

**Christopher Brown, FASLA | LEED-AP BD+C
Partner**

Project Responsibilities and Experience

Chris has over 30 years of project experience including the master planning and landscape architectural design of projects ranging in scope from large-scale master planned communities and resorts to municipal streetscapes and parks. Chris's strong background in sustainable design has resulted in a series of leading edge low impact designs including work on several LEED Platinum certified projects and the first Sustainable SITES Initiative certified project in Arizona.

As Principal in Charge, Chris is responsible for directing projects through all phases of the design and documentation process and is responsible for ensuring established project goals are reached. Chris strives to explore creative solutions to traditional challenges, enabling his design teams to achieve outstanding results within budget and on schedule. Chris' innovative approach and attention to detail has led to the receipt of numerous numerous prestigious design awards and international publications.

Representative project experience include:

Brown's Ranch Trailhead, Scottsdale, AZ: Fifth in a series of projects for McDowell Sonoran Preserve, Brown's Ranch serves as the primary access point to the north half of the 36,400 acre Preserve. Project provides access to more than 100 miles of hiking, equestrian and mountain biking trails and includes outdoor classroom spaces, interpretive displays, offices and meeting rooms for rangers, as well as parking for equestrian trailers. *Client: City of Scottsdale*

George "Doc" Cavaliere Park, Scottsdale, AZ: This 34-acre community park features more than 4,000 rock-filled gabion structures which create a series of tiered plinths and integrate the park into the existing desert landscape while providing floodplain protection and onsite retention of nearly 50 acre feet of stormwater. The first Sustainable SITES certified project in Arizona. *Client: City of Scottsdale*

Epicenter, Gilbert, AZ: Multi-Family residential and commercial project within the popular Agritopia community. Project includes four multi-use buildings featuring ground-level retail space with residential units above. Site amenities include pool terrace and gardens, as well as neighborhood gathering spaces. *Clients: IPA Partners & Johnston Farms, LLC*

Desert Garden Park, Scottsdale, AZ: Multi-sensory garden highlighting features of the valley floor, upper bajada and riparian zones of the Sonoran Desert. A textured concrete "snake" path leads to a central interpretive plaza. The perimeter path includes a regional plant pallet with interactive areas featuring elements of the wildlife typically found within the three zones. *Client: City of Scottsdale*

Lost Dog Wash Trailhead, Scottsdale, AZ: Award winning access facility provides southern gateway into the McDowell Sonoran Preserve and integrates into the site through a rain and gray water collection system, LED lighting and solar panels, composting toilet system, stabilized granite parking, and site specific plant palette based on comprehensive pre-construction site inventory. *Client: City of Scottsdale*

Education

Arizona State University,
Bachelor of Science in Urban Planning
and Landscape Architecture - 1983

Massachusetts Institute of Technology,
Masters of Science in Real Estate
Development - 1996

Professional Affiliations

American Society of Landscape Architects –
Council of Fellows
Valley Forward Association
- Board of Directors
- Land Use | Open Space Committee Chair
AIA Arizona – Affiliate Member
PHX Renews – Mayor's Advisory Board

Licenses

Landscape Architect
- AZ, AR, CA, CO, NV, TX, WY

Accreditations

USGBC LEED-AP BD+C
Certified Arborist

Selected Awards

George "Doc" Cavaliere Park
- 2012 Valley Forward Crescordia Award
- 2012 SEDA Award
- 2012 AIA Western Region Honor Award
- 2013 Sustainable SITES Certification
- 2013 AzASLA President's Award
- 2014 Architizer Award
- 2014 Tucker Award
Lost Dog Wash Trailhead
- 2008 ASLA National Honor Award
- 2006 Valley Forward Crescordia Award
- 2006 AIA Arizona Honor Award
- 2010 SEDA Award
Rio Salado Audubon Center
- 2010 Valley Forward President's Award
- 2011 LEED Platinum Certification
- 2010 AIA Western Region Honor Award
Desert Lives at The Phoenix Zoo
- 2017 AzASLA Legacy Award
- 2001 ASLA National Honor Award
- 2000 Valley Forward President's Award
- 2000 Valley Forward Crescordia Award

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McDowell Mountain Ranch Aquatic Center, Scottsdale, AZ: Award winning facility includes competitive aquatic, athletic fitness, skate-park and park support facilities. Landscape design involved re-vegetation of an existing wash, and a plant pallet selected for its ability to integrate with the strong architectural design of the project and evoke an ambience of underwater coral formations. *Client: City of Scottsdale*

