Established in 1898 as the Art Commission, New York City’s design review agency was renamed the Design Commission in July 2008 to better reflect its mission. The Design Commission reviews permanent works of art, architecture and landscape architecture proposed on or over City-owned property.

The Commission is composed of 11 members, including an architect, landscape architect, painter and sculptor as well as representatives of the Brooklyn Museum, the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the New York Public Library. It meets every three weeks on the third floor of City Hall, where it has resided since 1914.

Since 1982, the Design Commission has recognized outstanding public projects with its Annual Awards for Excellence in Design. The winning projects are selected by the Commission from the hundreds of submissions reviewed each year. This year’s projects reflect the City’s continued focus on sustainable design and reclaiming the waterfront as a valuable resource.

In keeping with the tradition of holding the awards in an innovative space, this year’s ceremony is being held at The IAC Headquarters, the first office space in New York City designed by world-renowned architect Frank Gehry. The building includes innovative approaches to construction and utilizes the most advanced technological amenities, including the world’s largest high-resolution video wall.
Construction of a Municipal Recycling Facility

South Brooklyn Marine Terminal, 29th Street and Marginal Street, Brooklyn
A Project of the Economic Development Corporation, the Department of Sanitation, the Department of Small Business Services and Sims Metal Management Municipal Recycling

Selldorf Architects

Tasked with processing all of the metal, glass and plastic collected by the Department of Sanitation’s curbside recycling program, the municipal recycling facility is sited on the Gowanus Bay’s working waterfront to facilitate the delivery of recyclables via barge and rail. The design modifies cost-effective pre-engineered structural elements to accommodate each step of the recycling process, most notably employing an exposed mainframe structure that extends as a canopy over the barge dock. The facility’s visitor center is connected via an open-air truss bridge to catwalks in the operational spaces, providing unique opportunities for firsthand environmental education.

Design Team

Selldorf Architects
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Moffatt and Nichol
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Department of Sanitation
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Department of Small Business Services
Robert W. Walsh, Commissioner; Andrew Schwartz, First Deputy Commissioner

Sims Metal Management Municipal Recycling
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Rehabilitation of the Bronx River Art Center

1087 East Tremont Avenue, Bronx

A Project of the Department of Design and Construction, the Department of Cultural Affairs and the Bronx River Art Center

Sage and Coombe Architects
Tattfoo Studio

This global renovation brings the Bronx River Art Center’s converted 100-year-old warehouse firmly into the 21st Century by upgrading program and public spaces, introducing sustainable design elements and establishing an institutional identity. Supergraphics—applied with paint to the façade and with perforated vinyl adhesive to the fenestration—successfully and cost-effectively broadcast the spirit of the Bronx River Art Center and create a playful visual allusion to historic painted building advertisements. The design also features an accessible green roof, operable Low-E glazing, and high albedo materials to minimize heat gain and increase energy efficiency.

Design Team

Sage and Coombe Architects
Jennifer Sage AIA LEED AP, Principal; Peter Coombe AIA LEED AP, Principal; Julia McCarthy LEED AP, Project Manager & Designer; Mark Hoffman LEED AP, Project Designer; Kit Yan, Project Designer; Erik Lang LEED AP, Project Designer

Tattfoo Studio
Tattfoo Tan, Bronx River Art Center Graphic Design Consultant

ADS Engineers
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Weidlinger Associates
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IP Group
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Horton Lees Brogden Lighting Design
Hayden N. McKay AIA, Principal; Jennifer Curley, Lighting Designer

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Department of Cultural Affairs
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Bronx River Art Center
Gail Nathan, Executive Director; Laurie Schoeman, Owner’s Representative; José Ruiz, Gallery Director & Curator
Reconstruction of Pier 35
East River Waterfront between Rutgers Slip and Jefferson Street, Manhattan
A Project of the Economic Development Corporation, the Department of Small Business Services and the Department of City Planning

Shop Architects
Workshop: Ken Smith Landscape Architect
Tillotson Design Associates

Anchoring the northern terminus of the East River waterfront esplanade, Pier 35 is reimagined as a series of folded topographies to create a varied set of spaces for passive recreation. The design capitalizes on the site’s flaws, transforming the collapsed portion of the deck into an intertidal zone with mussel and oyster colonies and concealing the adjacent industrial facility with an expanded metal mesh screen planted with vines that extends to form a canopy. The design provides a variety of seating options for visitors, including whimsical porch swings, from which to take in the pier’s spectacular views of Governors Island, Brooklyn, and the Manhattan and Brooklyn Bridges.

