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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

UNDERSTANDING THE PROFESSION
BEHIND THE OUTDOOR PLACES WE SHARE

IMAGE + PROJECT: AYRES ASSOCIATES



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HIGH LINE

NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

IMAGE + PROJECT: JAMES CORNER FIELD OPERATIONS

THIS IS LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE



LITTLE ISLAND

NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

IMAGE + PROJECT: MATHEWS NIELSEN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS



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IMAGE + PROJECT: GGN / CATHERINE TIGHE



LURIE GARDEN

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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IMAGE + PROJECT: DESIGN WORKSHOP



TITLETOWN PLAZA

GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN



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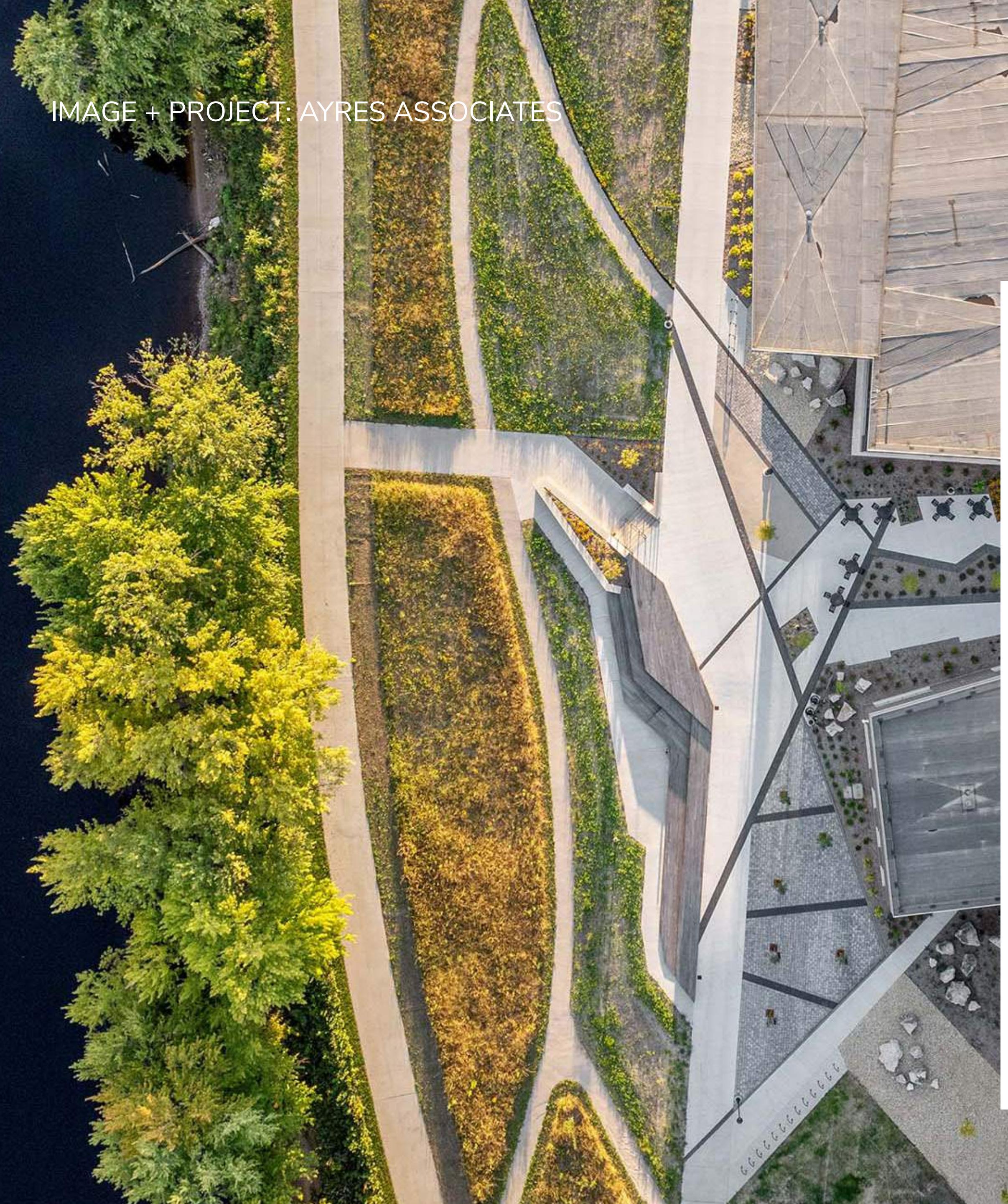
STATE STREET

MADISON, WISCONSIN



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WHAT IS LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE?

