

Matt W. Johnston

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Qualifications

- 3+ years of experience in landscape architecture and urban design.
- Diverse educational background combining design, planning, and communication.

Professional Experience - LandDesign, Inc.

Site Design

- Conceived and developed hardscape and landscape designs for streetscapes, small parks, and courtyards.
- Employed extensive plant knowledge in design of varied planting areas.
- Researched and specified wide range of products including walls, furniture, and lighting.
- Utilized knowledge of LEED design principles for planting, materials, and irrigation systems.

Planning

- Collaborated on urban design of large-scale, mixed-use projects in the Washington, DC Metro area.
- Performed extensive shared parking analysis on a mixed-use project.
- Assisted with master planning on a new town project located in China.

Technical Expertise

- Drew effective hand graphics at both conceptual and final stages of design process.
- Produced numerous sets of construction documents using AutoCAD.
- Prepared digital color renderings and presentation packages with Photoshop and InDesign.
- Designed and shaped 3-D environments using SketchUp.

Business Development

- Networked with local professionals, leading to RFP invitations and potential new projects.
- Led ASLA awards committee and coordinated submission of package for consideration.

Project Administration

- Submitted construction documents, attended meetings, and responded to comments as part of municipal review process.
- Estimated budgetary requirements, fee schedules, and project tasks; drafted feasible contracts.
- Coordinated RFIs, change orders, and assisted with construction management process.
- Participated in submission of RFPs for new projects.

Education

- Master of Landscape Architecture
Virginia Tech, 2007
- Master of Urban and Regional Planning
Virginia Tech, 2003
- Bachelor of Arts in Spanish and International Relations
University of Arkansas, 1999

Work History

Current	Designer (contractual basis)	Michael Vergason Landscape Architects	Alexandria, VA
2006 - 2008	Designer	LandDesign, Inc.	Alexandria, VA
2004 - 2006	Intern	Stephenson and Good, Inc.	Alexandria, VA
2001 - 2003	Research Assistant	Virginia Tech	Blacksburg, VA