

Fast Company Honors Civitas/W Project in 2016 Innovation by Design Awards
Calgary's St. Patrick's Island Park celebrated in "Spaces, Places, Cities" category



The transformation of St. Patrick's Island Park into a vibrant and accessible public space and restored habitat for Calgary received notice from Fast Company's Innovation by Design awards (photo: Civitas).

Denver, Colo. – September 14, 2016 – Denver-based urban design and landscape architecture firm [Civitas](#) and W Architecture and Landscape Architecture of New York have been lauded by Fast Company magazine's 2016 Innovation by Design Awards for the revitalization of St. Patrick's Island Park in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. "This year's submissions were as strong as any we've ever seen, with more than 1,700 entries from 41 different countries," said Fast Company Editor Bob Safian about the competition in which the Civitas/W project was [honored in the "Spaces, Places, Cities" category](#).

"We're thrilled to be celebrated by Fast Company for innovation," says Mark Johnson, founding principal of Civitas. "St. Patrick's Island Park offers a model of resiliency and sustainability that creates an authentic year-round nature-in-the-city experience for urban Calgary." The result of a four-year design collaboration by Civitas and W on behalf of the Calgary Municipal Land Corporation, the 31-acre St. Patrick's Island Park in the Bow River transformed once derelict public space into a vital outdoor experience that has attracted thousands of visitors since it opened in the fall of 2015.

In addition to the just-announced Innovation by Design recognition, St. Patrick's Island Park has received the 2016 Excellence on the Waterfront award from the nonprofit Waterfront Center, 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 Fast Company's 2016 Innovation by Design Awards is available [here](#).

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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