



Navy Yard: Reclaiming the “Forgotten River” by Shifting Flows and Narratives

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Diamond Teague Park. Credit: Prakash Patel



Jonathan Fitch, ASLA

Principal, MKSK

Jon is committed to designing places that are conceptually clear, carefully crafted, and well-loved by their users. As founding principal of MKSK's DC office, Jon is passionate about fostering a design practice where everyone has a voice and about making places that, at whatever scale, are conceptually clear and carefully crafted. He remains actively involved in projects of all scales and throughout all phases. Jon has also been active throughout his career in design education—both teaching studios and visiting as a critic.

Stacilyn Feldman, ASLA, PLA, LEED AP

Principal, Oehme, van Sweden & Associates

Stacilyn Feldman is a Principal with Oehme, van Sweden & Associates in Washington, DC. Her professional experience includes private residential design, commercial and institutional clients. Among her recent accomplishments are planted roof terraces and vegetated canopies in Washington, DC and New York City. Other work includes a children's aquatic garden at Chicago Botanic Garden in Illinois, the riverfront renovation of DC Water's headquarters, and the construction of a library and practice spaces at Tippet Rise, a classical music and sculpture venue in Montana. Mrs. Feldman is a licensed landscape architect and a LEED Accredited Professional in Building Design and Construction.



Rick Parisi, FASLA

Managing Principal, MPFP

Rick Parisi is the Principal-in-Charge of MPFP and an award-winning Landscape Architect with over 37 years of experience in the design of parks, plazas, waterfronts, educational, health and recreational facilities. Holding a successful track record of project design and management in the United States and abroad, he served as the Principal-In-Charge of the New Delhi office, and until 1999, served as the Quality Control Principal of M. Paul Friedberg & Partners. As the lead designer of the Randall's Island/Wards Island Master Plan Study and the Randall's Island Field Development Project, Mr. Parisi has been closely involved with the evolution of the island's public open space from 1999 to present. In 2013, MPFP's landscape design for The Yards Park was awarded the prestigious ULI Urban Open Space award for creating an important community asset, linking the Anacostia waterfront to integral public spaces throughout Washington, DC. Most recently, Mr. Parisi led MPFP's design of the National Medal of Honor Museum, the Willets Point Development alongside an expansive NYCFC Stadium, Fordham Landing North/South, and the Culinary Institute of America.



Rebecca Popowsky, ASLA, RLA, SITES AP

Research Associate, OLIN

Rebecca Popowsky is a landscape architect and Research Associate at OLIN, where she leads the firm's research group, OLIN Labs. Her grant-funded research includes waste-based material design and practice-based research models. Rebecca has contributed to a wide-range of design and construction projects including Canal Park in Washington, DC, Dilworth Park in Philadelphia, and collaboration with the Army Corps of Engineers to restore the FEMA floodplain at the Potomac Park Levee on the National Mall. Rebecca teaches core and advanced design studios, research and professional practice courses at Penn Design and is undertaking a PhD in Practice-based Research at Virginia Tech.

