

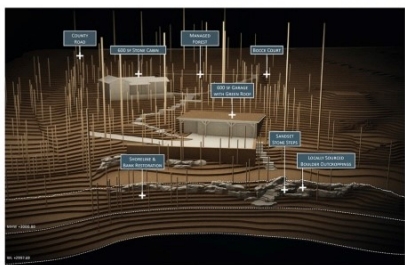
Residential Design

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Inez Point: Embracing an Old Growth Forest

Design Workshop, Inc.
Aspen, Colorado

Less can be much more, as is the case with this one-acre lakeside retreat in the northern Rockies bordering Glacier National Park. It was previously the site of a large vacation home with a traditional lawn. Built too close to the shoreline, the structure allowed runoff to affect the water quality, disrupt the riparian ecology, and promote erosion. To restore the landscape on behalf of the new stewards, the landscape architects reconstructed the natural shoreline. They removed a retaining wall at the high-water line, reggraded the shoreline, and revegetated the first 30 feet of shoreline to stabilize it and filter the runoff. Instead of the former prominent lakeside home, a simpler 600-square-foot cabin now stands, and a workshop has been replaced by a garage concealed by its living roof. The new structures blend into the forest, surrounded by the diverse plants that make up the many layers of the understory.



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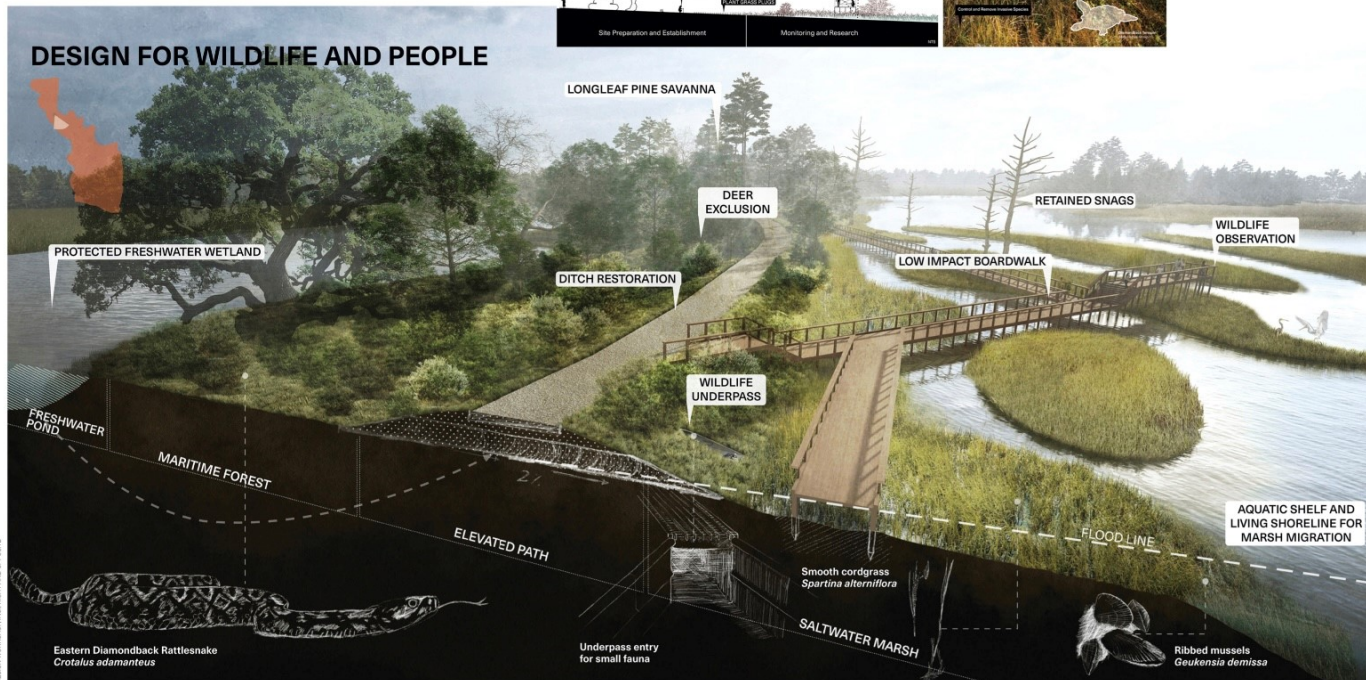
Analysis & Planning

Testing Ground: Adapting Fairways to Resilient Barrier Isle Ecosystems

Design Workshop, Inc.
Raleigh, North Carolina

For decades, a golf course provided recreational access to the unique barrier-island landscape of Jekyll Island off the coast of Georgia. It also badly degraded the natural ecosystem. Working on behalf of the Jekyll Island Authority, Design Workshop created a plan to establish interconnected habitats on fragmented land. The project included restoring longleaf pine savannas, which had shrunk to just 3 percent of their original range, while expanding sweetgrass prairies and planting pollinator meadows. Boardwalks, sculptures, and wildlife blinds invite people to explore the natural and cultural heritage of the island, which has long been inhabited by the Gullah Geechee people. Restored salt marsh wetlands, fire-adapted native plantings, and converted ditches and culverts will help buffer the island against increasing storms, floods, and disasters. The Jekyll Island Authority has committed to monitoring the long-term impact of the project; the findings could offer insights for future projects that are converting golf courses into restored habitats.

Client: Jekyll Island Authority

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Greening Five Points: Growing a Grassroots Movement in Denver

Design Workshop, Inc. and
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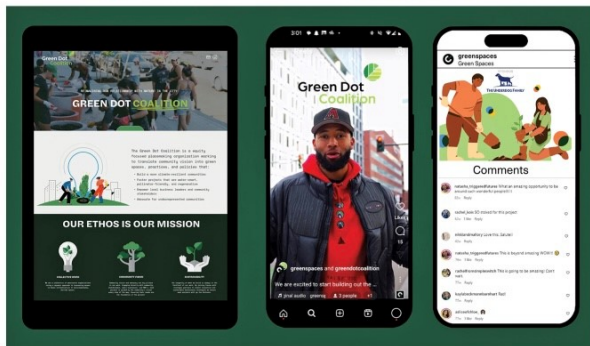
One single dot on a map is so immaterial that, if standing alone, it may not be noticed. But a multitude of dots that together form a community symbolize the power of collective action. This is the message of the Green Dot Coalition, a grassroots spatial equity organization committed to creating climate-resilient spaces in Five Points, a Denver neighborhood that has long dealt with the effects of redlining and institutionalized racism. Design Workshop developed the Greening Five Points communications strategy in close consultation with the coalition and seven landscape architecture students who are Black, Indigenous, and people of color. The project produced a planning document and framework for establishing green infrastructure nodes—or “green dots”—that could be implemented by the community. The effort has since led to a green infrastructure stewardship program in the Denver Public Schools and a commitment from Denver’s Department of Transportation to prioritize the rapid deployment of green infrastructure in marginalized neighborhoods.

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DENVER CITY COUNCILMAN

There's a need for environmental justice because of the racist housing policies, the redlining, that built Denver.



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