

Jackson Park integrated Olmsted Historic Character, Habitat Restoration, and OPC Mitigation, 2014 to 2024

Firm Profile

Heritage Landscapes is a national and international leader in revitalizing heritage landscape assets and sustaining communities. An intentionally small, influential firm with awardwinning works spanning four decades, our works focus on the intersection of nature and culture. Biocultural landscapes form a critical asset to benefit current and future lives... Through documentary research and holistic planning, we decode design intent, human influence, and natural systems to honor, express and make legible the multiple values of landscape within the realistic opportunities and constraints of today. Incorporating authentic, quality experiences, and a range of preservation and green design tools we reclaim the legacies of historic places Contemporary groundswell issues and aspirations guide us to:

- Respect biocultural landscape integrity
- Act for biodiversity of diverse habitats
- Adapt for carbon drawdown for climate
- Enumerate and express multiple values
- Reveal suppressed, diverse stories
- Uplift human experience and access
- Realize just society, economy, environment
- Apply proven practices throughout works

Celebrating 38 years of exceptional work, Heritage Landscapes is a woman-owned professional firm and small business with offices in Charlotte, VT and Norwalk, CT. Since 1987, our more than 600 successful projects have garnered 103 professional awards including the prestigious ASLA Landscape Architecture Firm Award in 2019. Varied planning, design and construction works preserve and uplift places.

Our deep knowledge of good practices is strengthened through long-term relationships with private, non-profit, and municipal clients, and with other federal entities ranging from the Architect of the Capitol and National Park Service to private non-profit stewards. Works encompass the diversity of local, state, national and international heritage assets. Thinking globally, acting locally, we apply the UN Sustainable Development Goals in a framework of human responsibility for planetary rights, biodiversity, and climate action.

Our communities and public spaces to include campus, parkway, corridor, park, estate museum, historic site, and neighborhood heritage assets. Project scopes range from cultural landscape master plans to construction administration, with design studies, historic research, existing conditions, analysis, community outreach, interpretation, heritage tourism, and implementation initiatives. Products take the form of master plans, focused reports, guidelines, construction documents, signage, brochures, fundraising materials, staff and volunteer information, strategic plans, and management and maintenance plans.

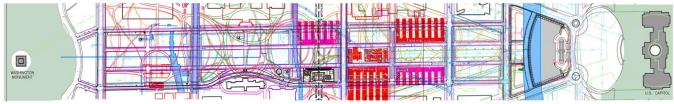
Heritage Landscapes expertise in cultural landscape stewardship embraces all aspects of the vitality and relevance of valued heritage for tomorrow. Bringing forward consensus-based interventions, we sustain, repair, reuse, update and revitalize significant places through planning and projects. Through strategic planning, we integrate low-impact design, alternative energy, resilience, and other vital issues while respecting the inherited place, to enhance public landscapes for all.

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National Mall Walkways, Turf & Soils, Jefferson Memorial, DC WWI Memorial, Union Square Projects, 2010-2019

Our Approach

We begin projects by understanding the values inherent in and ascribed to cultural heritage properties and the communities in which they belong, tracing historic evolution and consulting stakeholders. Informed by the project mission and goals and the landscape program, we conduct our work partnering with colleagues, stewards, stakeholders and communities toward: protecting and safeguarding; modifying to suit current needs; communicating; and acting to preserve and ensure the vitality and future of valued biocultural landscapes.

To reinforce respect for landscape assets, we seek to interpret and communicate cultural. natural and historic values to enrich current and futures uses. High quality visitor experience is achieved through varied media including design cues, focal elements, maps, signs, brochures, digital tours, etc. Because public landscapes are places for people of all abilities to experience and enjoy, we are committed to providing universal access by redesigning circulation systems. Based on our extensive work in landscape management, we provide our clients with approaches that incorporate maintenance issues, encourage safety, change management tools, and refine maintenance schedules for efficient human resources use.

A holistic research, analysis and design approach addresses multiple issues simultaneously to yield place-based, traditional, and durable materials with a grace of application and detail. Our interest is in visionary yet realistic planning and design projects that uplift valued places and are readily implemented. Our works align to the UN SDGs 2030 Agenda.

Collaboration & Teamwork

Collaboration is the key to excellent results. Our diverse clients include municipal, state and federal agencies, museums and institutions, international organizations, not-for-profit entities, citizen advocacy groups, and private owners. We consider clients as full partners in project work, articulating goals, shaping project programs, providing data on staffing and funding capabilities, clarifying community and visitor issues, weighing alternatives, and making decisions through working together.

Our experience affirms that award-winning work results from a well-informed, talented, creative, dedicated and collaborative team.

Teamwork guides implementation strategies, sustainable practices and management guidance that ensure multiple needs are met as social, biocultural, fiscal, environmental, educational and recreational values are all incorporated.

Our expertise is in research, inventory, assessment, evaluation, preservation, design and management of cultural landscapes of all types. Sometimes landscape preservation goals will appear to oppose other project goals. We believe that creative attention to "win-win" solutions can reach full consensus and action. We are fully willing and able to work toward integrated solutions. Our decades of endeavors reveal that great teams create award-winning works.

Collaborating with our clients, partners, teams, stakeholders, community leaders and the engaged public, Heritage Landscapes envisions a positive, informative and satisfying future for heritage of all types that sustains culture, ecology, economy and community.

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