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American Society of Landscape Architects, New York Announces 2018 Design Awards

From projects that examine a site’s historic and cultural influences to those that explore innovative design approaches, this year’s winning award submissions showcase the full range of the landscape architectural profession. There is a clear theme of resiliency and sustainability with the award winners that show appreciation for the long term value of landscapes - again embracing changing conditions of climate and urbanization in the urban projects to appreciation of seasonal characteristics of plants, light and weather in the residential projects.

Juried by an interdisciplinary team from the Texas chapters of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), this year six Honor awards and ten Merit awards were selected. The awards will be presented at the ASLA-NY Design Awards Ceremony and Reception to be held on Wednesday, April 11th, at the Center for Architecture in Manhattan.

Receiving an Honor Award, The Gowanus Lowlands by SCAPE, is a Superfund cleanup, future development, and sea level rise combined to dramatically transport the unique and beloved community. The plan anticipates this change and develops an open space vision for the future shaped by community advocacy and feedback. The Gowanus Lowlands values and protects the weird and powerful experiences of the Gowanus Canal, while improving neighborhood and ecological health over time.

The private sector also flourished. Renée Beyers Landscape Architect, PC’s Hudson Valley Retreat also received an Honor Award. The landscape design of this country residence responds with a cohesive approach that integrates the house with its sloping four-acre site, while preserving specimen trees and opening views to the Catskills. The jury calls the design a “beautiful response to the existing topography, where views were preserved through placement.”
Empire Stores, designed by Future Green Studio, received a Merit Award this year. The newly-designed landscape for the iconic long-abandoned Empire Stores is comprised of three components: a 7,000 square foot rooftop public park; an expansive 50,000 square feet of green roofs, planted with wild and colorful meadow species; and a streetscape of charred cedar planters echoing the building’s working past.

ASLA-NY 2018 President Elizabeth Jordan noted that the caliber of work is outstanding. “New York City is leading the way on cutting edge design and the entries this year reflect that.”
Following is a list of the Honor Awards:

Fairfield Residence, LaGuardia Design Landscape Architects, P.C.
Hudson Valley Retreat, Renée Byers Landscape Architect, P.C.
Industry City Courtyard 5-6, Terrain NYC Landscape Architecture, P.C.
New York Hall of Discovery Terrace, SCAPE
The Gowawnus Lowlands, SCAPE
Willamette Falls Riverwalk, Snøhetta

Following is a list of the Merit Awards:

Borderline Farm, RKLA Studio Landscape Architecture
Collaboration and Craft: Contemporizing an Historic Garden, Renée Byers Landscape Architect, P.C.
Empire Stores, Future Green Studio
Hells Kitchen Garden Courts, HMWhite
New York - Presbyterian & Columbia University Medical Campus Joint Master Plan, SCAPE
Prospect Park Perch at 1 Grand Army Plaza, Terrain NYC Landscape Architecture, P.C.
Sensory Arts Garden I ELS Center of Excellence, Dirtworks Landscape Architecture, P.C.
Towards Accessible Historic Streetscapes, Being Here Landscape Architecture & Environmental Design, PLLC
Verde Moderne, Hollander Design Landscape Architects
VIA 57 West Courtyard, Starr Whitehouse Landscape Architects and Planners, PLLC

The award winning firms will be honored at a Design Awards Ceremony and Reception sponsored by Victor Stanley at the Center for Architecture, 536 LaGuardia Place on April 11 at 6 pm. The award winning projects will be on display in an exhibit at the Center for Architecture through the month of April. For more information, go to aslany.org.

About the American Society of Landscape Architects, New York Chapter:

The American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) is the national professional association for landscape architects. Founded in 1899, the association represents over 15,000 members and features 49 professional chapters and 76 student chapters. The New York Chapter, founded in 1914, encompasses the five boroughs of New York City, Nassau and Suffolk counties on Long Island, and Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess, Orange and Rockland counties. The Society’s mission is to lead in the planning, design and care of both our natural and built environments. While keeping pace with the ever-changing forces of nature and technology, landscape architects increasingly have a profound impact on the way people live, work and play.