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## about dwg.

At dwg., we take great pride in seeing our work positively impact the health and vitality of the communities, environments, and economies around them. We envision a world where creativity leads great social and environmental change. Our work simultaneously celebrates an authentic sense of place while working toward an economically equitable and environmentally sustainable future.

Recognizing the potential for urban architectural landscapes to encourage social and environmental change, dwg. was established in 2010 to create forward-thinking design solutions that promote

healthier and more resilient communities. Our firm is passionate about urbanism, targeting our efforts at projects within high-growth urban areas. This results in a wide range of expertise including on-grade and on-structure landscape design, adaptive reuse, green infrastructure, public art, and urban design.

We are leaders in sustainable design and low-impact development. Our award-winning, transformative landscapes are the product of careful analysis of the project's opportunities and constraints, as well as the thoughtful implementation of sustainable strategies appropriate to each specific site. By fusing

urban design principles with architectural form and the natural environment, we create innovative designs that are environmentally responsive, tactile, modern, and artfully composed. Our work enhances the built environment through the creation of engaging and meaningful places that connect to natural processes.



## fareground at one eleven

AUSTIN, TEXAS

Fareground is a reimagining of the plaza and lobby space at One Congress Plaza in downtown Austin. Part park and part marketplace, Fareground transformed an underutilized space into a modern, inviting and active downtown hub for professionals, residents and visitors.

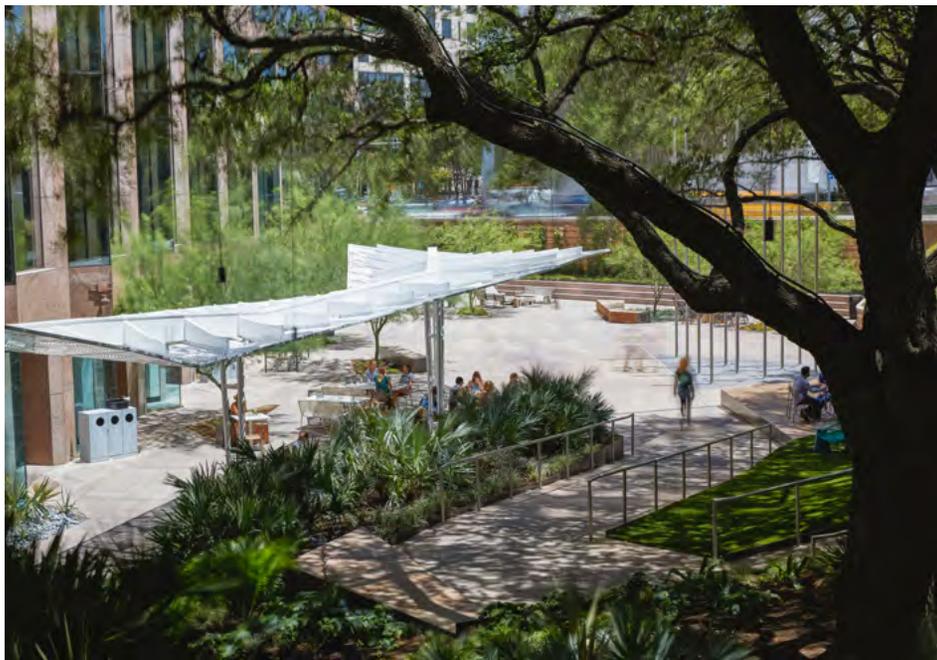
Fareground plaza features an inviting, rolling lawn and stunning, massive oak trees. A meandering ADA ramp offers universal accessibility and immerses visitors in the natural environment as they enter the space, peacefully veiling the hustle and bustle of the

busy, adjacent, at-grade streetscape. Fareground utilizes a dramatic botanical plant palette to create a verdant and comfortable setting in the midst of the built environment.

Cloudscape, Fareground's iconic water feature, literally creates clouds from water collected from the building's AC condensation and creates a powerful visual beacon. Nimbus, the custom-designed and fabricated shade structure, provides relief from exposure and the immense scale of the adjacent tower as it meets the plaza floor.

