

SUZANNE C. THOMPSON, RLA, LEED-AP

Professional Experience

An experienced Project Manager with 20 years of landscape architectural experience, Ms. Thompson brings to her role particular expertise in all aspects of landscape design, including urban design, master planning, park planning, greenway/trail master planning and streetscape design. Her management experience encompasses grant writing, public presentations, preparation of master planning workbooks, mentoring and directing production staff, and all phases of project development, from preliminary design through construction administration.

Among the broad range of projects on which Ms. Thompson has recently played a key role are the following:

Melbourne Community Redevelopment Area, Melbourne, Florida — Served as the design lead for the team responsible for the preparation of this community master plan and economic analysis for the redevelopment of the City of Melbourne's CRA. Ms. Thompson's responsibilities included co-facilitating an urban design workshop to focus on visual preference of streetscape and facade improvements, preparation of site inventory and analysis plans, preparing bubble diagram options of the draft master plan for community review and preparation of a final redevelopment plan.

MidTown Community Redevelopment Area, Lakeland, Florida — Served as the design lead to a team of consultants working with the City to use the streetscape enhancements as the framework for the redevelopment of this mixed-use medical, residential, commercial and retail corridor. The City was the developer of this project and constructed the streetscape and public spaces prior to selling the parcels to the developers and retail businesses to provide their individual development. The project included typical block layouts, public space design, pedestrian walkways and intersection design.

Bradenton Central Community Redevelopment Area, Bradenton, Florida — Served with a team of consultants to prepare a redevelopment plan for this blighted area of Bradenton. The project included an extensive public involvement process that resulted in preparing final design options for the streetscape enhancements, developing economic and market analysis, and preparing an implementation strategy with phased cost estimates.

Millenium Place, Muncie, Indiana — Served as a member of the team that worked on the design for this Hope VI project in Muncie, Indiana. The project replaced World War II era housing with 244 units of mixed density, mixed income housing and a 30 unit senior apartment complex, community open spaces, playgrounds, a community center and commercial and retail shops. Ms. Thompson was responsible for preparation of the preliminary site plan and design of the open space system. Agencies involved with this project included Hope VI, the City of Muncie, and the Federal CDBG and HOME programs.

IndyGo Transit Study, Indianapolis, Indiana — Served as the author of the master plan to update the IndyGo transit stops within the wholesale district of Indianapolis. The study included a precedent study for finding prototypes and cities where similar work had been completed, exploring options for utilizing custom or modified stock bus shelters, investigated national public art programs that worked on bus stop design, new technologies to enhance pedestrian use and safety, and enhanced signage opportunities.

Kirkwood Avenue Streetscape, Bloomington, Indiana — Served as project manager and provided construction document preparation and construction administration services for this two and a half block streetscape demonstration project in downtown Bloomington. This project connects Indiana University to the City Courthouse square. Work included paver walks and crosswalks, custom limestone planters, decorative street and pendant lighting, perennial and Heritage American Elm street plantings. The streetscape design was coordinated through the National Center for Accessibility to ensure a high-level of accessibility for the handicapped and visually impaired be obtained for this project.

Profile

EDUCATION

Harvard University Graduate School of Design, Master of Landscape Architecture (MLAII), 1994

Purdue University, Bachelor of Science, Landscape Architecture, 1989

PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION

Registered Landscape Architect in:

Tennessee (835)

Arkansas (321)

Indiana (LA20200139)

Florida (LA6666908)

California (5048)

CLARB Certified Landscape Architect

LEED Accredited Professional

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

USGBC, Myakka Branch

Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, Member

National Trust for Historic Preservation

Florida Green Building Coalition

Gulf Coast Builders Exchange

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

American Society of Landscape Architects, Florida Chapter, Honor Award, 2005

Excellence in Stewardship, Cultural Landscape Foundation, 2005

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

ENCORE Seminar "Issues of Walkability and Community, Johnson City, Tennessee

Historic Landmarks Foundation, Cambridge City, Indiana — Presented a seminar on researching historic properties for the Foundation's Historic Week Activities and conducted a workshop for period landscape design for various historic homes.



Kessler Park, Fall Creek Place, Indianapolis, Indiana — In 2001, with the help of a \$4 million Home Ownership Zone grant from HUD the redevelopment of this blighted neighborhood and its green spaces began. Currently over 400 homes have been built or renovated. Ms. Thompson served as project manager for the development of green spaces, streetscapes, trails, gateway features and urban design components. The central feature for the neighborhood redevelopment was Kessler Park, a large community park overlooking Fall Creek and the gateway into this neighborhood. Features of the park include an open lawn gathering area, limestone seating, river overlook, sculpture garden, landscape plantings, lighting and pedestrian pathways. This park was also designed to act as the neighborhood trailhead and access point for the 15 mile Fall Creek trail.

Atlanta Beltline, Bellwood Quarry Reservoir Park, Atlanta, Georgia — Served as project landscape architect for the development of the preliminary master plan design of the 620-acre quarry urban park which included conservation of the surrounding old growth woodlands and natural streams and developing the disturbed quarry portion of the site with active park elements such as an indoor athletic center, baseball, softball, soccer and football fields, BMX course, ropes course, quarry rock climbing, inline skate rink, basketball, volleyball and tennis courts, street luge course, aquatic center,

Peace River Parks Master Plan, DeSoto County, Florida — Served as project manager and author of the master plan for the programming of the seven parks adjacent to the Peace River through DeSoto County. The master plan included project and watershed history, an inventory and analysis of each of the parks, park improvements, conservation and environmental protection recommendations, recreational and environmental education opportunities and historic preservation interpretation. The document also included phasing costs, partnership opportunities and a funding analysis for paying for improvements through private, local, state and federal grant programs. The work was completed solely with funding from the NOAA, Coastal Impact Assistance Program.

Downtown Terre Haute Historic District, Terre Haute, Indiana — Served as project manager and historic consultant for the identifying, documenting and registering of thirty new structures eligible for the National Register. Tasks included field measurements, photography, historic research, preparation of maps and graphics and authoring the submittal documents for the structures within the Downtown Terre Haute Historic District. This project work was completed while under contract with a previous firm and all of the project work was completed by Ms. Thompson.