

E d u c a t i o n :
1990-1996 University of Oregon, Bachelor's of Landscape Architecture

S w a m p P i n k L a n d s c a p e A r c h i t e c t u r e P r o j e c t s

Community Conservation Projects

- 2013/2016 **Industrial District Green: Los Angeles, CA**
Co-founder and Program Manager industrialdistrictgreen.org
Mission Statement: to improve the livability of the DTLA Industrial District through the implementation and maintenance of community-based greening and open space projects while engaging under-served members of the community via education and outreach programs.
- 2014-2015 **TreePeople Drought Tolerant Garden Diagrams, Southern California**
Developed 16 drought tolerant planting design examples for a TreePeople grant project.
- 2013 **Arts District Tree Planting Project, Los Angeles, California**
Secured funding and organized the planting of 37 street trees
- 2011 **Baldwin Hills HOA, Baldwin Hills, California**
Developed a written and graphic addendum to the HOA guidelines, for residents to follow when designing a drought tolerant garden.
- 2010 **Laurel Canyon/Mulholland Drive Corner Lot, Los Angeles, California**
Native Planting Demonstration Site.
- 2009 **TreePeople Webb Median Project, San Fernando Valley, California**
Drought tolerant landscape design. Presented design to interested parties at the Waste Management office.
- 2009 **McCarrell Canyon Native Plant Demonstration Garden for the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, California**
Created a native plant design along a pathway leading from Rancho Palos Verdes Drive to a hillside trail system. On-site plant placement.
- 2008 **Project Youth Green -Community Garden, Pacoima, California**
Hired by Youth Speak Collective to create design plans for a 2 acre piece of land owned by Recreation and Parks leased to YSC. Design included: 60 community garden plots, extensive fruit tree orchard and educational gardens. Collaboration with TreePeople's Regional Manager Northeast Valley and local youth.
- 2007 **CLCA/USGVMWD Water Fest Event**
Hired by the California Landscape Contractors Association to design a native/drought tolerant demonstration garden.
- 2006 **Lockhurst Elementary School- Treepeople Tree Planting, Woodland Hills, California**
Worked with Lockhurst Elementary School and Treepeople to develop a tree planting plan for the campus.
- 2005 **Exceptional Children's Foundation Sitting Garden, Culver City California**
Transformed a parking lot corner into an enclosed sanctuary through the use of planter boxes and plant material. Hired by Treepeople, Sony funded project.
- 2002-2003 **TreePeople DWP Cool Schools Projects – Designing with trees for energy efficiency and sustainable watershed management.**
- Serrenia Elementary School, Los Angeles, CA
 - Riverside Elementary School, Los Angeles, CA
 - Wilshire Crest Elementary School, Los Angeles, CA
 - Farragut Elementary School, Culver City, CA
 - Lynnwood Elementary School, Los Angeles, CA

- 2001** **Pacoima Middle School Educational Garden for New Health Center, Pacoima, California**
Worked with Health Care Coordinator for the San Fernando Cluster to create an educational garden adjacent to a new healthcare center.
- 2000-2001** **Project Manager for County Prop A Grant and Urban Resource Partnership Grant to Plant 221 Trees on Van Nuys Blvd., Pacoima, California**
Hired by Pacoima Beautiful, trained 15 youth in organizing their community to plant 221 trees. Partners included: TreePeople, Pacoima Partners, CRA, Mayors office, Councilman's office and the Senator's office.
- 2000** **Milliken Middle School Amphitheater and Educational Gardens, North Hollywood, California**
Worked with service learning coordinators and theater magnet teachers to design an amphitheater and educational gardens.
- 2000** **Leo Politi Elementary School, Los Angeles, California**
Hired as a consultant to TreePeople choosing appropriate trees for the campus. Created a butterfly attracting garden design and detailed planting plan.
- 2000** **Culver City Middle School Butterfly Garden/Courtyard Garden, Culver City, California**
Worked with CCMS, TreePeople, and Sony to develop and implement a butterfly attracting garden, courtyard garden, and wetland educational gardens on campus. Funded by Sony for their International Sony Volunteer Day.
- 1998-1999** **Kaboom Playground Design Build/Environmental Garden Project at Maclay Middle School, Pacoima, California**
Hired by Pacoima Beautiful, worked with Maclay Middle School students and faculty, Americorps representatives, LACC, the Prudential funder and Kaboom to organize the site preparation and build day. Worked with leadership students to design the educational garden around the play equipment.
- 1998-1999** **Sustainable School Project at Broadous Elementary School. This is one of TreePeople's Demonstration Projects implementing best management practices to reduce stormwater runoff and flooding. (DWP Cool Schools) Pacoima, California**
Worked through TreePeople and Pacoima Beautiful to organize design charette sessions with Broadous teachers, students and the community for the purpose of creating a conceptual design based upon community input and site analysis. I developed an environmentally educational curriculum, linked to the physical aspects of the design, to teach youth about their ecosystem. Worked with youth on identifying streets for tree plantings.
- 1998-1999** **Humphrey Park Graffiti Prevention Prop A Grant, Pacoima, California**
Worked through Pacoima Beautiful to recruit youth from the local park gang. Supervised locally hired youth, ages 16-21, in performing a neighborhood survey. Developed curriculum for invited Broadous Elementary Youth 3rd through 5th grade to participate. Measured park sites with older youth and guided them towards developing a planting scheme. Supervised planting.
- 1997-1999** **Broadous Elementary School Projects, Pacoima, California**
Organized meetings with community members, principal, teachers, TreePeople, LACC, LA GROWS, Pacoima Beautiful and students to design a community garden and a parent's center Tot Lot garden. Developed educational curriculum to incorporate into the design process. Organized the implementation of the Tot Lot.
- 1997-2000** **Hancock Park Elementary School Beautification Project, Los Angeles, California**
Landscape consultant for the preparation of a grant application. Prepared garden design drawings for faculty and community meetings. Used community feed-back to create design drawings. Worked with contractors.