Landscape architects plan and design **healthy, safe, and resilient** outdoor spaces for all. As **STEM** professionals, they blend **science** and **creativity** to enhance our communities, making them **vibrant places** to live, work, and play. From small towns to the largest cities, landscape architects engage with communities to **create cherished spaces**.

LICENSURE + RESPONSIBILITY

LICENSURE IS REQUIRED IN ALL 50 STATES

DEGREE FROM
AN ACCREDITED
INSTITUTION



SUPERVISED
EXPERIENCE IN A
PROFESSIONAL SETTING



FOUR PART
NATIONAL
LICENSING EXAM

Landscape architects protect the public health, safety, and welfare within the landscape.



WHY LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE MATTERS FOR EDUCATION

Outdoor environments function as powerful learning spaces, and when they are intentionally designed, they support physical activity, mental well-being, social connection, and a sense of safety and belonging, shaping how students behave, interact, and feel in the places they share.



AREAS OF PRACTICE

A GLIMPSE INTO THE MANY TYPES OF WORK

OUTDOOR RECREATION
SPACES



TRANSPORTATION
NETWORKS



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RESILIENT
COMMUNITIES



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- Dog parks and pet friendly recreation areas
- Nature preserves and open space systems
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RELEVANCE:

Support physical, mental, and social health by creating places for play, gathering, and community connection. In school settings, these spaces extend the classroom, shaping movement, inclusion, and social interaction while providing opportunities for outdoor learning.

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TRANSPORTATION NETWORKS

Creating safe, efficient, and people-centered systems for moving through communities, from sidewalks and bike lanes to transit corridors.

- Complete streets and multi modal corridors
- Intersection redesigns and safety improvements
- Mobility hubs (bike share, scooters)
- Protected bike lanes
- Traffic-calming and safety projects
- Transit stop and station-area improvements
- Wayfinding and multi modal signage systems

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RELEVANCE:
Improve safety and accessibility while encouraging walking and biking and reducing environmental impacts. These networks support Safe Routes to School, strengthen walkability around campuses, and help students build civic awareness through everyday movement and observation.



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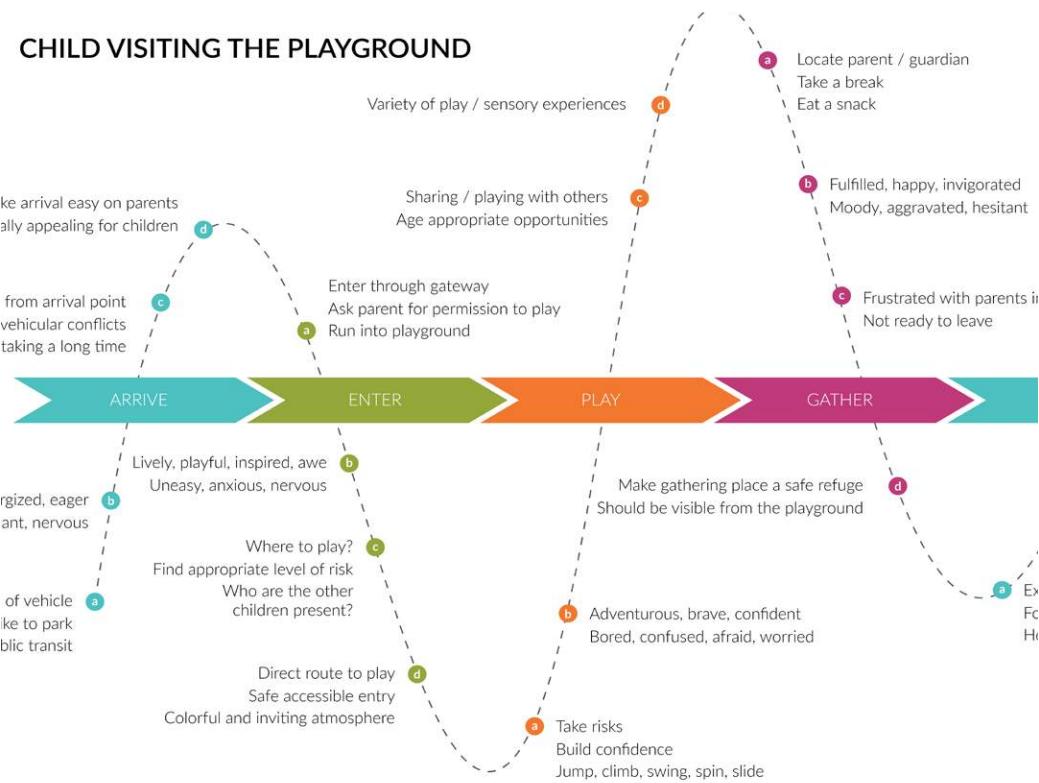
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RELEVANCE:

Planning for future climate uncertainty. These projects strengthen climate literacy, encourage stewardship of local environments, and build long-term thinking and problem-solving skills that help kids understand how their choices and surroundings shape a more resilient community.

