For nearly six decades, SWA has been recognized as a world leader in landscape architecture, planning, and urban design. Our projects, located in more than 60 countries worldwide, have garnered over 800 awards, and many of our principals are widely acknowledged as among the industry’s most innovative and experienced designers and planners. After emerging in 1959 as the West Coast office of Sasaki, Walker Associates, the firm became the SWA Group in 1975.

Although SWA is one of the largest firms within our industry, we’ve organized ourselves into smaller studio-based offices to enhance creativity and client responsiveness. Historically, over 75 percent of our work has come from repeat clients. SWA has had the opportunity to work with some of the world’s most renowned public and private sponsors of projects, and some of the world’s most talented architects, engineers, and related professionals.

Our work is fueled by a deep appreciation for nature and for the beauty of natural systems. We are also inspired by the complexity of human-made systems and the interactions they influence. Our projects have become recognized for their visionary aesthetics, exceptional functionality, and keen understanding of social design, as well as their emphasis on environmental sustainability. At SWA’s core is a passion for imaginative, solution-oriented design that adds value to land, buildings, cities, regions, and people’s lives.

About SWA

“SWA has an uncanny ability to create a powerful conceptual vision, see it through all levels of documentation to project completion, with magnificent detailing and execution.” — RONALD LOCH, TAUBMAN

Civic Communities
Commercial & Mixed Use Corporate Educational Healthcare
Hospitality & Leisure Natural Systems Parks Residential Transportation Urban Design & Waterfront
Landscape architecture at SWA involves the design of landscapes at a variety of scales—from large, multi-functional sites to small, intimate spaces. Innovative research into materials, lifestyles, and landscape technologies coupled with a deep understanding of how people use outdoor spaces informs our unique design process. SWA’s landscape architectural work has received worldwide recognition for its innovative excellence.

Landscape Architecture

“After many projects, I continue to work with SWA because of their commitment to excellence in design, team collaboration, and client service, and their shared responsibility for the results of the project over the long run.”

—DAVID J. NEUMAN, FAIA, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
“With their imaginative, open-minded approach, SWA has consistently been a critical force in creating the big idea and bringing it into being.”
—THOMAS BRUDZINSKI, THE ROUSE COMPANY

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Landscape Architecture
Scope of Services
Site Planning
Concept Design
Schematic Design
Design Development
Construction Documentation
Construction Observation

DELOITE UNIVERSITY | WESTLAKE, TEXAS

SYMANTEC | CHENGDU, CHINA

OCT BAY | SHENZHEN, CHINA
“SWA makes us better designers by always challenging us to find the singularly correct solution for each project. No matter the design problem, SWA’s creativity and progressive approach to integrating architecture, planning and landscape design produces winning outcomes time after time. Oh, and they’re fun to work with.” —MARTY BORKO, PRINCIPAL, GENSLER
WHOLE FOODS CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS | AUSTIN, TEXAS

AKASAKA K TOWER | TOKYO, JAPAN

LAS VENTANAS AL PARAISO | CABO SAN LUCAS, MEXICO

GIANT INTERACTIVE CAMPUS | SHANGHAI, CHINA

TAORU PARK | SHANGHAI, CHINA

DOWNTOWN SUMMERLIN | LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

WHOLE FOODS CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS | AUSTIN, TEXAS

AKASAKA K TOWER | TOKYO, JAPAN
For very large projects, SWA provides land planning and master planning. Our plans make sensitive use of topography, landform, natural resources, vegetation, infrastructure and buildings, resulting in more livable and sustainable projects. This approach can nurture new directions for the master planning of communities, campuses, workplaces, civic and commercial districts, transit-oriented developments, waterfronts, recreation, and natural system restoration. As needed, we pull together teams of consultants ranging from engineers to scientists whose collective experience complements our own. SWA’s award-winning planning work is recognized for creating exceptional places.
Planning
Scope of Services
Master Plans
Land Use Plans
Site Plans
Site Analysis and Selection
Design Guidelines
Development Strategies
Government Approvals

GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL RECREATION AREA | MARIN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

SAN DIEGO EMBARCADERO | SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

FORT WAYNE RIVERFRONT | FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

STANFORD UNIVERSITY | STANFORD, CALIFORNIA
“SWA has been a pleasure to work with. Their creativity and attention to detail has really made the difference in our landscape and master planning efforts.”
— DAVID SALAZAR, AICP, CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
Successful urban design encompasses the infrastructure of an urban environment, synthesizing buildings, streets, corridors, and natural systems into a cohesive, fully functional, and aesthetically unified whole. SWA has designed new cities, districts, neighborhoods and waterfronts, as well as the specific components of urban environments, including plazas, parks, promenades, and urban streetscapes. As designers with a sophisticated understanding of the urban landscape, we are particularly adept at integrating nature into cities using the available resources as the foundation and framework from which livable, high-density environments can flourish. SWA’s international reputation in urban planning and design has evolved from our history of successful projects.
“SWA brings the highest quality urban planning and design to our communities. Their sincere and enabling approach to environmental stewardship will better position our projects for long-term, sustainable success.”

