

MATT LEASURE, AICP PLA LEED AP

PRINCIPAL/MEMBER, DESIGNING LOCAL

PRINCIPAL/OWNER, DESIGNING LOCAL LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

Building upon his 20 years of professional experience, Matt leads Designing Local's urban design and landscape architecture projects. His involvement in numerous large scale planning efforts and built projects translate into ambitious and context-driven plans that are grounded in the realities of constructibility, regulatory processes, and cost. He has been a key design team member for award-winning projects across Ohio and the Midwest, including municipal land-use plans, strategic master plans, waterfronts, public spaces, community parks, and private developments. Matt is also a strong proponent of public engagement as a key element of the creative process.



ACTIVE AND RECENT PROJECTS

- City of Fort Wayne 2023-2027 Parks and Recreation Master Plan | Fort Wayne, Indiana | Project Lead
- Sandusky Preservation Design Guidelines Update | Sandusky, Ohio | Project Lead
- Cape May County Creative Placemaking Plan | Cape May, New Jersey | Project Lead | ASLA Ohio 2019 Merit Award, Communications + Research
- Tuttle Park Lower Field Improvements | Columbus, Ohio | Project Lead, Landscape Architect of Record
- Columbus Urban Forestry Master Plan | Columbus, Ohio | Project Planner | APA Ohio 2021 Best Practice Award | ASLA Ohio 2021 Honor Award, Planning + Analysis
- Sullivant Bright Public Art & Parklet Project | Columbus, Ohio | Urban Designer | ASLA Ohio 2021 Merit Award, Planning + Analysis
- Marysville Five Points Concept Study | Marysville, Ohio | Project Lead
- Dublin Arts Council Grounds Enhancements | Dublin, Ohio | Project Lead
- Fort Hayes Building 66 | Columbus, Ohio | Landscape Architect of Record
- Delaware County Courthouse Entry Plaza | Delaware, Ohio | Landscape Architect of Record
- Atlas of Columbus Landmarks & Urban Ideas Forum | Columbus, Ohio | Project Lead | ASLA Ohio 2021 Honor Award, Communications + Research
- Sandusky Public Art and Placemaking Plan | Sandusky, Ohio | Urban Designer
- Ohio and Erie Canal Southern Descent National Register Nomination | Southern Ohio | Urban Planner | 2019 Public Education and Awareness Award: Ohio History Connection
- Ohio and Erie Canal Southern Descent Heritage Trail Strategic Plan | Southern Ohio | Urban Planner
- Delco Rooftop Amenity Deck | Dayton, Ohio | Landscape Architect
- Lockbourne Town Green | Lockbourne, Ohio | Landscape Architect
- Ohio Wesleyan University Slocum Hall Entry Improvements | Delaware, Ohio | Landscape Architect of Record
- Dominion Middle School (North) Site Improvements | Columbus, Ohio | Landscape Architect
- Columbus North International High School (Brookhaven) Site Improvements | Columbus, Ohio | Landscape Architect

ACCREDITATIONS

- Professional Landscape Architect, Ohio #0701159; New Jersey #21AS00139500; Indiana #LA22200008; Kentucky #1025
- Member, American Institute of Certified Planners
- LEED Accredited Professional, US Green Building Council

APPOINTMENTS

- Columbus Landmarks, Past President & Former Advocacy Committee Chair
- OSU Knowlton School of Architecture, Auxiliary Faculty
- Columbus Brewery District Commission, Vice-Chair

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Society of Landscape Architects
- American Planning Association

EDUCATION

- Master of City & Regional Planning, The Ohio State University (2008)
- Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture, The Ohio State University (2003)

WORK HISTORY

- Designing Local, Principal (2018-Current)
- MKSK, Associate (2003-2018)
- Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks, Planning Intern (2002-2003)

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