

Civitas and W Architecture Win 2016 Excellence on the Waterfront Award
Calgary's St. Patrick's Island Park honored by the Waterfront Center



The Seasonal Breach, a restored channel on St. Patrick's Island, provides gentle water for play, one of a number of ways visitors can engage with nature throughout the 31-acre park (photo: Civitas).

Denver, Colo. – August 19, 2016 – Denver-based urban design and landscape architecture firm [Civitas](#) and W Architecture and Landscape Architecture of New York have received a 2016 Excellence on the Waterfront Award from the nonprofit Waterfront Center for their completed revitalization of St. Patrick's Island Park in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. The Waterfront Center's awards program, which began in 1987 with a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, annually recognizes "top urban waterfront work from around the world."

Representing a four-year Civitas/W design collaboration on behalf of the Calgary Municipal Land Corporation, the 31-acre St. Patrick's Island Park in the Bow River transformed the once derelict Calgary park into a vital outdoor experience, drawing thousands of visitors to actively engage with nature just steps from the city's bustling East Village neighborhood. The park, which opened in the fall of 2015, has "restored the island's ecology and increased biodiversity while providing new experiences for visitors to engage with in a natural public park setting," says Civitas Principal Scott Jordan. For a fun view of the new public space, a short video titled "[Bike Roll](#)" provides an off-the-cuff bicycle tour of the new island park by Civitas Founding Principal Mark Johnson.

In addition to the just-announced Honor Award for Excellence on the Waterfront, St. Patrick's Island Park has received the 2015 President's Award of Excellence for Design from ASLA Colorado, a 2015 Regional Merit Award in the landscape management category from the

Canadian Society of Landscape Architects (CSLA) and a Merit Award in the urban design category from the 2014 AIA NY Design Awards. A full listing of the Waterfront Center's 2016 Excellence on the Waterfront Awards winners is available [here](#). The awards will be officially presented in a Washington, DC, ceremony on Oct. 21, 2016.

Founded in 1984 with the core purpose of "creating healthier cities," Denver-based Civitas, Inc., 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. A consultancy and a design studio, Civitas advises on a wide range of strategies for re-imagining urban life and places, working in U.S. cities coast to coast and around the world. For additional information visit civitasinc.com.

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