



## **Ryan Blau**

*Landscape Architect, RLA  
LEED AP*

### **Education**

Bachelor of Landscape Architecture,  
Utah State University, with Honors

Liberal Arts and Sciences Certificate,  
College of Humanities Arts and  
Social Sciences, Utah State University

### **Honors and Awards**

ASLA Student Honor Award Recipient,  
Utah State University, 2000

Faculty Medal,  
Department of Landscape  
Architecture, Utah State  
University, 2000

ASLA Honor Award for Big Water  
Future Studies - Parts I and II\*, 1999

American Planning Association, Utah  
Chapter Achievement Award for Big  
Water Future Studies\*, 1999

\* team project

### **Work Experience**

Vision Design Collaborative, P.A..  
Landscape Architect  
February 2008 to present

Design Workshop Inc.  
Landscape Architect  
August 2000 to February 2008

Teaching Assistant: Utah State  
University  
LAEP 2600 Landscape Construction  
LAEP 2720 Landscape Planning and  
Design  
August 1999 to June 2000

Idaho Landscaping, LLC  
Landscape Designer  
Summer 1999

Ryan's two great passions have always been art and the outdoors. While investigating the fine arts program at Utah State University, he discovered the Landscape Architecture studios in an adjacent wing of the college. The projects hanging on the walls of the studio appeared to combine both of Ryan's great interests. Even before leaving the studios, he knew he had found what was to be his career. After graduating with honors with a degree in landscape architecture and environmental planning, Ryan accepted a position with a national practice firm in Jackson, Wyoming.

Ryan spent nearly four years practicing landscape architecture in Jackson where he worked on numerous resort and mountain planning projects and was involved in site design, planning, construction documentation and project implementation. In 2004, he transferred to a newly opened design office in Asheville, NC where he was involved in a variety of roles including project landscape architect, project manager and lead project designer.

In Early 2008, Ryan teamed up with a former colleague, Stephen Wyda, to create Vision Design Collaborative. His critical thinking and creating problem solving abilities allow him to contribute to a wide range of planning and design projects, from detailed residential design to community master planning. He has experience in all phases of design and has spent considerable time on construction sites performing construction observation and administration.

Much of Ryan's experience has involved development in complex mountain and desert environments. His background and intense interest in ecology and environmental planning has allowed him to gain an understanding of critical issues involved with development in sensitive environments.

Outside of Vision Design Collaborative, Ryan is active in several community and church organizations. He has served on the Sustainable Advisory Committee for the City of Asheville and is currently involved in the PTO and Parent Advisory Committee for Oakley Elementary School. He enjoys gardening, creating art (painting), designing and constructing concrete countertops, remodeling, and spending time with family.

## **Selected Project Experience** **Hospitality and Resorts**

### **Jackson Hole Mountain Resort 2001 Business Plan**

*Teton Village, Wyoming:*

Developed diagrams and graphics to correspond to JHMR Business plan pro forma for build out.

### **Four Seasons Resort Hotel Site Planning & Design**

*Teton Village, Wyoming:*

Site design for Four Seasons resort luxury hotel and condominiums including exterior pools, terraces, entry drive, and planting.

### **Bridger Center Expansion Site Planning & Design**

*Teton Village, Wyoming:*

Site design for expanded resort support building including retail and offices.

### **Adventure Sports Center International Whitewater Course, Deep Creek, Maryland:**

Design of man-made recirculating whitewater course with associated plazas, amphitheater, trails, bridges, and planting.

### **Deep Creek Mountain Resort Mountaintop Village**

*Deep Creek, Maryland:*

Schematic design for mountain top village including retail, residential and resort support services.

### **Turks and Caicos Sporting Club - Employee Village**

*British West Indies:*

Design of a village to house employees for the Turks and Caicos Sporting Club.

### **Lodge on Biltmore Estate**

*Asheville, North Carolina:*

Site design and landscape architecture for high-end hotel on a historic estate.

### **Mixed Use Development**

#### **Western Carolina University**

*Cullowhee, North Carolina*

Streetscape and outdoor space design and detailing for a new mixed-use building on campus.

#### **Blue Ridge Mountain Club**

*Blowing Rock, NC*

Site and Landscape Design of an amenity village including an event center, fitness center, general store and community chapel. Design of outdoor spaces including a croquet lawn, great lawn, and numerous firepits.

#### **Big Water Futures Study**

*Kane, County, Utah:*

Land analysis and master planning for 44,000-acres in Southern Utah.

#### **East Kelly Affordable Housing Neighborhood**

*Jackson, Wyoming:*

Residential infill project for subsidized housing in downtown Jackson.

### **Beckwith Interchange**

*Nashville, Tennessee:*

300-acre new mixed-use development on the outskirts of Nashville.

### **Public Spaces**

#### **Virgin River Trails Plan**

*Washington County, Utah:*

Greenbelt system master plan linking several communities along the Virgin River in Southern Utah.

#### **Bozeman Public Library Plaza, Bozeman, Montana:**

Site design for green space and the public plaza for a new public library.

