

Landscape Architecture/Urban Design Firm Civitas Hires Mark Naylor, RLA
Naylor overseeing national projects for Denver firm including Tampa riverfront park



Denver, Colo. – Feb. 25, 2015 – Denver-based urban design/landscape architecture studio and strategic consultancy [Civitas](#) has hired [Mark Naylor, RLA](#) as a project director, announced founding principal Mark Johnson. Naylor, who has immediately taken on the oversight of projects including the redevelopment of the 26-acre [Julian B. Lane Riverfront Park](#) in Tampa, Fla., is not so much joining as “rejoining” Civitas, where he worked from 1989 - 2007. Naylor’s return comes at a time when Civitas is involved in numerous major urban design and redevelopment projects from coast to coast and around the globe.

“Mark’s return tightens our focus on public space design and built work,” says Johnson. “With \$80 million of projects on the boards at the start of the year, Mark brings experience and leadership to support our growth. His focus will be on project design, documentation and growing our staff and capabilities. He knows our culture and our mission - it’s great to have him back in the family!”

Raised in Southern California, Naylor began his career in L.A. after completing his Landscape Architecture degree at the California Polytechnic Institute, Pomona. He brings a passion for improving the livability of cities borne out through more than 32 years of planning and design experience to his position at Civitas, including transforming entire neighborhoods and downtowns in projects from Japan to the United Arab Emirates, and throughout the U.S.

In his previous time at Civitas, Naylor led some of the firm’s most notable projects spanning the Western U.S., including the design of Denver’s [Commons Park](#), [Clark County Government Center](#) in Las Vegas, and the realization of a 46-acre TOD at Bellevue Station in Denver’s Tech Center. Between that tenure and his current role, he founded and directed his own firm, Oak Hill Studio, for several years and worked with Denver firms including Parsons Brinckerhoff. He is known for his creative leadership and a collaborative, inclusive style that has made him a mentor to young professionals both at Civitas and through his work as an instructor at the Graduate School of Landscape Architecture at the University of Colorado, Denver.

“Returning to Civitas has felt very much like coming home – wonderful people, great environment, and superb work,” says Naylor. “At this point in my career I feel completely aligned with the direction and vision of the firm, and have been having a great time working with our talented staff to further Civitas’ goal of creating great people places. It’s a pleasure waking up each morning excited to get to work!”

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With a core purpose of creating healthier cities, Civitas is an idea-based practice of urban designers, architects and landscape architects engaged in strategic planning for urban change and project design for built works. The consultancy and design studio celebrated its [30th anniversary](#) in 2014, and advises on a wide range of strategies for re-imagining urban life and places, including [playing a key role in helping transform Denver](#) into a poster child for the 21st-century image of a healthy and thriving urban center. For more information, visit www.civitasinc.com.

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