



Kevin Shanley, FASLA - Hon. AIA

Principal & Board Member, Past President & CEO, Houston, Texas

Since retiring: Board President of Friends of Howard Buford Park and Mt. Pisgah, Springfield, OR. Among the volunteer work he has done, Kevin Shanley recently created a 3-phase restoration plan for Eagle Rock County Park that was destroyed by the Holiday fire and has completed a preliminary design plan for a pedestrian / bike bridge connecting two parks across the Willamette River.

Philosophy

“When I consider taking on a project, I ask myself: Does this project have the potential to transform people’s daily experience of the world? Can it move them the way a good book or a piece of melody can?”

Education

Studies in Landscape Architecture, Harvard University Graduate School of Design, 1977-1978; Studies in Philosophy, University of Santa Clara, 1969-1972

Professional Affiliations

Member, American Society of Landscape Architects Honorary; Member, American Institute of Architects; Past Chairman of the Board, Bayou Preservation Association; Past Advisory Board Member Buffalo Bayou Partnership, White Oak Bayou Association, Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy

Publications

Sustainability Today Means Knowing the Lay of the Land, Houston Business Journal, May, 2009

Houston’s Buffalo Bayou Promenade: A Park with a Twist and a Turn, NRPA Parks & Rec Magazine, May 2009

On the Asian Waterfront, Urban Land, May 2006

Rebuilding the Gulf Coast (Rebuilding New Orleans), Urban Land, January 2006

A Damage Control, Urban Land, October 2001

Some of Kevin Shanley’s 62 Awards

Urban Land Institute International Open Space Award – 1000 Lantern Lake 2015

ASLA Award of Excellence, General Design - Buffalo Bayou Promenade, 2009

ASLA Honor Award, Analysis and Planning - Brays Bayou Greenway Framework, 2009

ASLA Texas Chapter Award of Excellence, Planning & Analysis, Lake Houston Wilderness Park, 2009

Municipal Art Commission Award of Distinguished Achievement – Allen Center, 1979

Examples of Kevin Shanley's Project Experience

Allen's Landing. Houston, Texas. SWA provided a master plan and full landscape architectural services for the restoration of Allen's Landing. Site improvements include a paved embarcadero with benches, bollards, and special paving inserts that list the commodities that were traded there.

Arthur Storey Park Detention Basins. Houston, Texas. Harris County Flood Control District. SWA prepared conceptual studies for the regional detention basin complex and detailed construction documents for wetlands and reforestation on this 250-acre parcel of land.

Arthur Storey Park Planting. Houston, Texas. Harris County Flood Control District. SWA provided landscape consulting to soften the edges of the basin with plant material and to create a maintainable wetland.

Baytown Nature Center. Baytown, Texas. SWA Group and Crouch Environmental Services provided master planning services for the Baytown Nature Center.

Brays Bayou Federal Recreation Plan. Houston, Texas. Harris County Flood Control District. This master planning study within Houston examines opportunities for active and passive recreation along a centrally located waterway known as Bray's Bayou.

Brays Bayou Park Framework. Houston, Texas. Houston Parks Board. University of Houston. Stakeholder charrette collaboration and master-planning for 32-acre park along Brays Bayou in Houston, Texas. A framework plan was created for the incremental development of the project by multiple property owners that would yield a coordinated program of improvements and activities for a multiplicity of users: bike commuters, students, neighbors, kayakers, and picnickers.

Brays Bayou Landscape Improvements. Houston, Texas. Harris County Flood Control District. SWA provided master planning services for a 30-mile long corridor of the bayou to include hike and bike pathways, lighting, planting, and bridge improvements.

Brazos River Park. Sugar Land, Texas. SWA prepared a master plan based on organizing the park into 'Regional' and 'Local' uses to join park users with similar purposes.

Broadway to Mason Trail. Houston, Texas. Houston Parks Board. Harris County Flood Control District. First phase of trail construction for the Brays Bayou Greenway Framework Plan.

Brownwood Marsh Restoration. Baytown, Texas. Preparation of a master plan, land planning and landscape architectural services for this 60-acre wetlands parcel.

Buddha Hand Resort Master Plan. Nanjing, China. SWA's design for this mixed-use resort site includes a platinum super five-star hotel, conference center, research center, healing and health center, cultural activity center and single-family houses.