS

- Terreplein Improvements; Statue of Liberty National Monument, New York, NY
- Little Round Top, Gettysburg National Monument, PA
- Assateague Island National Seashore; Life of the Forrest, Belrin, MD
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- Morraine Campground and Headquarters; Rocky Mountain National Park, CO
- Visitor Center and Headquarters; Martin Luther King Jr. National Historical Park; Atlanta, GA
- Lower Lehman Campground; Great Basin National Park, NV Bristlecone Trailhead; Great Basin National Park, NV
- Visitor Center; Little Big Horn National Park, M
- Oxon Cove National Park; MD
- Cedar Pass Development Concepts; Badlands National Park, SD

Gateway Entrance; Big Cypress National Park; FL

PARKS & RECREATION

Addenbrooke Park, Lakewood, CO Justice Center Park, Northglenn, CO Ruston Park, Federal Heights, CO Fairplay River Park Monument, Fairplay, CO Veterans Memorial Park; Commerce City, CO Adams County Veterans Memorial; Adams County, CO Lutz Sports Complex; Arvada, CO Long Lake Ranch Ballfields; Arvada, CO Northwest Open Space Park; Northglenn, CO Hidden Brook at North Fork; Colorado Springs, CO Northern Range Loop Trail; Commerce City, CO Harlow Park; Littleton, CO Pikes Peak Summit Complex; Colorado Springs, CO Arvada Fitness Park; Arvada, CO Barnum Park; Denver, CO Trailwinds Recreation Center; Thornton, CO Harvie Open Space; Parker, CO

RESTORATION + ECOLOGY

The Cayons, Castle Pines, CO Timbers Creek, Castle Rock, CO

CIVIC/EDUCATIONAL/CAMPUS FACILITIES

Thornton Community Center; Thornton, CO Eagle Valley School District (Multiple Playgrounds); Eagle Valley, CO Cherry Creek Middle School #11; Cherry Creek, CO

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Solstice; Littleton, CO Fairplay Entry Monumnet; Fairplay, CO

RESIDENCES

Cherry Creek Residence; Cherry Creek, CO Cherry Creek Redesign; Cherry Creek, CO

MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL

Continentental; Colorado Springs, CO Continental; Aurora, CO