Design Team

Shop Architects
Gregg Pasquarelli, Principal; Cathy Jones, Senior Designer; Chad Burke, Senior Designer

Workshop: Ken Smith Landscape Architect
Ken Smith, Principal; Yvi Nguyen, Senior Designer; Elizabeth Asawa, Senior Associate

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Tillotson Design
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Department of Small Business Services
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Department of City Planning
Amanda M. Burden, Commissioner; Keith O’Connor, Lower Manhattan Senior Planner; Jamie Chan, Project Manager & Urban Designer; Hannah Fischer-Baum, City Planner
Restoration of the Prospect Park Lakeshore from the Summerhouse to the Concert Grove and Music Island

Lincoln Road and Parkside Avenue, adjacent to East Lake Drive, Prospect Park, Brooklyn

A Project of the Department of Parks & Recreation and the Prospect Park Alliance

Prospect Park Alliance In-House Design

The restoration of the Prospect Park lakeshore is part of the construction of a new skating rink and recreation center, which will allow for the demolition of the Robert Moses-era Kate Wollman Memorial Skating Rink that currently occupies the site. The plan restores Olmsted and Vaux’s formal open-air concert venue, including Music Island, an islet used as the stage, and the Concert Grove, a terraced pedestrian concourse. The original ornamental railings and decorative urns will be recast and reinstalled along with new site furnishings. With the access to the water reestablished, the design focuses on addressing the ecological needs of the aquatic habitat by maintaining soft lake edges and planting native species.

Design Team

Prospect Park Alliance In-House Design
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Renovation and Expansion of the Kew Gardens Hills Branch Library
72-33 Vleigh Place, Queens
A Project of the Department of Design and Construction and the Queens Library

Work Architecture Company

The design enhances the civic presence of the original 1966 library building by adding an undulating “curtain” of sparkling glass fiber-reinforced concrete that wraps the street-facing façades and strategically lifts to reveal interior activity through glass panels. Where the external wrapper touches down, it functions as a structural member, helping to minimize freestanding structural supports and thereby maximizing program space. A canopy formed by an upturn in the curtain marks the building’s entrance as does the bright green color carried through from the interior. The roof’s geometry follows the dynamic lines of the façade, providing glimpses of the contoured green roof.

Design Team

Work Architecture Company
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Construction of the Ocean Breeze Park Track and Field House
Quintard Street, Mason Avenue and Father Capodanno Boulevard, Staten Island
A Project of the Department of Parks & Recreation
Sage and Coombe Architects

Located in one of PlaNYC’s eight regional parks, this 135,000-square-foot track and field house is designed to be the Northeast’s new regional magnet for track and field events, including both elite-level and amateur meets. Raised 16 feet above grade to provide views of the shoreline and accommodate parking below, the pre-fabricated steel structure is clad with corrugated metal panels and features a vermilion balcony and canopy. The ribbon-like clerestory and glass hangar doors are designed to naturally ventilate and illuminate the building, and include large-scale factory-applied frit graphics composed of smaller images of athletes, wildlife and the Parks Department logo.

Design Team

Sage and Coombe Architects
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Weidlinger Associates
Tian-Fang Jing PE, Principal; Jing Wang PE, Associate; Rosemarie Fang, Engineer

ADS Engineers
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Horton Lees Brogden Lighting Design
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Rampulla Associates
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Department of Parks & Recreation
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The design of these pedestrian bridges, which are both key access routes for pedestrians and cyclists over highways to parkland, utilizes a spiraled alignment to simultaneously manage the extensive length of the ADA-compliant ramps and create an enjoyable route with 360-degree views through the tree canopy. The protective fencing is canted outwards to minimize the bridge profile and alleviate the sense of enclosure for the user. The design specifies concrete with a high content of silica fume, a by-product of silicon alloy production, to reduce the material’s carbon content, increase the compressive strength, and produce a rich dark grey appearance.
Renovation of the Strand Theatre
647 Fulton Street, Brooklyn
A Project of the Economic Development Corporation, the Department of Cultural Affairs, Bric Arts Media and UrbanGlass

Leeser Architecture

The renovation of the Strand Theatre to house the expanded facilities of two cultural organizations, Bric Arts Media Bklyn and UrbanGlass, applies contemporary design strategies to reestablish this early 20th-century theatre as a major cultural center. The color-coded system of neon and metal graphics expresses the distinct, contemporary identities of the two cultural organizations, while embracing the historic architectural details of the building. By recessing the ground floor glass façade, the design creates an inverted marquee or “urban lobby” to announce the building’s public nature and engage pedestrians.

