

VAN ALEN INSTITUTE

PROJECTS IN PUBLIC ARCHITECTURE



As a project of Designing the Parks—a partnership to promote well-designed public parks in America—Parks for the People reflects the initiative’s overall ambition to emphasize interdisciplinary research, geographic diversity, and the long-term vision of the National Park Service to embrace the evolving demographics of America’s park visitors.

The winning proposals were selected by Van Alen Institute and National Park Service with the Parks for the People Design Advisory Committee, which includes Ethan Carr (University of Massachusetts, Amherst), Nette Compton (NYC Dept. of Parks and Recreation), Susannah Drake (dlandstudio), Jeanne Gang (Studio Gang), Steven Handel (Rutgers University), Setha Low (CUNY), William Morrish (Parsons), Aekta Shah (Wangari Maathai Center for Sustainable Cities and Schools), and Gullivar Shepard (Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates).

Please see the attached list of winning design studios for each national park site. For two of the parks—Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site and Nicodemus National Historic Site—two schools with complementary approaches were selected to conduct studios for the site. After jury reviews this summer, Stage 2 competition winners will be announced and studio projects exhibited online. Select student participants will be eligible to apply for paid summer internships with the National Park Service in 2012 and 2013.

Parks for the People is a collaboration with the U.S. National Park Service and the National Parks Conservation Association, with support from the National Endowment for the Arts and Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy. For more about the design studio competition, please visit www.vanalen.org/parksforthepeople.

ABOUT VAN ALEN

Van Alen Institute is an independent nonprofit architectural organization whose mission is to promote innovative thinking about the role of architecture and design in civic life. Since its founding in 1894, the Institute has informed debate and advanced design through competitions, fellowships, publications, and forums that connect designers, urban thinkers, civic leaders, and the broader public. Find out more at www.vanalen.org.

ABOUT DESIGNING THE PARKS

Designing the Parks is a partnership among eight diverse organizations committed to sustaining healthy, vibrant public parks as a core of civic life. Embodied in this vision is a framework for planning and designing public parks that are innovative, responsive, respectful, sustainable, informed, and inclusive. The partners include: National Park Service, Van Alen Institute, The Cultural Landscape Foundation, Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, Institute at the Golden Gate, National Parks Conservation Association, University of Virginia, and George Wright Society.



Parks for the People Stage 1 Winning Design Studios

Biscayne National Park (Miami, FL)

Florida International University

College of Architecture + the Arts

Team Leader: Roberto Rovira, Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Landscape Architecture

Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area (Atlanta, GA)

Cornell University

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Team Leader: Marc Miller, Lecturer, Department of Landscape Architecture

Civil War Defenses of Washington (Washington, DC)

University of Pennsylvania

School of Design

Team Leader: Randall Mason, Associate Professor of City & Regional Planning and Chair, Graduate Program in Historic Preservation

Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site (Elverson, PA)

Pratt Institute

School of Art and Design

Team Leader: Jon Otis, Professor, Exhibition Design Intensive Studio, and Tim Ventimiglia, Visiting Associate Professor, Associate, Ralph Appelbaum Associates

Rutgers University

School of Environmental and Biological Sciences

Team Leader: Kathleen John-Alder, Assistant Professor, Department of Landscape Architecture

Nicodemus National Historic Site (Nicodemus, KS)

The City College of New York

The Bernard and Anne Spitzer School of Architecture

Team Leader: Denise Hoffman Brandt, Director and Associate Professor of Landscape Architecture, in association with the J. Max Bond Center, Toni Griffin, Director

Kansas State University

College of Architecture, Planning, and Design

Team Leader: La Barbara James Wigfall, Associate Professor, Department of Landscape Architecture and Regional & Community Planning

San Juan Island National Historical Park (Friday Harbor, WA)

University of Washington

College of Built Environments

Team Leader: Ken Yocom, Assistant Professor, Department of Landscape Architecture, and Manish Chalana, Assistant Professor, Department of Urban Design and Planning

Valles Caldera National Preserve (Jemez Springs, NM)

Rice University

School of Architecture

Team Leader: Gordon Wittenberg, Professor and Graduate Director, School of Architecture