



ASLA 2024 INSIGHT

Conference on Landscape Architecture
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11th Street Bridge Park: Building Trust and Strengthening Community Resilience

The moment the competition for 11th Street Bridge Park was awarded, the real work began. Follow a case study in how **“change happens at the speed of trust.”**

Learn how the team removed barriers to community participation in concept development and pledged to embed the community into the building of the park from the ground up, focusing on the physical and economic health of the Wards near the park, environmental equity, and the health of the Anacostia River itself.



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11TH STREET BRIDGE PARK FIELD SESSION SCHEDULE

7:45am – 1:00pm ET

Location: Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Field Session Departure Area 1

8:00 – 8:25

Leave Convention Center by bus and arrive at THEARC.

8:25 – 9:25

- Presentation on design of 11th Street Bridge Park combining community & river health - in the Community Room
- Building Community Trust to move the project forward – in the Community Room

9:25 – 9:40 Restroom break

9:40 – 10:10

Tour of THEARC and history & background of of Building Bridges Across the River

10:15 – 10:30

Bus trip to 11th Street Bridge Park site

10:30 – 11:00

- Tour of 11th Street Bridge site and VR experience of future design
- Discussion of environmental equity design goals for the 11th Street Bridge Park

11:00 – 11:20 Bus to Boat Launch site

11:20 – 12:30

Boat tour of AWS Mussel Power

12:30 – 1:00 Return to Convention Center



Learning Outcomes:

- Develop strategies to include local constituents by removing barriers to participation.
- Learn how to tap into existing community strengths and resources, to build a network of ownership for the project.
- Building a new community of ecological stewards that leverages existing programs focused on river and community health.
- Explore integrated solutions that combine architecture and landscape, meet desired community programming, and address environmental goals.



Building Bridges Across The River™

Building Bridges Across the River is the 501(c)3 non-profit organization that manages THEARC.





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Mission: Restore and protect the Anacostia River and its watershed communities

Vision: A swimmable and fishable Anacostia River for the health and enjoyment of all community members by 2025

Tools: Stewardship, Education, Recreation, Advocacy



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