McDowell Sonoran Preserve, Access Area Design and Site Standards, Scottsdale, AZ: Citizen initiated effort to preserve 36,400 acres of natural desert with appropriate public access. Comprehensive design standards for access areas and trailheads were developed as a model for sustainable design practices. Recipient of AZASLA's 2008 President's Award. *Client: City of Scottsdale*

One Scottsdale, Scottsdale, AZ: 60-acre mixed-use community includes retail, restaurants, office, hotel and residential use among 10 buildings designed by 8 prominent architects: Robert AM Stern, Will Bruder, BAR, Adam Tihany, Three Architecture, Dale Gardon, Davis Architecture and Langdon Wilson. Landscape, hardscape and streetscape designs unify the development into a cohesive community. *Client: DMB*

Optima Camelview Village, Scottsdale, AZ: This high-end condominium project consists of 700 units within an 11 building complex, featuring over 500,000 sf of green roofs. The building footprints, geometry, and heights respond to natural and built influences to blend into the Scottsdale urban fabric. *Client: Optima Development, LLC*

Pinnacle Peak Park Trailhead, Scottsdale, AZ: Award winning interpretive trailhead for Pinnacle Peak Park includes structures, landscape, trails and interpretive elements focused on Sonoran Desert ecology and historic cultural connections to Pinnacle Peak. Site design focused on minimizing impact of the trailhead development on the native vegetation. *Client: City of Scottsdale*

Rio Salado Audubon Center, Phoenix, AZ: The award winning Audubon Center is a LEED Platinum certified project exemplifying the standards of sustainable design practices. The design allows visitors to immerse themselves into the fragile ecology of the Rio Salado riparian corridor. *Clients: City of Phoenix, Audubon Society and Weddle Gilmore Architects.*

The Gateway to the McDowell Sonoran Preserve, Scottsdale, AZ: Project serves as a primary access point to the McDowell Sonoran Preserve and is LEED Platinum certified. Rainwater harvesting, low water use irrigation, LED lighting and stabilized decomposed granite paving are utilized and field reconnaissance was conducted to minimize disturbance and preserve existing drainage washes. *Client: City of Scottsdale*

The Phoenix Zoo, Phoenix, AZ: Master planning and landscape architectural design services for over a dozen projects and exhibits including Arizona Wildlands, Desert Lives, Animal Care Center, Harmony farms and the Native Species Recovery Center. The award winning Wallaby and Primate exhibits are designed to allow visitors to enter into the exhibits and be immersed with the animals in their habitats and are the first of their kind in north America. *Client: The Phoenix Zoo*

Recognition (continued)

- Gateway to the McDowell Sonoran Preserve
 - 2009 Valley Forward Crescordia Award
 - 2009 AIA Western Region Merit Award
 - 2010 AZ ASLA Honor Award
 - 2010 LEED Platinum Certification
 - 2010 SEDA Award
- Desert Garden
 - 2003 Valley Forward EEA
 - 2004 AZ ASLA Honor Award
- McDowell Sonoran Preserve Guidelines
 - 2008 AZ ASLA President's Award
 - 2008 Valley Forward EEA
- Optima Camelview Village
 - 2008 ALCA President's Award
 - 2009 Valley Forward Crescordia Award
 - 2010 SEDA Award
- McDowell Mountain Ranch Aquatic Center
 - 2008 AZ ASLA Honor Award
 - 2008 SEDA Award
- Wallaby and Monkey Village at Phx Zoo
 - 2008 Valley Forward Crescordia
- Pinnacle Peak Park Trailhead
 - 2004 Valley Forward Crescordia Award
- The Acme Building
 - 2001 Valley Forward EEA
- Tropical Trails at The Phoenix Zoo
 - 2007 Valley Forward Crescordia Award

Selected Publications

- Compendium of Landscape Architecture*, Braun Publishing, 2017, Print
- "Gateways to the Desert", [Landscape Architecture Magazine](#), March 2010
- "Desert Meets Desert", [Landscape Architecture Magazine](#), January 2001
- 1000x Landscape Architecture*, First Edition, Braun Publishing, 2009. Print.
- Landscape Design @ USA*, Second Edition. Pace Publishing LTD, 2009. Print.
- Landscape Architecture: A Manual of Environmental Planning and Design*, Fourth Edition, Simonds, 2006. Print.
- City + Design + Evolution – Unique Landscape Designs from 6 Continents*, Pedro Marcelino, 2011. Print.
- "Lost Dog Wash Trailhead", [Landscape Architecture China](#), January 2008.
- "Desert Lives at the Phoenix Zoo", [Landscape Architecture China](#), 2010 No. 3