

Civitas Wins ASLA Colorado President's Award of Excellence for Second Year
Firm honored with four 2016 awards for design projects from Denver to the S. Bronx



Civitas award-winning projects (clockwise from upper left): Northern Arizona University landscape masterplan; Denver's Larimer Square; Wayzata, Minnesota's "Lake Effect" plan; and The Haven Project in Bronx, NY.

Denver, Colorado – November 16, 2016 – Denver-based urban design and landscape architecture firm [Civitas](#) has won the highest honor President's Award of Excellence from the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) Colorado for the second year in a row. The honor was awarded to The Haven Project Community Plan, Civitas' transformative master plan for the New York Restoration Project (NYRP) to create a network of connected open spaces to improve quality of life in New York's South Bronx. In addition, Civitas received the ASLA Colorado Landmark award for Denver's Larimer Square and two Merit Awards for the Wayzata Lake Effect Vision Plan and the University of Arizona Master Plan.

ASLA Colorado's President's Award is bestowed by unanimous jury vote for "an outstanding contribution in the advancement of the Landscape Architectural profession, which exemplifies the ethics upon which the profession was founded," according to the organization's announcement of 2016 award winners. In 2015, Civitas – in collaboration with W Architecture and Landscape Architecture – also received the President's Award for its [St. Patrick's Island Park](#) in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Taking the idea that green space promotes health to the next level, this year's Presidential winner [The Haven Project](#) has been designed specifically to measure and monitor its mission of encouraging active lifestyles and achieving health impacts. "Creating healthier cities is at the heart of our firm's mission," says Civitas founding principal Mark Johnson about the project. "With NYRP's leadership we will be able to directly impact public health in a part of New York City where health improvements are most needed."

ASLA Colorado's Landmark Design award "recognizes a distinguished landscape architecture project completed between 15 and 50 years ago that retains its original design integrity and contributes significantly to the public realm of the community in which it is located." 2016 Honor Award winner Larimer Square, one of Civitas' first projects begun some 30 years ago, transformed a poorly repaired streetscape and vacant historic buildings into Denver's premier shopping and dining destination. The much-copied Larimer Square project also was recently named one of "[America's 11 Most Beautiful Streets](#)" by Curbed.com.

ASLA Colorado's Professional Design Awards "recognize exceptional accomplishments by Colorado and Wyoming landscape architects and represent the work done across the country and across the globe by these individuals and studios," says the organization. Independently judged by a jury from the ASLA Washington Chapter, this year's winners were selected from more than 75 submissions. A complete list of ASLA Colorado's 2016 award winners 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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