### relevant features

- green infrastructure
- heritage trees
- urban context
- water-wise native landscape
- accessibility considerations
- event / performance space
- interactive water feature / art element
- pedestrian-oriented



*"dvw. is one of a kind. Their passion and enthusiasm for what they do is sincere but they also never lose focus of the client's needs and project scope. I've been honored to have had the good fortune to work alongside Daniel and his team on Fareground."*

*—Mike Fransen, Managing Director,  
Parkway Properties*



## austin community college fontaine plaza

AUSTIN, TEXAS

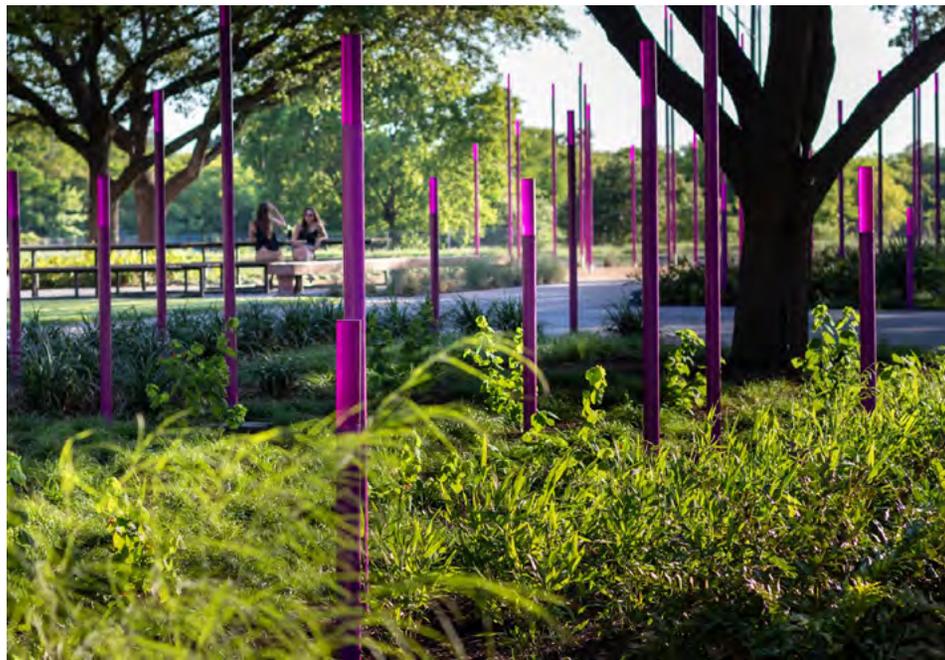
Led by the RedLeaf Properties and Austin Community College, Fontaine Plaza seeks to transform a former parking lot and road of the former Highland Mall into a centerpiece urban park and gateway for the development. The design showcases the existing heritage trees and creates a vibrant urban open space that celebrates the rich history of the site while projecting forward an image of environmental innovation, design excellence and social equity. The design focuses on a careful mix of art, technology and lifestyle that places huge emphasis on creating

“outdoor rooms” that bind the adjacent developments together in a seamless, unified way. The project exemplifies adaptive reuse of reclaimed materials, local craftsmanship and a resilient landscape that highlights native plants of Texas and low impact design.

dwg. also designed an art installation within the project. Called “Thicket” the piece is an abstract of bats in flight - paying homage to the ACC mascot. Part branding, part wayfinding, part art, the piece serves to be a dynamic installation that draws attention to the plaza by day and night.

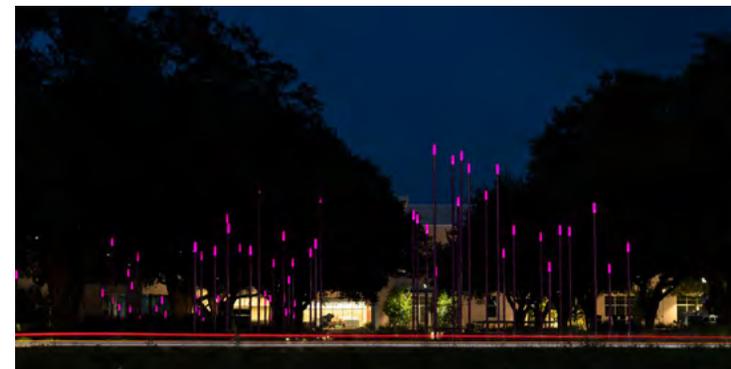
### relevant features

- green infrastructure
- heritage trees
- urban context
- water-wise native landscape
- accessibility considerations
- art element
- pedestrian-oriented



*"...dwg. offered a process of listening, responding to, and generating authentic, creative solutions that was refreshingly different from the norm."*

*—Dr. Richard M. Rhodes, Ph.D  
Chancellor, Austin Community College*





## congress ave. pocket patios

AUSTIN, TEXAS

The Congress Avenue pocket patios transform typical side-angle city parking spots into dynamic seating and gathering areas for pedestrians. Five pocket patios have been completed and collectively challenge the existing infrastructure of the Main Street of Texas, reducing the focus on vehicles and infusing the user experience with green space for respite in a busy, urban environment.