—RANDY SATER, PRESIDENT, STONEBRIDGE PROPERTIES, LLC

Urban Planning
Urban Land Use and Building Massing Studies
Urban Landscape Design
Urban Redevelopment
Design Guidelines

Scope of Services

KATY TRIM | DALLAS, TEXAS
SHANGHAI EXPO UBPA (URBAN BEST PRACTICE AREA) | SHANGHAI, CHINA
SANTANA ROW | SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA
PRINCE BAY WATERFRONT | SHENZHEN, CHINA
KATY TRIM | DALLAS, TEXAS
AC Martin Partners
Adrian Smith + Gordon Gill
Alameda County
Alamo Architect
Aliana Development Company
Anahiem Redevelopment Agency
Attoon Partners
BAR Architects
Bing Thom Architects
Boeing Realty
Brookfield
Brown & Root, Inc.
Buffalo Bayou Partnership
Callison Architecture
Cambridge Seven Associates
Carrier Johnson
Catellus Development Corp.
CBRE
Centex Destination Properties
Chengdu OCT
Citation Homes
City of San Diego, CA
City of San Francisco, CA
City of Santa Rosa, CA
City of Seattle, WA
City of Shanghai, China
City of Shenzhen, China
City of Tempe, AZ
Combined Properties
Cornell University Real Estate
CSU Long Beach
Cypress Lawn
Daipin Printing
Dal Shengding Development Ltd.
Dar Al-Handasah
Disney Development
DMB Associates
Dubai Properties
ELS
Emaar Properties PJSC
Exxon Mobil
F+ A Architects
Federal Realty Investment Trust
Fisher Friedman Architects
Flinvest Alabang, Inc.
Forest City Development
Foshan Urban Planning Bureau
Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts
Friends of Hermann Park
Friends of Katy Trail
Friendswood Development
General Growth Properties
Gensler
George Kaiser Family Foundation
Giant Investment Company
GID
Goettch Partners
Greenland Group
Guangdong Nanhai Planning Bureau
Guangdong Wuyan Enterprises
Guangzhou Urban Planning & Design
Half Century More, Inc.
Hangzhou Hubin Commerce & Tourism
Harris County Flood Control District
Harris County Improvement District
Health Care-Japan Co., Ltd.
Hillwood Development
Hines Interests
HKG, Inc.
HNTB Corporation
Hobs + Black Architects
Hedek Bobo Group
HOK
Hornberger + Westell
Houston Downtown Management
Howard Hughes Corporation
Hudson Properties
Huntington Memorial Hospital
Hyatt
The Irvine Company
James KM Cheng Architects
Jerde Partnership
Johnson Fain
JWDA Architects
Kajima Corporation
Kaufman & Broad
Kohn Pedersen Fox Associates
Korth Sunseri Hagey Architects
Kris Yao | Artech
Kume Sekkei Co., Ltd.
Lenear
Limitless LLC
Lowe Enterprises
LPA, Inc.
Lusail Real Estate
Macquire Thomas Partners
Morris Architects
OCT Shanghai
Nakheel
NBC Universal
New Home Company
NBBJ
Nikken Sekkei
Ningbo Planning Bureau
Parsons Brinkerhoff
Pei Partnership
Perkins & Will
Perkins Eastman Architects
Peiffer Partners
Poly (Deyang) RE
Raycom
Rey de la Reza Architects
Rice University
RMV Community Development
RTKL Associates
Sadie Architects
Samsung Everland, Inc.
San Antonio River Authority
Santa Clara Development
SB Architects
Shanghai Gubei (Group) Co. Ltd.
Shape Properties
Shea Homes, LLC
Shenzhen Urban Planning & Design
Shimao Group
Simeon Commercial Properties
Simon Property Group
SIP Planning and Construction
Skidmore Owings & Merrill LLP
Smith Group
Solomon Coldwell Buenz
Spieker Properties
Stanford University
Stantec Architecture
Stonebridge Properties, LLC
Steinberg Architects
Strategic Hotels and Resorts
STUDIOS Architecture
SunCal Companies
Taubman
Taylor Morrison
Texas Dept. of Transportation
Thannisch Development
The Resort Group
Thompson Ventulett Stainback
Tishman Speyer Properties
Toll Brothers
Toyo Itt & Associates
Trammel Crow Company
Trendmaker Development
Trevi Communities
Trifarm Communities
Turner, Collie and Braden, Inc.
Unitech Ltd.
University of California
University of Arizona
University of Houston
University of Miami
University of the Pacific
University of Southern California
University of Washington
Uptown Development Authority
Vanke
Walt Disney Imagineering
Westbank Corp.
William Rawn Associates
Wilson Meany Inc.
Woodlands Development Corporation
Xiamen Haicang Investment Corp.
Yunnan Hort-Expo Xingyun Real Estate Co. Ltd.
Zhuhai Urban Planning Bureau
Zimmer Gunsul Frasca Architects
Zhejiang Joyen Real Estate
Landscape Architecture, Planning, and Urban Design.

Our creative, studio-based offices are committed to design that results in beauty, sustainability and social well-being.