#### **Davis Arena Expansion**

*Asheville, North Carolina:*

Site design for the expansion of an arena and events center on state fair grounds including design for plaza space and outdoor event lawn.

#### **First Baptist Sacred Garden**

*Asheville, North Carolina:*

Intricate design for a walled garden and columbarium including, a stone labyrinth, reflecting pool, water fall, paths and planting.

### **Education/Campus**

#### **Community Bible Church Campus Master Plan**

*Jackson, Wyoming:*

Plan for incorporating staff housing, a 500 seat auditorium

and outdoor recreational space into an existing church and Christian primary school property.

**UNCA&T Design Week -  
Campus Masterplan Studies**

*Greensborough, North Carolina:*  
Assisted in a week-long design charrette with students to develop a conceptual master plan to guide future growth of the campus.

**Eastern Carolina University -  
Student Plaza Drive**

*Greenville, North Carolina:*  
Streetscape and outdoor space design to convert an internal road and parking area into a pedestrian way and green space.

**Asheville Christian Academy**

*Buncombe County, North Carolina:*  
Site design and construction documentation of a new drop off and entry plaza associated with a renovation to the existing school facilities. Design included outdoor classroom spaces.

**Master Plans**

**Thoms Estate**

*Asheville North Carolina:*  
High-end cluster development set within the context of and historic estate including community amenities, trails, rehabilitated gardens, and building restoration.

**Biltmore Estate Winery  
Village Conceptual  
Master Plan**

*Asheville, North Carolina:*  
Conceptual master plan for creating a small retail village around the winery at the Biltmore Estate.

**Keowee River**

*Oconee County, South Carolina:*  
Conceptual master plan and visioning for an innovative sustainable mixed-use community in the foothills of South Carolina.

**Heirloom Garden  
Community**

*Hendersonville, North Carolina:*  
Conceptual master plan for a continuing care 'garden' community cottages, nursing facilities and various outdoor amenities and gardens linked by an accessible trail system.

**Big Water Futures Study**

*Kane, County, Utah:*  
Conceptual community master plan for the town of Big Water.

**Granite Ranch Master Plan**

*Teton County, Wyoming:*  
Master plan for a series of new and historic structures that were relocated from a private ranch in the Teton National Forest.

**Promontory Community  
Master Planting and  
Landscape Elements Plan**

*Park City, Utah:*  
Development of a native master planting plan and amenities theming package for a second home community.

**Adventure Sports  
International Outdoor Sports  
Park**

*Deep Creek, Maryland:*  
Master plan for a man-made re-circulating whitewater course and an adjacent 500-acre outdoor adventure sports park.

**Deep Creek Resort  
Mountaintop Village**

*Deep Creek, Maryland:*  
Master plan for a mountain-top village as part of the Deep Creek Mountain Resort expansion.

**The Fairgrounds Family  
Retreat**

*Cherokee County, SC:*  
Small lake-side conservation-based community patterned on a summer camp model.

**Residential Landscape  
Design**

**34 El Alamo Residence**

*Danville, California:*  
Landscape site design and construction detailing of outdoor spaces including a pool, water slides and splash

pool, outdoor fire pit, and garden spaces.

**Macon Avenue Residence**

*Asheville, NC:*

Landscape site design of outdoor spaces including a fire place, water feature, patios and gardens.

**Work Residence Site Plan**

*Victor, Idaho:*

Residential site plan and garden design.

**Davis Residence Site Plan**

*Bozeman, Montana:*

Residential site plan and garden design.

**Maxwell Residence Site Plan**

*Jackson, Wyoming:*

Residential site plan and garden design.

**JJ Healy Residence and Ranch Site Plan, Daniel, Wyoming:**

Site design for working ranch and residential gardens.

**Jannota Residence Site Plan**

*Teton County, Wyoming:*

Residential site plan and garden design.

**Turks and Caicos Sporting Club - Sales Cottage Gardens**

*British West Indies:*

A schematic residential garden design for an island cottage including, terraces, courtyards, and plunge pool.

**Town Mountain Residence**

*Asheville, North Carolina*

Residential design including outdoor decks, outdoor fireplace, recirculating brook.

**Conservation Planning**

**Stoddard Slough Wildlife Conservation Plan and Futures Studies**

*Morgan County, Utah:*

Rehabilitation plan for severely degraded slough in eastern Utah including programming for educational center and interpretive walk.

**Bald Mountain Farm**

*Lake Lure, North Carolina:*

Worked with landowner and The Nature Conservancy of North Carolina to develop a conservation plan for a 700 - acre parcel north of Lake Lure. The planning included preservation of steep and sensitive areas and restricted development to less sensitive areas. Cluster development methods were employed to maximize continuous open space.

**Big Creek**

*Henderson County, North Carolina:*

Planning and design for an exclusive cabin retreat completely surrounded by

national forest. The plan includes a conservation easement along an important fly-fishing river that runs through the parcel and utilizes numerous conservation and low impact strategies to protect natural systems and scenic integrity while sensitively integrating a low-impact trail system and outdoor amenities.