The vision behind the Congress Avenue pocket patios was to create temporary and dynamic gathering spaces to encourage patrons to linger and create

community. The idea was to add green space to provide respite from the urban experience, using limited space in an innovative way and to provide business owners new amenities for their customers.

During the initial pilot project many lessons were learned and have subsequently been applied to future pocket patios. Collaborating with the City of Austin, business owners and the Downtown Austin Alliance, the projects have resulted in the modification of the pocket patio ordinance, and the development of a guideline for future pocket patios in the city.

### relevant features

- green infrastructure
- water-wise native landscape
- accessibility considerations
- pedestrian-oriented
- art element





## music lane

AUSTIN, TEXAS

Located within the vibrant South Congress entertainment district, this 51,000 SF mixed-use development creates an engaging pedestrian experience by simultaneously embracing the site's urban character while providing a respite from the bustling traffic along the street. Inspired by the quirky sense of discovery that defines SoCo, Music Lane creates a series of peel-off spaces that invite users in to explore beyond the main street frontage.

Special attention was paid to local materials, utilizing a native Texas plant palette, locally-quarried

limestone pavers, and custom-built steel planters and water feature elements. By thoughtfully responding to the site's challenges—including significant grade change, extensive over-structure design, and two 300+ year-old heritage live oaks—and by utilizing natural materials, textures, and plantings that generate a warm and welcoming setting, this development has fast become a hot destination for shopping, dining, work, and play.

### features

- green infrastructure
- heritage trees
- urban context
- water-wise native landscape
- accessibility considerations
- art element
- pedestrian-oriented
- mixed use
- midrise on-structure amenities





## night garden at creekshow

AUSTIN, TEXAS

An inhabitable reverie, Night Garden's surreal atmosphere aims to shift perceptions of the creek towards wonder and excitement for its future. Viewers were immersed in 80,000 fluorescent survey flags "planted" at creek's edge and are surrounded by the sounds of thriving urban ecology.

