Tavis Dockwiller, RLA, ASLA

Landscape Architect

Education

Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, The Pennsylvania State University, 1988

Professional Experience

- Principal Landscape Architect, Viridian Landscape Studio, Philadelphia PA, 1999 - Present
- Project Manager, Andropogon Associates, Ltd., Philadelphia PA, 1995-1999

Project Manager, QPK Design Architecture, Engineering, Site & Planning, Syracuse NY, 1989-1995

Landscape Designer, D.S. Winokur Associates, Inc., Philadelphia PA, 1988-1989

Teaching Experience

- Guest Lecturer, Overbrook Environmental Center's Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) class, Girard College, Philadelphia PA 2016
- Guest Lecturer: Ecological Architecture at PennDesign University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia PA 2016
- Juror: Drexel University, Philadelphia University, State University of New York, Penn State University, Temple University, University of Pennsylvania 1993 - Present Professional Education Instructor, Penn State University

Professional Licensure

Registered Landscape Architect in PA, MD, NJ, NY PA Reg. Certification # LA002606

Professional Membership

American Society of Landscape Architecture (ASLA) Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards

Professional Affiliations

Civic Design Review, Mayor Appointed Member Community Design Collaborative, Board Wissahickon Neighbors Civic Association

Recent Lectures

- "Celebrating Stormwater: Retrofitting Basins to Protect Our Stormwater Resource" PEC Basin Retrofitting Webinar September 2017
- "Using Stormwater to Rebuild and Urban Forest" Penn State Extension Green Parking Lot Design Webinar January 2017
- KidZooU at the Philadelphia Zoo Tour, American Institute of Architects National Conference, Philadelphia PA, May 2016

- "Green Infrastructure in the Field" Green Design Saves Green Workshop, Phoenixville, PA, March 2016
- "STEM Among the Leaves: Green Schoolyards for Education and the Environment" 2016 Green Schools Conference & Expo, Pittsburgh PA, March 2016
- "Repurposing Stranded Office Parks Natural Environment" Repurposing Stranded Assets Panel, American Planning Association, New Brunswick NJ, March 2016
- "A Landscape Architect's Fairy Tale " Stormwater Design 20x20 PA ASLA, November 2015
- "Sustainable future of Washington's Crossing Historic Park Master Plan" Design on the Delaware, Philadelphia PA, October 2016
- "Backyard Matters: Lawn Alternatives for a Healthier, More Interesting Environment" Whitemarsh Township EAC lecture series, 2014
- "Green Stormwater Infrastructure for Cities" Design on the Delaware October 2013
- "Building a Better Community: Innovative Design and Infrastructure for Transportation Networks" and Public Forum Green Options Buffalo NY April 2013
- "The 21st Century Master Plan" American Planning Association- NJ January 2013
- "From Elephants to Education: The Green Renovation of Paul Cret's Pachyderm House", Design on the Delaware October 2012
- "Greening of Greenfield School: A Detail Presentation of Urban Green Infrastructure and High Performance Landscapes" Design on the Delaware October 2012
- "Managing Stormwater through Street Design" Green Streets Forum Chester County PA ASLA, Chester County Planning Commission, Chester County Water Resources Authority, and TMACC February 2012
- "Transforming the Urban Forest with Citywide Tree Planting Initiatives" ASLA September 2011
- "Quantifying Sustainable Infrastructure Interventions for a Green Future Along the Allegheny Riverfront" Greenbuild November 2010

Radio & TV

- 2016 Gust, Significant Entrepreneurs, Significant TV with Franne McNeal, Significant TV.com June 7, 2016
- 2016 Green Hour WURD Radio 900AM February 7, 2016
- 2015 Guest, Significant Business Results, blogtalkradio.com February 4, 2015
- 2012 Keeping Stormwater Green Interview, NewsWorks Tonight with David Heller Nov 14, 2012

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Tavis Dockwiller is founder, principal landscape architect and guiding influence for viridian landscape studio. Viridian heals ecological systems while making beautiful places for people. Galvanizing this process, Tavis provides strategic counsel to clients based on their long-term objectives. She is expert in developing consensus between multiple stakeholders, advocating for full client and stakeholder participation. Her efforts result in designs that give people meaningful ways to engage with the environment – to play, learn and relax.

In 2011 Tavis celebrated the publication of High Performance Landscape Guidelines, 21st Century Parks for New York City for which she was a primary author. The sustainability guidelines for the city's 29,000 acres of parkland are causing a paradigm shift in the way NY parks are conceived, built and maintained.

Ms. Dockwiller reveals a site's unique character in fresh, creative ways. She is comfortable in both planning and design roles. This allows her to respond to challenges not only by developing clear over-arching goals, but also by employing her thorough understanding of design and construction resulting in beautiful, enduring, cost effective work.

She firmly believes that problem solving should be fun; client-consultant teams can make a difference to the world both socially and environmentally; and design solutions should be practical and lyrical.

Awards

Ms. Dockwiller's work consistently wins both industry and government accolades and awards. Recent awards include:

- 2015 Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia Grand Jury Award, Sustainable Future of Washington Crossing Historic Park Master Plan, Washington Crossing PA 2015

 - 2014 Association of Zoos and Aquariums Exhibit of the Year, Hamilton Family Children's Zoo and Faris Family Education Center, Philadelphia Zoo, Philadelphia PA
- 2013 Temple-Villanova Sustainable Stormwater Initiative Best New Stormwater Control Measure for Hamilton

Family Children's Zoo and Faris Family Education Center, Philadelphia Zoo, Philadelphia PA

- 2011 Best Green Design Initiative, Municipal Art Society of New York Awards for High Performance Landscape Guidelines 21st Century Parks for NYC

- 2009 Philadelphia Community Design Collaborative Outstanding Firm Award - Landscape Architecture

- 2006 Philadelphia Water Department Stormwater Best Management Practices Recognition Award for Overbrook Environmental Education Center, Philadelphia PA for the Community Design Collaborative of AIA Philadelphia

- 2006 American Institute of Architects Committee on the Environment Top Ten Green Award for Campus Master Plan and Phased Site Improvements, Sisters Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Monroe MI

Ms. Dockwiller is a board member and dedicated volunteer for the Community Design Collaborative of Philadelphia using her expertise to provide pro-bono preliminary design services to non-profit organizations.