SKILLS + PROCESS

Landscape architects use a blend of analytical, creative, and technical skills to move projects from concept to construction.



RESEARCH + ANALYSIS

Understanding sites, ecosystems, data, and community needs.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Listening, collaborating, and incorporating diverse voices.

ITERATIVE DESIGN

Exploring ideas, testing alternatives, and refining solutions.

CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTATION + ADMINISTRATION

Translating designs into buildable plans and guiding projects through completion.



CAREER DISCOVERY

K-12 LEARNING TOOLS AND RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS (ASLA).

K-12 and Adults



yards in Bloom

Grades K-5



Sustainable Landscapes
Case Studies

Grades 9-12



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COLLAGE ACTIVITY

This activity was designed to encourage kids to think like a landscape architect. In the process, they were able to select images to create their "award winning" park.



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DESIGN A PARK

COLLAGE ACTIVITY

Imagine you are a Landscape Architect
designing the most exciting new park
in Wisconsin! Think about the following
questions carefully as you create your vision
for the park.

Grab 1-2 images as you answer each question. At the end, you will have all the materials you need to collage your award winning park masterpiece!



SET THE SCENE

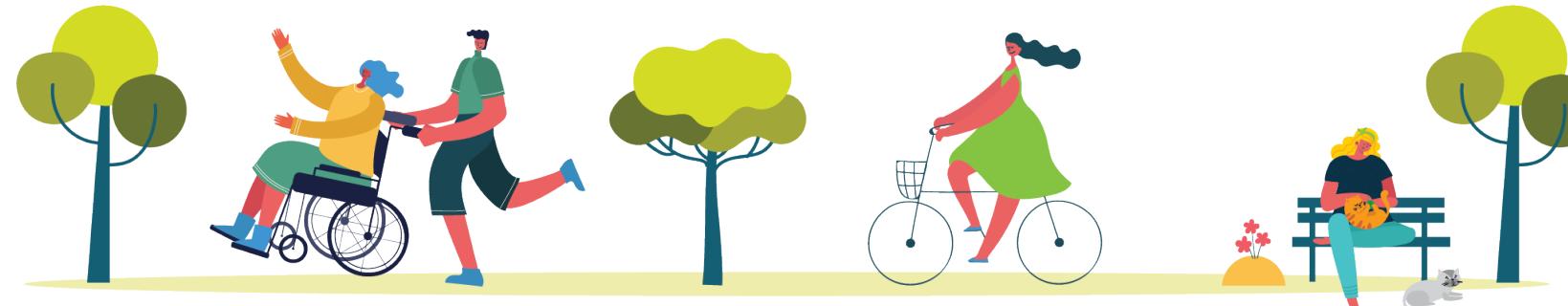
COLLAGE ACTIVITY

Where will your park be located? (city, forest, lakefront, schoolyard)

How will people get to the park? (foot, bicycle, car, scooter, skateboard, bus)

Who will you take with you to the park?
(parent, guardian, grandparent, sibling, friend, dog)

People are not the only ones who will enjoy your park. What animals or insects might you see? (squirrel, rabbit, bird, bee, butterfly, deer, bear, fish, frog)



CREATE A PLAN

COLLAGE ACTIVITY

When people visit the park, where will they play? (playground, open lawn, beach, skate park)

Will there be a place to splash? (splash pad, pool, beach)

What about a place to climb? (rock wall, rope structure, nature play logs)

When they get tired, where will they relax? (under a tree, on a bench, in a hammock, on a picnic blanket)

Your park will be such a hit that there will be big events there. What will they be? (sports games, music nights, movies in the park, farmers markets)



BUILD YOUR PARK

COLLAGE ACTIVITY

Create your collage with all your park pictures. Use markers, stamps, and stickers to decorate.

Before your park opens, you must think of a name! **What is your park called?**

Imagine you are a Landscape Architect and you have just designed the most exciting new park in Wisconsin. Everyone in the community is so happy and they love playing there. **Write 3 words to describe your park.**





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Landscape architects shape the outdoor environments where learning happens every day. Educators and landscape architects share a commitment to creating places where people can thrive. **When we design outdoor spaces with intention, we support learning, curiosity, and well-being far beyond the classroom.**



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