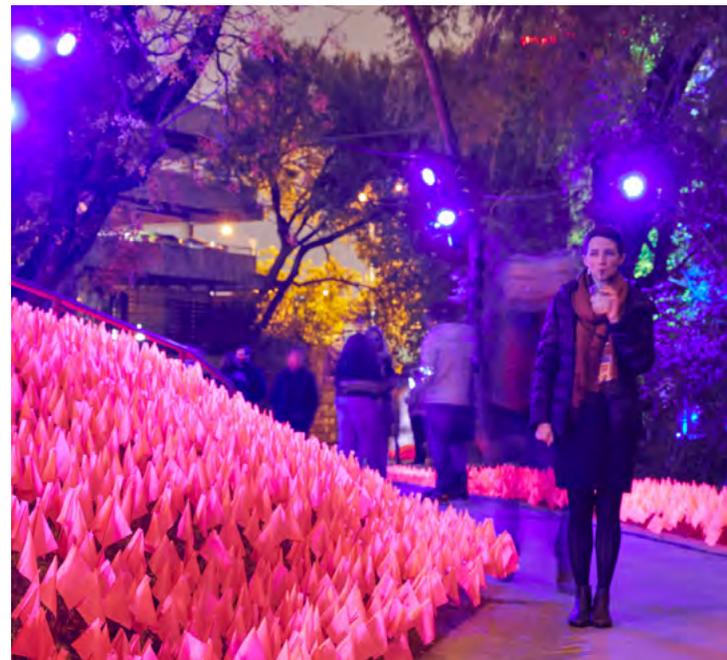
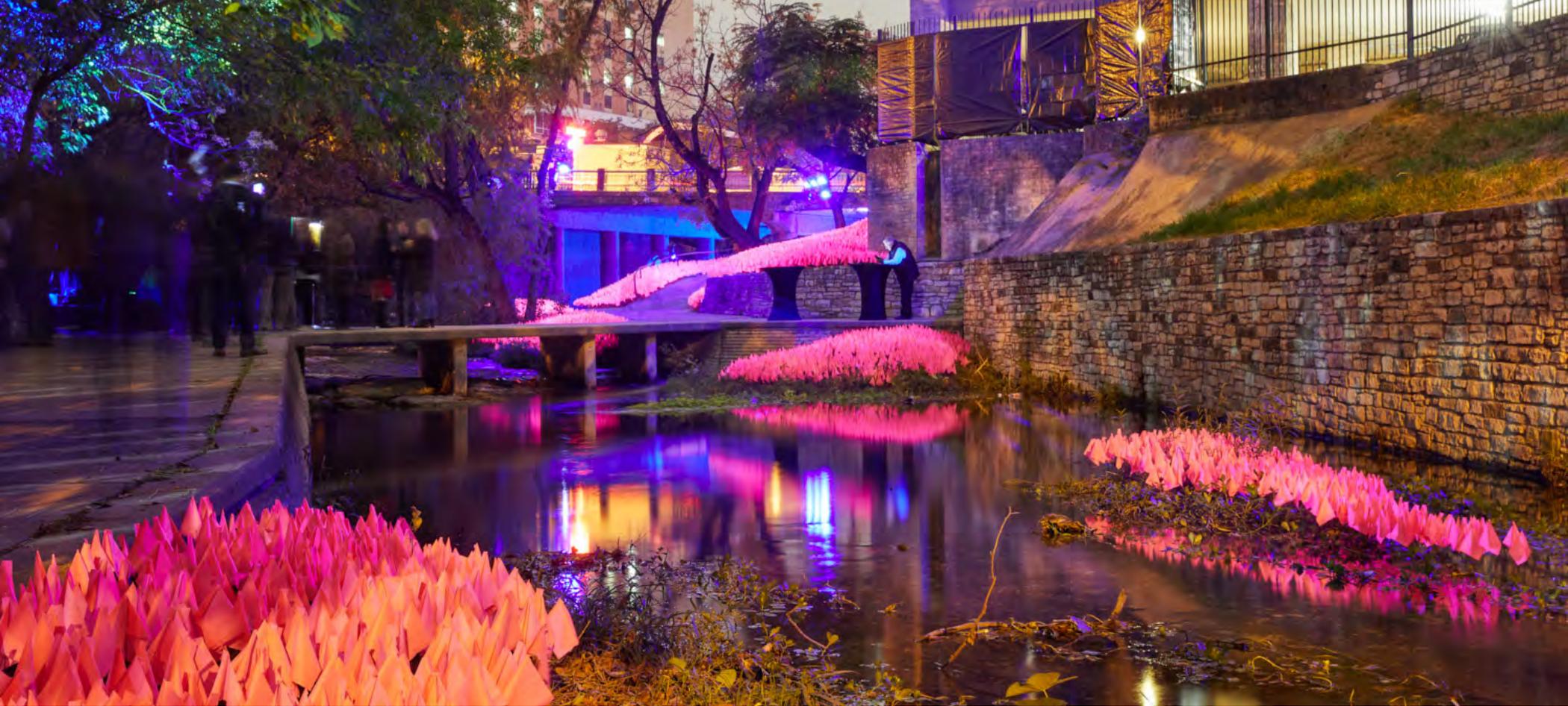
Presented by the Waller Creek Conservancy, Creek Show spans nine nights and includes six light-based, site-specific art installations on Waller Creek in the heart of downtown. The community is invited to walk along Waller Creek to view the works of art designed

to bring attention to the future revitalization and transformation of Waller Creek into a series of urban parks.

Following Creekshow, the flags will be collected and donated to our friends at TreeFolks - reinforcing our belief in minimizing waste. Our goal is to coordinate with Treefolks to see 80,000 flags turn into 80,000 new trees in our urban forest and along Austin's waterways.

### relevant features

urban context  
art element  
pedestrian-oriented





## sxsw headquarters

AUSTIN, TEXAS

Located on a compact urban site, the 13-story LEED Gold office demonstrates an exemplary standard of care, achieving the project goals of low-impact design, innovative water quality treatment and specialized attention toward tree preservation and enhancement. The project was designed to integrate into the downtown street grid, provide access to primary bicycle corridors, and honor the existing heritage trees that became the cornerstone of the design. The project demonstrates that responsible development can not only work around large trees, but

celebrate them as the centerpiece of design.

By preserving six heritage trees, providing on-site stormwater retention and treatment, a water wise, native landscape and a new streetscape that utilizes silva cells to boost soil volume for new trees, the project demonstrates responsible urban development that celebrates the unique features of the site.

