



SAT-B08

## Enduring Landscapes: Stewardship from Concept Design to Maintenance and Management

How do we as practitioners hold ourselves to higher standards of stewardship? This session examines the transitions from design and documentation to maintenance and management, including examples of construction documentation, specifications, and management plans as powerful tools for stewarding dynamic landscapes.

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Examine strategies for representing changes in landscape over time and anticipating maintenance / management requirements
- Learn how to advocate for maintenance / management budgets from project inception
- Compare methodologies of construction documentation, enhanced specifications, and management plans to ensure successful project stewardship
- Explore approaches to collaboration with owner facilities and maintenance personnel to achieve successful project longevity.

# PANELISTS



**Meg Griscom**, ASLA, Senior Associate, Reed Hilderbrand LLC

Meg Griscom holds a dual Masters in Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning from the Harvard Graduate School of Design. After completing graduate work, she served as a project designer with Reed Hilderbrand beginning in 2005, working on the Thad Hayes Residence in Montclair NJ and the Parrish Art Museum in Water Mill NY. Her previous experience includes multiple independent residential projects as well as collaborations with architects, most notably on Lewis.Tsurumaki.Lewis (LTL)'s Water Proving Ground proposal for MoMA's 2010 Exhibition, Rising Currents.



**Tom Ryan**, FASLA, Principal, Ryan Associates

Tom Ryan is president of Ryan Associates and also teaches at the Harvard Graduate School of Design. In addition to his practice and teaching he also consults many landscape architectural firms on construction and documentation issues. He is the co-author of Detailing for Landscape Architects and authored the original versions of several chapters in Timesavers Standards. He has lectured widely on issues of design, detailing, documentation and construction.



**Tim Marshall**, FASLA, Principal, ETM Associates

Timothy Marshall has extensive hands-on experience with park management and operations, with over 30 years in the field. Mr. Marshall was formerly the Vice President for the Central Park Conservancy and Deputy Administrator of Central Park for more than 13 years with direct responsibility for Park daily management. As principal/owner of ETM Associates, LLC, he provides creative problem solving for park management and operations, funding, and public/private involvement nationwide



**Annette P. Wilkus**, FASLA, RLA, LEED® AP, Founding Partner, SiteWorks

Annette is the founding Partner of SiteWorks with over 35 years of experience in design, construction documentation and construction management. Throughout her career she has been interested in the technical aspects of Landscape Architecture, including the increasing divergence in the building industry between the focus of design, construction and facility professionals. Annette has been an integral member of construction management teams for multiple public open spaces including Teardrop Park, three Sections of The High Line, Hunters Point South and Governors Island.

# OUTLINE

## PRIMER

### 1. Introduction

- a. How do we define Stewardship?
- b. How do we anticipate needs, and costs, over time for landscapes of change?
- c. What tools can we use to extend stewardship into the present and future of landscapes?
- d. How can we incorporate these tools across multiple site scales and typologies?

### 2. The Power of Specifications

- a. A critique of construction documentation and specifications for achieving landscape stewardship.
- b. How do we push construction documentation and specifications to do more?
- c. A successful example of stewardship through the use of enhanced construction documentation and specifications.

### 3. Advocating for Stewardship Through Public Space Management

- a. A critique of public space management for achieving landscape stewardship.
- b. Planning, organizing, and directing resources to achieve landscape stewardship.
- c. A successful example of stewardship through management plans.

### 4. The Necessity of Management Plans

- a. Advocating to clients for operations and maintenance master planning and budgeting.
- b. Training and monitoring to empower grounds maintenance / management personnel to learn new techniques, adapt to new standards.
- c. A successful example of stewardship through management plans.

### 5. Discussion

# CASE STUDIES



**Tom Ryan, Ryan Associates**  
Lower Don River, Toronto, ON



**Tim Marshall, ETM Associates**  
Discovery Green, Houston, TX



Shelby Farms, Memphis, TN



**Annette Wilkus, SiteWorks**  
Hunters Point South, Long Island City, NY



Whitehall Green Roof, New York, NY



The Ford Foundation, New York, NY