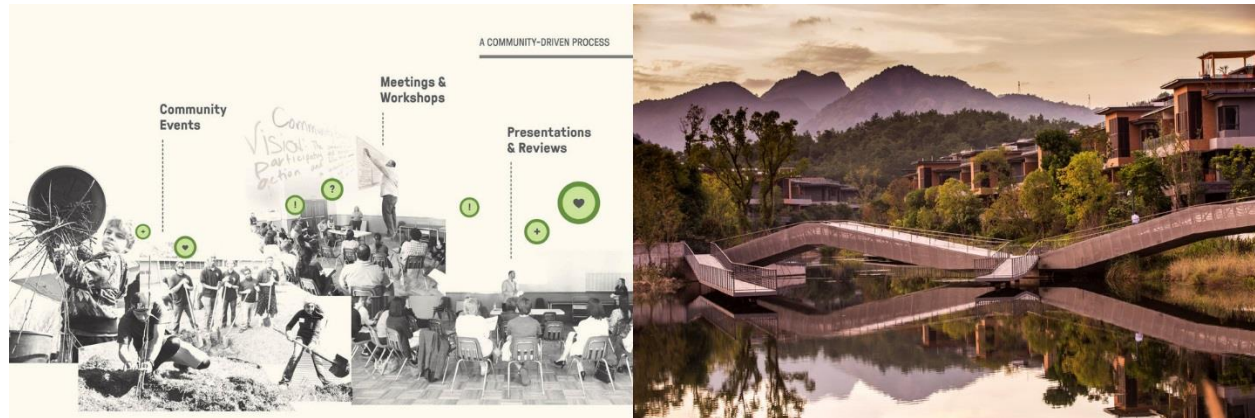


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SWA Wins 8 Awards from the Southern California Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)



Honor award-winners Inglewood & Lennox Greening Plan (left) and Fuzhou Vanke Town (right)

Los Angeles, California (October 26, 2016) – Earlier this month, the SoCal ASLA chapter recognized the range and depth of expertise at international landscape architecture firm SWA by awarding eight of its recent and ongoing projects with Honor or Merit awards in the Design and Analysis & Planning categories. These accolades celebrate the diverse creative efforts by SWA's Los Angeles and Laguna Beach studios to improve the health and enhance the lifestyles of people worldwide, from Inglewood, California, to Changsha, China.

The winners are: Fuzhou Vanke Town; Inglewood & Lennox Greening Plan; Lianjing Park; Down Summerlin; Milton Street Park; Monet Avenue 2.0 at Victoria Gardens; Oxnard Green Alleys Plan; and Tongxi Waterway. From a small bird-watching sanctuary in a new pocket park along the Los Angeles River to a three-mile-long park carved through stone canyons in China to an artful, upscale retail venue outside Las Vegas, the award-winning projects reflect the range of SWA's high-performing spaces. Collaboration is central to SWA's design approach, both with clients and industry partners as well as with users and stakeholders of its designed spaces.

3 Projects Receiving Honor Awards

The mixed-use **Fuzhou Vanke Town** consists of a 45-hectare watershed area surrounded by 12 small hills in Fuzhou, China. It features a boutique hotel, shopping street, clubhouses, high-rises, townhouses, and detached homes. Housing clusters follow the site topography; a central lake is preserved and leveraged as a public open space, unifying the site. Sub-watersheds are now neighborhood parks, incorporating hilltops and ridges via an extensive trail network to form a larger recreational system.

SWA proposed a comprehensive, nine-mile **Inglewood & Lennox Greening Plan** in conjunction with TreePeople and Social Justice Learning Institute. The firm prepared planning studies and targeted areas for strategic tree planting, community gardens, and capturing/conserving rainwater. Locally grown food and pedestrian-friendly areas are planned to help address major health concerns. Resident volunteers will oversee the implementation.

Located in the rapidly growing Changsha, China, the 30-hectare **Lianjiang Park** commands a critical juncture of planned development while accommodating regional environmental challenges. The park provides needed drainage for the adjacent city while connecting it with the mountain and water through a meandering network of trails, terrace, creek, wetlands, and a lake, in a landform tapestry inspired by Han Dynasty-era art.

5 Projects Receiving Merit Awards

The 109-acre **Downtown Summerlin** is a high-end retail/entertainment center forming the heart of a 22,500-acre master-planned community west of Las Vegas. The landscape emphasizes comfort and shade while drawing upon the desert floor, canyon wall, and sky to create an abstract framework for the project's horizontal, vertical, and overhead surfaces.

Milton Street Park is a 1.2-acre linear urban park alongside the Ballona Creek Bike Trail in Los Angeles. It incorporates numerous green-design elements, including the use of recycled materials, native planting, and flow-through planters. Bird-watching platforms, bike trail enhancements, seating and outdoor picnic areas enhance the visitor experience along the trail.

Monet Avenue 2.0 at Victoria Gardens refreshes a 10-year-old mixed-use retail project to keep it relevant for years to come. SWA redesigned a significant three-block streetscape and plaza to highlight the social landscape and blur the lines between retail and recreation, resulting in a significant increase in visitors and a waiting list for future tenants.

The Oxnard Green Alleys Plan guides revitalization to provide bicycle and pedestrian connections, improve stormwater quality, mitigate urban heat island effect, create open space for recreation, and support local businesses. The Plan will help the city identify suitable alleys and offers design elements that can be selected with community input.

Tongxi Waterway is a large-scale urban Changsha improvement: A three-mile-long canal carved through a stone canyon linking the city and lake, improving water quality through recirculating waterfalls and revealing flowering meadows and a shady forest. Interspersed are trails, boat taxis, a teahouse, waterfalls, bridges, sky walks, wetlands, and a shopping village.

About SWA

SWA is a design leader in landscape architecture and urban planning. The firm's purpose is to help clients create places that are at once ecologically resilient, aesthetically compelling, and socially beneficial. With more than 200 professionals throughout its seven studios worldwide, SWA offers clients both a deep bench of talent and experience as well as the energy, personal commitment, and responsiveness often found in smaller firms. Since its founding nearly six decades ago, SWA has won more than 800 awards.

Interviews concerning the various award winners are available with SWA's CEO, Gerdo Aquino, who leads the Los Angeles studio, and with Sean O'Malley, Managing Principal of the Laguna Beach studio. Images are available of all projects.

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