*In association with Gensler and Pei Cobb Freed*

### **relevant features**

- green infrastructure
- heritage trees
- urban context
- water-wise native landscape
- accessibility considerations
- art element
- pedestrian-oriented
- outdoor amenities





## skyfort at fortlandia

AUSTIN, TEXAS

The Texas diptych of sky and land has played a central role in the narrative of western explorers, artists and writers throughout time. SKYFORT celebrates the intersection of sky and savannah through material, form and experience.

SKYFORT is created from local materials that represent the life cycle of the post-oak savannah ecosystem. Forming the structure, straw bales express the ongoing role of grasses after their growing season. Shou Sugi Ban lumber defines the inner spaces of SKYFORT, representing fire-breaks and expressing the

role of fire in the post-oak Savannah ecosystem.

Aligned to the winter solstice, the pathways through SKYFORT remind visitors of the sun's role in defining our seasons and giving life to plants and animals.

### **relevant features**

art element  
green infrastructure  
water-wise native landscape  
accessibility considerations





## arrive east austin

AUSTIN, TEXAS

A refreshingly iconic project that pushes the comfort zone within the rapidly changing east side, Arrive Hotel is uniquely positioned to illustrate a best-of urban design, innovation and a seamless integration of architecture, landscape and interiors.

With an intriguing form and striking street presence, the 83-room hotel questions traditional hotel experiences. The client pushed the envelope not only on the design, but in one-of-a-kind detailing solutions that included: innovative water quality integrated into the courtyard; silva cells in the right-

of-way that increase soil volume for street trees 10 times above code requirements; and a high-performing on-structure roof terrace bar that features custom millwork furniture and a seamless extension of the interior design.

In collaboration with Baldrige Architects, dwg.'s scope encompassed three spaces: a roof terrace, courtyard and cocktail bar, and Lefty's Brick Bar—a repurposed red brick building on site—as well as the streetscapes along the iconic 6th Street and Chicon Street.

**relevant features**  
streetscape  
green infrastructure  
water-wise native landscape,  
on-structure amenity terrace





# 816 congress

AUSTIN, TEXAS

Formerly a series of unsightly, under-performing and inaccessible roofs were transformed into unique amenity decks and green roofs. The 15th floor terrace has become a retreat and event space, offering unprecedented views of the downtown Austin skyline. This building, designed for another era, is now competing with modern and newly built office space.

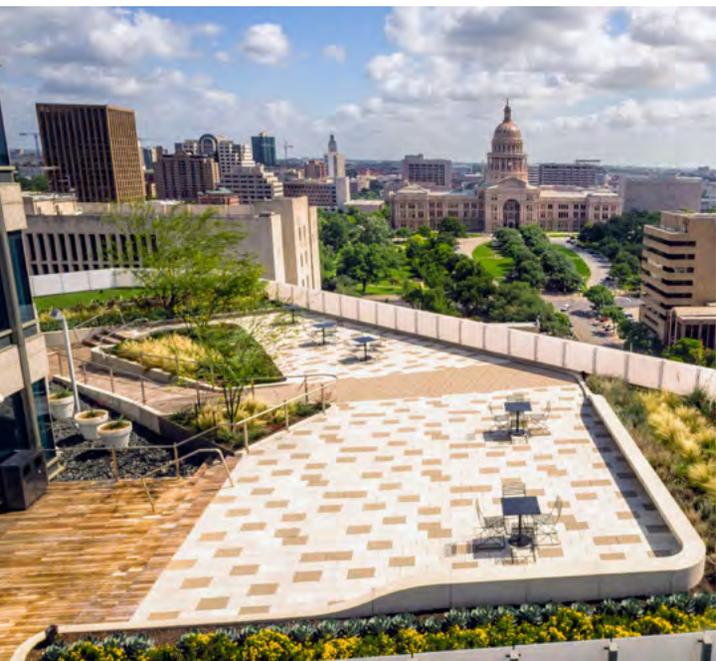
The design focused on balancing accessible amenity space with screening unsightly neighboring views, while incorporating elements of landscape. The custom-designed LED lighting system projects a

pleasant, uniform glow throughout the terrace that specifically matches the color temperature used on the nearby State Capitol to create a visual connection. As the lighting design successfully replaced inefficient building floodlights, dwg. sought to incorporate additional sustainable values. The irrigation water source is the building's air cooling system.

This adaptive reuse project adheres to sustainable design practices while emitting a high level of design and aesthetic appeal.

## relevant features

- urban core
- high rise
- streetscape
- green infrastructure
- water-wise native landscape
- on-structure amenity terrace
- rooftop garden





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