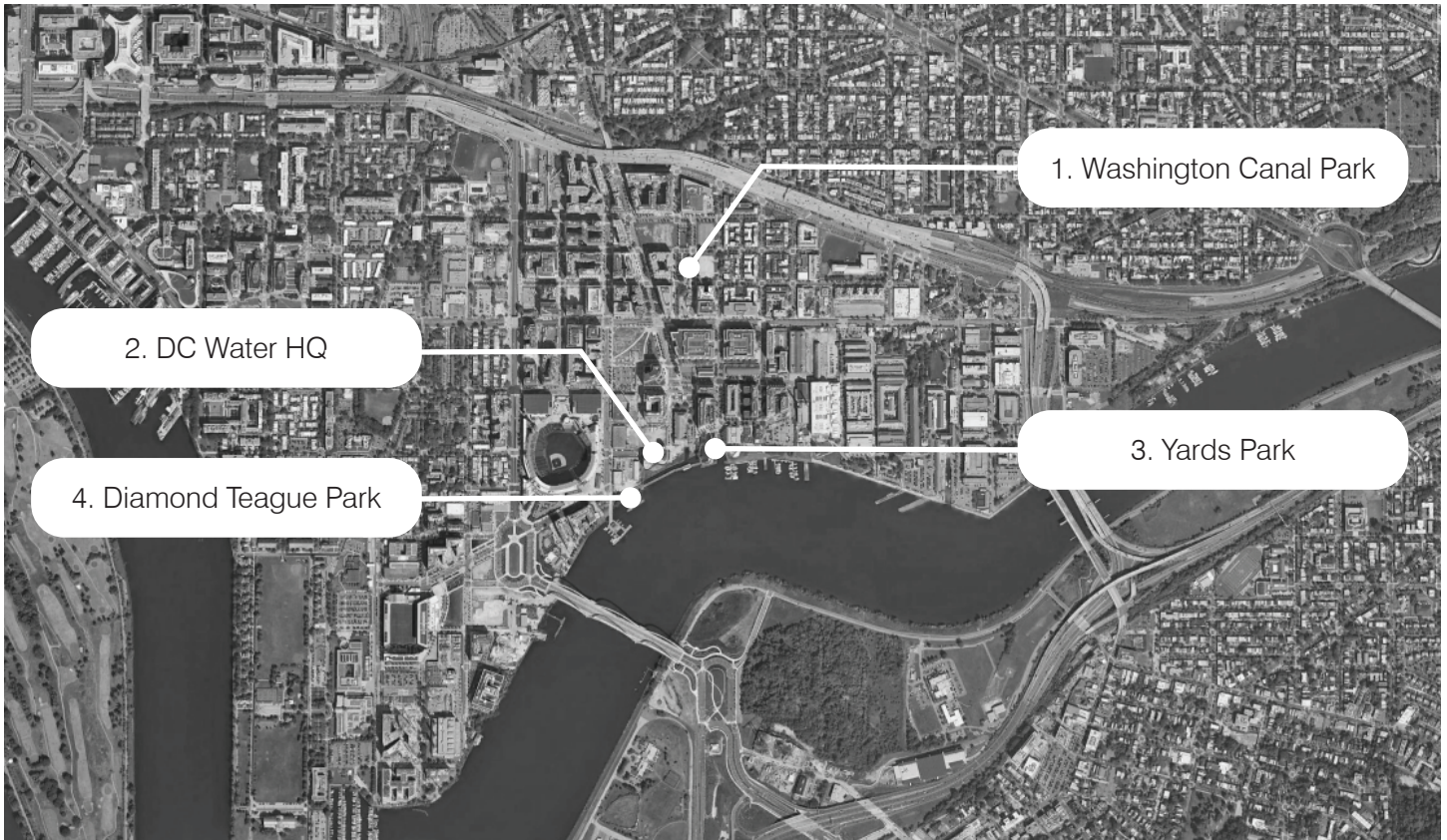


Sven Shockey, AIA, Leed BD+C

Vice President, Design Director, SmithGroup

As a Corporate Director of Design at SmithGroup, Sven has led the planning and design of a variety of mixed-use commercial, planning, science + tech, and higher education projects on prominent sites throughout the United States. Sven has a passion for a rigorous idea-driven process that incorporates research and next-generation computational analysis methods. His design leadership emphasizes site-specificity, placemaking, and sustainability resulting in numerous awards in architecture, historic preservation, sustainability, innovation, and planning.





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After decades of pollution and industrial activity, the Anacostia riverfront is experiencing a revival as an important urban waterfront. This tour explores four projects at different scales and with varied approaches to address sustainable water management and community riverfront access using a blend of engineered, innovative, and community-centered design.



DC Water Headquarters. Credit: SmithGroup

Session Timetable

8:30am-2pm, Sunday, October 6

8:30-9:30: Education Session

*History and Context of Navy Yard (Classroom at Conference Center)
(incl. 10 min break)*

9:30-10:40: Canal Park: OLIN

9:30: Load Bus at Conference Center (818 L St NW)
Ride to Canal Park (901 2nd PI SE)
Tour Canal Park

10:40-11:45: DC Water Headquarters: OvS + SmithGroup

Walk to DC Water + ID verification (attendee ID required for entrance)
Tour DC Water (1385 Canal St SE)
Regroup outside of DC Water security (N St SE and Tingey Square SE)

Note: DC Water is best visited in groups of up to 25 people, so session participants will be broken into two groups to tour rooftop and grounds.

11:45-12:20: Yards Park: MFPP

Visit Tingey Plaza and walk South to Great Lawn
Tour Yards Park

12:20-1:05: Lunch “on your own” at The Yards neighborhood

1:05-1:30 Diamond Teague Park: MKSK + Earth Conservation Corps

Walk along Anacostia Riverwalk Trail to Diamond Teague Park
Tour Diamond Teague Park

1:30-2:00 Load Bus

Return to Convention Center

Note: To save costs, provide more flexibility, and allow visitors to engage with the waterfront at their own pace, lunch will be “on your own.” Several food options at varied price points are available.

Tour will be held rain or shine.

Learning Outcomes

1. Explore ways to design public places that provide access to and strengthen community connections with urban waterways.
2. Learn about on-site water capture, treatment, and reuse at one of the first Sustainable Sites Initiative certified parks.
3. Develop strategies to transform reclaimed waterfront sites to positively impact stormwater and water use systems, while creating program opportunities for staff and visitors.
4. Study the transition of an industrial waterfront into a unique nexus between river, recreation, commercial activity and residential life.



Canal Park. Credit: OLIN / Sahar Coston-Hardy

Resources

Yards Park—2013 Urban Open Space Award Winner:

<https://americas.uli.org/yards-park-2013-urban-open-space-award/>

Diamond Teague Park:

<https://landezine.com/diamond-teague-park-by-mksk/>

Washington Canal Park—Landscape Performance Case Study:

<https://sustainablesites.org/washington-canal-park>; <https://www.landscapeperformance.org/case-study-briefs/canal-park>

DC Water and Sewer Authority Headquarters: <https://www.ovsla.com/portfolio-items/dc-water/>