Design Team

Leeser Architecture
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FDT Design
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Tillett Lighting Design
Linnara Tillett, Principal; Stephen Horner, Project Designer

Theatre Projects
David Rosenberg, Principal; Scott Crossfield, Principal

Jaffe Holden
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Downtown Brooklyn Partnership
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Economic Development Corporation
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Bric Arts Media Bklyn
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UrbanGlass
Carl H. Pforzheimer III, Board Chair; Lawrence Pitterman, Board Treasurer; Dawn Bennett, Executive Director; Brian Kibler, Director of Operations
The master plan for these two parks is designed to respect and enhance the ecology and history of the Bronx River within this 47-acre stretch of parkland while improving access and amenities for park visitors. By embracing the floodplain as part of the river landscape, reorganizing programming, and maximizing permeable surfaces throughout the park, the plan alleviates the impact of frequent flooding on recreational activities. Developed with strong public participation, the master plan provides a framework to revitalize the open space as a community park and a key segment of the larger Bronx River Greenway.
Construction of the Marine Company 9 Firehouse
Homeport Pier, Front Street at Wave Street, Staten Island
A Project of the Economic Development Corporation and the Fire Department
Sage and Coombe Architects

Composed of red and white stacked volumes slightly off-set from one another, the Marine Company 9 firehouse mirrors the Company’s two-toned fire boat, which is docked nearby. The design puts the site’s orientation to work, incorporating solar thermal collectors, solar tube skylights and an extensive, accessible green roof. The thoughtful organization of interior programming, which divides the circulation from the living and work spaces, allows for the strategic location of glazing to both ensure privacy in the living quarters and maximize views of the Verrazano Narrows Bridge.

Design Team

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Renovation of HELP 1 Family Residence
515 Blake Avenue, Brooklyn
A Project of the Department of Design and Construction and the Department of Homeless Services
Slade Architecture

The design of the Help 1 Family Residence utilizes simple and economical strategies to set a new standard for transitional housing facilities. An insulated metal panel façade system of varying colors and thicknesses provides the long exterior with a pleasing, subtle composition and presents an attractive face to the community, neighbors and residents alike. In conjunction with the insulated operable windows, the cladding also alleviates the thermal mass of the existing structure and makes the building more energy efficient.

Design Team

**Slade Architecture**
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**Gilsanz Murray Steficek**
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**Pavane & Kwalbrun**
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**Department of Homeless Services**
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Construction of the New Amsterdam Plein and Pavilion
Peter Minuit Plaza, Whitehall Street between South Street and State Street, Manhattan
A Project of the Department of Parks & Recreation and the Battery Conservancy

UNStudio
Handel Architects

In the midst of an intermodal transportation hub that serves five million people a year, the New Amsterdam Plein and Pavilion functions as an information center and outdoor café. The pavilion’s sculptural form, comprised of four symmetrical wings that radiate outward from a central oculus, is achieved with a laser-cut curved steel skeleton clad with unbroken, curvilinear sections of plywood coated in a white polyurea hotspray. Areas of fritted glazing along the wings include embedded LEDs and projection display capabilities to create a constantly changing light show. Approachable from every angle and addressing diverse visitor needs, the pavilion is designed to act as a contemporary beacon.

Design Team

UNStudio
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Handel Architects
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Buro Happold
Gejo Libourel, Associate

Tully Construction
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Works-in-Progress Associates
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Richter + Ratner
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The Battery Conservancy
Warrie Price, President; Patricia Kirchner, Director of Operations & Planning
SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

Conservation and Relocation of \textit{Abstraction} (1939) by Byron Browne

First floor Jury Assembly Room, Staten Island Courthouse, 26 Central Avenue, Staten Island

A Project of the Department of Citywide Administrative Services, the Office of the Criminal Justice Coordinator and the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York

**Fine Art Conservation Group**
Polshek Partnership Architects

Byron Browne’s mural \textit{Abstraction} (1939) was commissioned through the Work Projects Administration for Studio D in the Municipal Broadcasting Station along with murals by Stuart Davis, John Von Wicht and Louis Schanker. The non-representational piece, painted in oil on acoustic tile and Masonite, was intended to provide a soothing environment for studio performers through the use of geometric form and color. The mural, which was included in the Brooklyn Museum’s 1986-1988 exhibition \textit{The Machine Age: The Americanization of Art 1920-1941}, was damaged in 1996 and is currently being conserved. It will be reinstalled in the Jury Assembly Room of the new Staten Island Courthouse, where its calming effects will serve a new audience.

**Design Team**

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**Polshek Partnership Architects**
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