Commercial and Multi-Family Housing Projects

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| 2015- | Urban-Blox- Small Lot Residential Subdivision, Valley Village, CA |
| 2015- | Urban-Blox – Small Lot Residential Subdivision, Los Angeles, CA |
| 2015- | LOHA- Mixed Use Multi Family Housing Project, Los Angeles CA |
| 2014- | LOHA –Mixed Use Multi Family Housing Project, Elysian Valley CA |
| 2014 | The Elysian – (Entry way and Hillside), Los Angeles, California |
| 2009 | KGM Lighting Architects, El Segundo California |

Drought Tolerant/Native Plant Residential Landscape Design Projects

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| 2015 | Avalos Residence, Los Angeles California |
| 2014 | Murphy Residence, Santa Monica California |
| 2013 | Aguilar/McCanless, Los Angeles California |
| 2012 | Reins Residence, Los Angeles, California |
| 2010 | Fine Residence, Rancho Palos Verdes |
| 2009 | Wagman Residence, Manhattan Beach, California |
| 2008 | Sweet Residence, Redondo Beach, California |
| 2008 | Hammer Residence, El Segundo, California |

Projects Worked on at Melendrez Design Partners 2002 - 2003:

- Rancho Los Amigos Healing Garden, Downey, CA
Tasks: Researched healing gardens, interviewed patients and therapists, developed program for therapists.
- Cal Trans Grant Application for Older Urban Interface and Ramp Impact Analyses
Tasks: Research, writing.
- MTA Grant Application for No Ho Arts District, North Hollywood, CA
Tasks: Research, writing.
- Lankershim Boulevard Sidewalk Widening, North Hollywood, CA
- Pedestrian/Transit Crossroads Phase 2, Hollywood CA
- Pacoima Streetscape Guidelines, Los Angeles, CA
Tasks: Writing.
- Cal State Fullerton Campus Guidelines, Fullerton, CA
- Griffith Park Master Plan, Los Angeles CA
Tasks: Research, collection of site maps, mapping.

International Volunteer Projects

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| 2011 | La Giraudiere Brossac, France Accepted to assist in designing a recreational space with a trail system for a one acre woodland area. |
| 2004 | Manco Capac Escuela, Cusco, Peru Initiated contact with this Elementary School. Worked with students and teachers developing a garden project curriculum which included: a school clean-up, recycling program and the designing and building of seven gardens. |
| 1995 | Tree Farm Experiment, Agua Buena, Costa Rica Volunteered on an experimental tree farm that was a research project started by a professor at UC Irvine testing the fastest growth rates of native trees planted in different settings. Research tasks involved: measured DBH's of planted native trees, inputted and computed data, tagged trees. |

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Community Experience and Training:

Participated on the Pacoima Beautiful Advisory Board, involved with the Targeted Neighborhood Initiative design meetings for Van Nuys Blvd., Coro Pacoima Plunge Training, Conflict Resolution Training through the City Los Angeles Human Relations Commission, Green Roof Design 101 Training Course, Santa Monica Sustainable Landscapes Training

Boards and Affiliations

LARABA (Los Angeles River Artists' & Business Association) Board member – 2013 – Present
LARABA LUC (LARABA Land Use Committee) Committee Chair- 2014-Present
ADCCLA (Arts District Community Council Los Angeles) Board member – 2014-Present
HCNC (Historic Cultural Neighborhood Council) Board member- 2015-Present
Industrial District Green – Advisory Board Member – 2013-Present

Past/ Present Affiliations:

AIA Committee on the Environment '05-'06 worked on gray water policy issues between the City and the County of Los Angeles, Association of Professional Landscape Designers, ASLA.

Awards:

Certificate of Appreciation from the USDA Forest Service, Outstanding Young Farmer's Award from the North Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, Certificate of Appreciation Awards from the Offices of Los Angeles' Councilmen, Senators and Assemblymen.

References: Upon Request