The American Society of Landscape Architecture

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What Is Landscape Architecture?

Landscape architects analyze, plan, design, manage, and nurture the built and natural environments. Landscape architects have a significant impact on communities and quality of life. They design parks, campuses, streetscapes, trails, plazas, and other projects that help define a community.
Civil Rights Sidewalk

A commemorative sidewalk concept developed in response to demolition of McCrory’s department store, where Tallahassee’s first lunch counter sit-in demonstration took place in 1960. The Heritage Walk features 16 terrazzo panels with brass and bronze detailing offering imagery, quotes, music, and historical recounts of the 1956 bus boycott and sit-in demonstrations of 1961-63.
Protected Bike Lanes

An important pedestrian link veining from the heart of Downtown to other shared bike paths on surrounding roadways, the protected bike lanes across Pensacola and Madison Streets support connectivity between the Florida State Capitol Complex and the growing Tallahassee universities. Carefully anatomized by design professionals, these particular lanes were considered with safety, durability, maintenance, stormwater impacts, traffic compatibility, aesthetics and construction in mind – ultimately offering bicyclists a safe and aesthetic ride to and from FSU/FAMU and Downtown.
Smokey Hollow

Three open-sided, open-roofed “spirit houses” give imagery to life of the African-American community called Smokey Hollow that historically developed just east of downtown. By the late 1970s the visible history – buildings, streets, homes, churches, stores and school – had been lost in the name of urban renewal and expansion of Apalachee Parkway. The commemorative spirit structures and site were intricately designed to illustrate the community’s self-sufficiency, as the homes are surrounded by vegetable gardens, fruit trees, and a reflecting pond.
Franklin Boulevard

An initiative related to the Capital Cascades stormwater improvement project, Franklin Boulevard was transformed by designers from a frequently flooded street that offered no safe navigation for pedestrians to an attractive boulevard featuring wide sidewalks, bike paths, benches, water fountains, picturesque landscape improvements, and other transit amenities over a continuous concrete box culvert.
Cascades Park and Trail

A former brownfield site and home of the City’s old coal fired electric plant, Cascades Park is a disguised regional stormwater facility. Spanning from Franklin Boulevard to the pedestrian bridge over South Monroe, the 24-acre park also houses Capital City Amphitheater, a child’s nature-inspired play zone, and a fountain area to cool off patrons during the day and provide a music and light show in the evenings. Almost three miles of multi-use trail extend through Cascades Park, continue over Capital Cascades Crossing Bridge and run adjacent to FAMU Way. Cascades Trail replaces an open stormwater conveyance system with a box culvert drainage network featuring additional playgrounds, bike stations, and other pedestrian amenities.
Anita R. Favors Thompson Plaza

An urban multi-tiered plaza adjacent to FAMU Way and the gathering space commonly called “Under the Over.” This outdoor community terrace boasts sustainable native landscaping, areas for food truck and vendor hookups, and provides a relaxing setting for onlookers to enjoy a one-of-a-kind light show featured every evening in the Lake Anita stormwater facility.
FAMU Way Playground

Climbing ropes, swings, and a splash zone comprise a play area adjacent to the extension of the Cascade Trail Connection that runs along FAMU Way.
Grassland Brewery

With input from designers in the Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Department a local brewery has created an inviting, safe outdoor space to complement their on-site tasting room. Challenges in the design included a parting of the designated area by large driveway cuts and loading zones required for production and shipment of the company’s libations. But through careful consideration in placement of landscaping, artistic walls, fencing, lighting, and seating, the property exemplifies how a private-public space can be a welcoming contribution to the overall pattern of the street.
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