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2013 Research, Planning, Analysis and Communication Merit Award

Breuner Marsh Restoration and Public Access Project
Richmond, CA
Studio Renovo at WRA, WRA, Inc.
Lead Landscape Architect: George Salvaggio
Client: East Bay Regional Park District

The Breuner Marsh Restoration and Public Access Project aims to restore 30 acres of tidal marsh and seasonal wetlands in Richmond, California. The project will protect habitat for the endangered California clapper rail and salt marsh harvest mouse and will provide an extension of the San Francisco Bay Trail, filling a key 5,960-foot gap near Point Pinole Regional Shoreline Park. Multi-goal projects are challenging, often involving a balance among conflicting objectives. These challenges become more complex with sea level rise predictions and other issues related to global climate change. To tackle these challenges, we developed a tool kit to evaluate design alternatives in the context of sea level rise, including topographic and vegetation analyses, evaluation of restoration design in the context of sea level rise, and graphic communication with stakeholders. The project provides an example of innovative uses of existing tools to solve complex problems in landscape architecture.

Design: Graduate Student Awards

Honor Award: Collective Individualism at the Los Cerritos Wetlands Complex
Merit Award: Unaccepted Streets: From Paper to Reality

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Merit Award: Genentech Campus Monterey Cypress Tree Research Study
Merit Award: Alemaya Farm
Honor Award: India Basin Waterfront & Adventure Park
Merit Award: Sunnydale HOPE SF: Transforming from Adversity to Opportunity
Merit Award: Bay Remediation Site 1: Horseshoe Cove
Merit Award: Breuner Marsh Restoration and Public Access Project

Design: Transportation, Streets and Public Places

Honor Award: Guthrie Green: A High-Performance Park Powering a Renewed Urban District
Award of Excellence: Davis Court

Design: Commercial and Institutional

Honor Award: Smith Cardiovascular Research Building

Design: Residential High Density and Mixed Use

Merit Award: Mission Meadow: Family Courtyard
Merit Award: Wenzhou Lucheng Residential Towers and Gardens
Merit Award: 750 Second Street

Design: Residential Single Family Home

Merit Award: Contemporary Living
Merit Award: Hilltop Hideaway
Merit Award: Palo Alto Residence
Merit Award: Oakland Hills Residence
Merit Award: Sinbad Creek House

Design: Parks, Recreation, Trails and Open Space

Award of Excellence: El Dorado Beach at Lakeview Commons
Honor Award: Legacy Park
Merit Award: San Francisco Botanical Garden Paths
Honor Award: Lotus Lake Park