

## FAYE HARWELL, FASLA

Director/Landscape Architect

Faye Harwell, FASLA, is a director and co-founder of Rhodesside & Harwell. She has designed prominent sites throughout the United States, Canada, and overseas, earning more than 30 awards for excellence in landscape architecture. Ms. Harwell recognizes that landscape architecture has both functional and artistic consequences; and is intimately related to a site's historic, cultural, and natural context. She is recognized for her expertise in historic landscape restoration; sustainable design and ecological restoration; and the design of urban parks and gardens, memorials, waterfront settings, embassies and government facilities, educational buildings, and corporate headquarters. A Fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects, she is a role model and mentor for young landscape architects, and a frequent speaker and published designer.

### US National Arboretum Chinese Garden, Washington, DC

A recent donation by the Chinese government provides the opportunity to develop an eight-acre Chinese Garden complex highlighting the cultural history of Chinese architecture and gardening. Rhodesside & Harwell, led by Ms. Harwell, designed the site and related changes to site access that will allow the new garden to fit comfortably within the existing rolling terrain of the east side of the arboretum. Additional design includes updates to the 2000 master plan to provide better and more accessible trails through the Asian collections and along river edge pathways for pedestrians, complementing recent Anacostia River initiatives undertaken by the District of Columbia.

### US Supreme Court Landscape Improvements, Washington, DC

Ms. Harwell is project director overseeing landscape and grounds improvements at the Supreme Court of the United States. The project includes conservation of much of the historic landscape design including stone curbing, restoration of paving, preservation of many original trees and shrubs, and refurbishment of the landscape installed in the early 1930s. The work also includes design of new landscape elements on the roof of a new parking garage that address security upgrades and building and site expansion. The new garden includes a green roof, extensive rain gardens, and state-of-the-art stormwater management.

### National Aquarium in Baltimore, Baltimore, Maryland

Faye Harwell and Elliot Rhodesside co-directed the design of this award-winning waterfront park, set along Pier 3 at the Inner Harbor. The park includes living exhibits of Maryland's native ecology and a public plaza featuring furnishings, lighting, graphic panels, signage, planting, custom-designed "wave" paving, and a walk-on map of the Chesapeake Bay watershed fabricated from granite. The design features innovative tree planting techniques and sustainable site elements. The park, now a popular civic amenity, earned an ASLA award and has been featured in many publications, including Landscape Architecture and Sustainable Urban Development Today.

### Harry S. Truman Building Security Improvements, US Department of State, Washington, DC

Ms. Harwell led a team of consultants to provide recommendations and design for the exterior perimeter landscape and streetscape design of the Harry S. Truman Building, the headquarters of the U.S. Department of State. This project required a major security upgrade to the perimeter of the building including realignment and closure of streets and parking lanes. New perimeter barriers protect existing trees and incorporate new native plantings and new entry structures and plazas were added. The project included stormwater management strategies and paving that echoes the historic interior design of this modernist building.

### DC ArtWalk, Washington, DC

Ms. Harwell served as co-director and sustainability advisor for the feasibility study and design for the 10-acre, downtown parcel comprising the site of the former DC Convention Center. This urban space, located in the heart of the Penn Quarter community, serves as a parking venue during the week and as event space on weekends. Sustainable design concepts include the creation of a lively art corridor constructed of reusable materials and the incorporation of the city's largest rain gardens for stormwater management.

### Jones Beach State Park Master Plan, Wantagh, New York

Ms. Harwell led a multidisciplinary team in the development of a revitalization plan to restore this historic park and satisfy the expanding demand for recreation in a region with a growing population. Recommended improvements respect and celebrate Moses' legacy by rehabilitating deteriorated park buildings and infrastructure while restoring details that have been lost over time. The design accommodates increased visitorship through modernized and updated visitor amenities, including healthier food choices and renewed recreation opportunities, more efficient use of existing parking facilities, and multi-modal transit opportunities. The project was completed in a short time frame and within a limited budget, and designation of pilot projects for timely

## Education

- Master of Landscape Architecture, University of Pennsylvania, 1975
- Bachelor of Art History, Cornell University, 1967

## Registrations

- Delaware Landscape Architect #S10000322, 2002
- Maryland Landscape Architect #498, 1981
- New Jersey Landscape Architect #21AS00089000, 2003
- New York Landscape Architect #889, 1983
- Pennsylvania Landscape Architect #898 R, 1988
- Virginia Landscape Architect #0406000291, 1986

## Memberships

- American Society of Landscape Architects, Trustee; Fellow
- Committee on Historic Preservation
- National Association for Olmsted Parks, Founding Member; Trustee