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Recent Awards

2011 Best Green Design Initiative, Municipal Art Society of New York Awards

High Performance Landscape Guidelines

As a fellow for the New York City's Design Trust for Public Space, Tavis Dockwiller partnered with four peers and the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation to create a set of sustainability guidelines. Park Design for the 21st Century culminates in the publication of High Performance Landscape Guidelines – the third in a trilogy of sustainability guidelines that are shaping policy and construction for the city's 29,000 acres of parkland. Awarded the Best Green Design Intiative in 2011, the Municpal Art Society of New York called High Performance Landscape Guidelines, "a model that can be instituted and replicated citywide, with the potential of having a widespread effect on the built environment."

2009 Philadelphia Community Design Collaborative Outstanding Firm Award - Landscape Architecture

Conceptual Master Landscape Plan

Cook-Wissahickon Elementary School; Community Design Collaborative of AIA Philadelphia

Philadelphia PA

The Cook-Wissahickon Home & School Association / Green Committee is aiming to make Cook-Wissahickon the first retro-fitted green school in Philadelphia. The Collaborative volunteer project team was asked to develop a conceptual design for a Sustainable Master Landscape Plan for Cook-Wissahickon School. The plan calls for improving the school's aesthetics in a sustainable way that provides rich educational opportunities for the students and the community.

2006 American Institute of Architects (AIA) Committee on the Environment (COTE) Top Ten Green Award

Campus Master Plan and Phased Site Improvements Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Monroe Michigan

"The projects chosen in the Top Ten for 2006 included striking examples of integrated thinking, design excellence, strong energy performance, and mindfulness of water, site, and community matters." – Henry Siegel, FAIA, of the COTE national advisory group. Jury Comments: "The sisters' comment that sustainability is a moral mandate was compelling. And here they showed how to be smart with reuse. There is also a strong connection to the neighborhood and a reconstructed wetland, showing how the building engaged in its site and place. There's a real sensitivity to aging occupants..."







Immaculate Heart of Mary courtyard, Monroe, Michigan

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Recent Awards, continued

2006 Philadelphia Water Department

Stormwater Best Management Practices Recognition Awards
Overbrook Environmental Education Center

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This award is given to projects which support the Office of Watershed's vision for a "Clean Water - Green City" the goal of which is to unite the City with its water environment, creating a green legacy for future generations while incorporating a balance between ecology, economics and equity.

2005 American Society of Landscape Architects Award of Excellence, Analysis and Planning

Noisette Community Master Plan North Charleston SC

Developed with hands-on participation in a three- year community-driven design process – the master plan sets forth guidelines and recommendations to create "The New American City" in North Charleston. The ASLA competition jurors called the master plan a "great example at every scale of investigation" that addresses "important issues for our time" with an "uncliched and compelling presentation". The Noisette process of "inventorying the asset", looking at the community's strengths to determine long-term, sustainable solutions was cited by the ASLA web site as, "Together, these elements form the integrated planning basis for establishing the Noisette Community of North Charleston as the leading sustainable redevelopment of an urban environment in the United States."

2005 Community Design Award

Community Design Collaborative of AIA Philadelphia Overbrook Environmental Education Center Philadelphia PA

Developed a plan to transform a brownfield into an urban oasis. "Most environmental centers are in parks or natural areas. This one will be on a commercial corridor – you can't get more urban than that!"

2005 Design Honor Award for Renovation

Faith & Form Magazine and The Interfaith Forum on Religion, Arts and Architecture Renovation of the Motherhouse, Monroe MI

2004 Honor Award for Historic Preservation & Citation of Merit

Pennsylvania Chapter of The American Institute of Architects The Philadelphia Navy Yard Building 10 Philadelphia PA

2004 Citation of Merit

Pennsylvania Chapter of The American Institute of Architects Roberts Hall Renovation & Addition at the University of Pennsylvania Law School Philadelphia PA

2004 Green Building Award

First Place, Excellence in Design, Multi-use Residential, NE Energy Association & AIA Pittsburgh, Green Design Citation Felician Sisters Convent & School Coraopolis PA





above: On site with the students of Overbrook Environmental Education Center, Phila. PA; left: The Master Plan includes porous paving, rain gardens, flow-through planters and a restored woodland





Noisette Creek and the Cooper River

(Left) Noisette Creek Preserve with proposed multi-use trails connecting from the river back to the community.



Constructed wetlands at the Immaculate Heart of Mary treat graywater from the facility



St. Francis in meadows at the Felician Sisters Convent & School, Coraopolis PA