



Sharon E. Bradley, RLA, ASLA

Principal

Sharon Bradley, founder of Bradley Site Design, Inc., has been designing prominent public spaces and institutions of cultural and historic significance in metropolitan Washington, DC for 30 years. She is committed to creating sustainable landscapes that seamlessly mesh sound engineering with inspiring designs to give character and vitality to urban spaces. Actively involved in every phase of BSD projects, she has developed a unique business model that addresses social, economic and environmental issues for a more comprehensive approach to design. Sharon began her career in 1984 and acquired her landscape aesthetic at Oehme van Sweden & Associates. She founded Bradley Site Design in 1994 to focus on projects that have a positive impact on urban communities. She and her BSD colleagues were the first landscape architects to receive the Mayor's Environmental Excellence Award, and the team recently won two of the seven DC Water Green Infrastructure Awards.

Education

Bachelor of Science,
Landscape Architecture,
Penn State University,
1984

Registrations

Landscape Architect –
Maryland, Virginia,
Pennsylvania

National Council of
Landscape Architectural
Registration Boards

Affiliations

American Society of
Landscape Architects

Executive Committee,
Potomac Chapter ASLA

Chair, Community
Improvement Day
Committee, District of
Columbia Building
Industry Association

Founding Committee
Member: Elizabeth Seton
High School LEAD
Program

Coalition for Nonprofit
Housing and Economic
Development

Resource Team Member,
Sustainable Cities Design
Academy, American
Arch. Foundation

Juror, EPA Campus
RainWorks Challenge

Relevant Experience

DC Water Headquarters Campus

Washington, DC

Landscape Architecture Lead. For this world-class facility on the Anacostia River waterfront, the design team created a cutting-edge sustainable building and campus. The architects, landscape architects and engineers worked in close collaboration so that visual and functional elements blend seamlessly and work smoothly. Vegetated roofs and living walls in the building are coordinated with site elements such as an active water feature, which also serves as a stormwater management facility. The hard edges of the sea wall and plazas are relieved by masses of native planting, and elevation is created on the flat surface with tiers of bioretention gardens. Pervious pavements, tree canopy coverage and streetscape facilities complete the sustainable narrative and give a distinctive sense of place to the new Headquarters campus.

The Roosevelt Center

Greenbelt, MD

Landscape Architecture Lead. For this iconic public space in the New Deal-era community of Greenbelt, BSD held numerous community workshops and meetings, conducted in-depth research of original blueprints, and produced a design that blended historic elements with innovative sustainable measures, including the Cornell Structural Soil Mix.

Chuck Brown Memorial Park

Washington DC

Landscape Architecture Lead. BSD worked closely with the architects to prepare plans for a music venue and park to memorialize this iconic figure in American music history. The existing DC Langdon Park was renovated and updated with a new amphitheater and image panels that tell the history of Chuck Brown and the go-go movement. Site features include a children's percussive instrument play area, seating areas, plazas and walkways of pervious pavers, bio-retention areas and lush layers of native plantings. An arc of specimen Crape Myrtle trees complements the go-go color theme. The team worked extensively with DGS and the community, and presented the project successfully before the Commission of Fine Arts.

The Green at Parkside

Washington, DC

Landscape Architecture & Project Lead. BSD created a new urban park as the focal point for the Parkside Community in Northeast DC. BSD was instrumental in securing grants for a public art piece and for innovative stormwater management features, including extensive bioretention areas planted with native materials, pervious pavements, and a rainwater-fed water feature incorporated into the central sculpture. BSD worked with non-profit Groundwork Anacostia River DC and a local stone supplier to facilitate a Green Jobs training program for local residents to learn to install the pavement systems. The project was awarded 3rd Place for the Best Combination of BMPs in a Series category for the 2015 BUBBAs.