

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: Ecological Architecture at PennDesign University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia PA 2016-2018
Guest Lecturer, Overbrook Environmental Center's Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) class, Girard College, 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 Guest, 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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As the founder, principal, and guiding influence of Viridian Landscape Studio, Tavis leads a team that works every day to make sure they leave more than they take – and have fun while they're doing it. Her belief in the essential and healing power of landscapes drives all of the firm's design projects and ecological master plans. A natural storyteller and gifted communicator, Tavis knows how to build consensus between diverse stakeholders and counsels clients on balancing long-term ecological resilience with memorable placemaking. Her work and ideas have helped reshape cities, transform college campuses, and improve lives for communities all over the country.

Tavis is active in her professional community as a member of the American Society of Landscape Architects and a fellow of the Design Trust for Public Space. She sits on the steering committee of the Design Advocacy Group and the advisory council of the Community Design Collaborative, which provides pro-bono design services to nonprofits. Tavis is committed to mentoring the leaders of tomorrow and, in addition to her guidance as leader of Viridian, has shared her insight and expertise as a guest lecturer at the University of Pennsylvania, Carnegie Mellon, and other institutions. As a co-author of 21st Century Parks for New York City, she initiated a paradigm shift in the operation and maintenance of NYC's 29,000 acres of parkland. When Tavis isn't restoring and repairing the environment, chances are she's enjoying it – on a bike ride with her family, a long, meandering walk outside, or by unwinding and unplugging in an off-the-grid cabin at an undisclosed location in New England.

Tavis holds a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture from Pennsylvania State University. She is also a graduate of the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Business program.

AWARDS

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

2018 Montgomery Award for Excellence in Planning & Design, Penn State Abington Lions Gate Student Apartments, Abington PA

2016 Philadelphia Community Design Collaborative's International Play Space Design Competition, Reviving Recess: Bright Futures Chutes and Ladders, Mill Creek, Philadelphia PA

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

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. Dockwiler 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.

