



**HITCHCOCK
DESIGN GROUP**

Focus on Recreation



We are a national, multi-disciplinary landscape architecture, placemaking and urban design practice focused on building lasting relationships with the clients we serve, the communities we design for, and the colleagues we establish on every project.





Purposeful design that makes a difference in the way people feel about their community.

Using our specialized expertise in recreation planning and design, we craft thoughtfully planned open spaces and engaging parks of all sizes. Whether for athletics, aquatics, or specialty play, Hitchcock Design Group has a team focused on creating meaningful interactions with creative outdoor spaces. Hitchcock Design Group understands the desires and demands of our audiences, resulting not just in timeless landscapes, but enhanced exploration, learning and fun. We are **experts at play™**.

FUNDING PROS

OUR REC EXPERTS

— *have submitted more than* —

150 GRANT APPLICATIONS

FOR 116 CLIENTS

— *resulting in more than* —

\$55 MILLION

IN PARKS AND REC FUNDING

PLANNING EXPERTS

**MORE THAN 50
PARKS & REC PLANS
ACROSS SEVEN STATES**
resulting in more than
15,000 ACRES OF FUN

Forest Park Splash Pad

Forest Park, Illinois

The new splash pad includes three separate zones for different age groups and types of play including a gentle tot-area with a game board inspired ground plane, a teen area with water guns and color-coded zones, and a candy castle play tower with slides, a gumball dump bucket, and a “moat” filled with gummy-creatures. Each of the three splash pads operate independently and water is treated and recirculated on-site.





Colts Canal Playspace

Indianapolis, Indiana

The Indianapolis Parks Foundation engaged Hitchcock Design Group to create an imaginative, immersive, and adaptable playspace nestled in downtown Indianapolis. As the playspace is located in the visual foreground of the Indianapolis Skyline and along the canal walk, views of the space are as important as the user's experience of the space. The Colts Canal Playspace was built as part of the Colt's Legacy Project initiative, fulfilling a need for a safe, inclusive downtown playground.





Bison's Bluff

Schaumburg, Illinois

The Schaumburg Park District retained HDG to lead a team to develop a nature-based play space within the nature center that would immerse children in an ecosystem that included native grasses and forbs, woodland trees, a stream, and a pond. The goal of the project is to lead children through an exploration of three ecosystems including a prairie, a wetland, and a savanna.





Bellaboo's Imagination Garden

Lake Station, Indiana

A natural extension of the wildly successful Bellaboo's Play & Discovery Center, the Imagination Garden brings the excitement of learning through play outside, transforming unused area into a robust children's garden and learning campus for families of all ages and abilities. The unique travel destination brings opportunities to play, learn, and splash.





Marquette Park

Gary, Indiana

After completing the Lakefront East Master Plan to guide the revitalization of historic Marquette Park, HDG served as program manager and lead consultant on the capital improvements for the park. The improvements included the restoration of the three historic structures within the park: the Father Marquette Monument, the Recreation Pavilion, and the Gary Bathing Beach Aquatorium.





Paducah Sports Park

Paducah, Kentucky

The Paducah Sports Park is being developed on the former site of the historic Bluegrass Downs horse track and the historic Stuart Nelson Park in Paducah, Kentucky. The project will include 10 multi-purpose artificial turf fields, 3 playgrounds, 2 basketball courts, and 16 pickleball courts, disc golf, trails, shelters, and landscape enhancements. A plaza and gathering area is planned for the center of the new facility to celebrate the history of the park.



ATHLETICS

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Southeast Metro All-Abilities Playground

Austin, Texas

Southeast Metro Park is an inclusive all-abilities playground built with universal components to create an area of play that supports the cognitive, physical, sensory, visual, and auditory needs of all children. The main play feature for the park is a 30-foot-long Mosasaur, a nod to the historic discovery of the fossilized remains of a Mosasaur in Onion Creek, which borders the park.





Meet your recreation market experts.

Welcome to the HDGNation! We are a dedicated and experienced team who understand your market, your mission and your language.

experts at play™



ERIC F. HORNIG, PLA, ASLA |
SENIOR PRINCIPAL

Eric has been a landscape architect with Hitchcock Design Group since September 2000 and has experience working at a variety of scales ranging from individual site development to comprehensive planning. As a Senior Principal, he is responsible for leading project teams, focusing on creative solutions that re-imagine the spaces we touch for the client, community, and end user. Eric specializes in understanding how families and children interact in outdoor environments and seeks to promote the concept of learning through play in all of his projects. He sees tangible value in the application of digital tools and explores new ways to use technology to enhance design communication to both clients and their constituents.

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Project Experience

95th Street Community Plaza,
Naperville, Illinois

Bellaboo's Imagination Garden,
Lake Station, Indiana

Bison Bluff Nature Play Area,
Schaumburg, Illinois

Bowen Park, Waukegan, Illinois

Discovery Park, Romeoville, Illinois

Eastside Sports Complex Master Plan,
Iowa City, Iowa

Forest Park Splash Pad, Forest Park, Illinois

Garfield Park Conservatory | Elizabeth
Morse Genius Children's Garden, Chicago,
Illinois

Hawks Hollow Nature Playground,
Geneva, Illinois

Morton Arboretum Children's Garden,
Lisle, Illinois

Paducah Sports Park, Paducah, Kentucky



**ANDY HOWARD, PLA |
PRINCIPAL**

Andy's creative vision and construction knowledge have played an instrumental role in a variety of projects ranging from community parks to large-scale master plans. His passion for connecting children with the natural environment has resulted in some of the Chicago region's most innovative, nature-based play environments. Andy's award-winning work on outdoor learning environments has been recognized by numerous professional organizations including the Illinois Chapter American Society of Landscape Architects and Illinois Park and Recreation Association.

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Project Experience

Bellaboo's Outdoor Discovery Center,
Lake Station, Indiana

Bison's Bluff Nature Play Area,
Schaumburg, Illinois

Bowen Park, Waukegan, Illinois

Chicago Park District Playgrounds,
Chicago, Illinois

Colts Canal Playspace,
Indianapolis, Indiana

**Hawks Hollow Nature Playground at Peck
Farm,** Geneva, Illinois

Southeast Metro All Abilities Playground,
Austin, Texas

**The Morton Arboretum Children's
Adventure Garden,** Lisle, Illinois

**Taltree Arboretum Outdoor Learning and
Adventure Garden,** Valparaiso, Indiana

Three Oaks Recreation Area,
Crystal Lake, Illinois



**STEVE KONTERS, PLA, ASLA |
SENIOR PRINCIPAL**

Steve has been serving the recreation industry for over 25 years and is the Managing Principal of our Recreation Studio based in our Chicagoland office. With this expertise, his efforts are focused on building valuable relationships with recreation and community leaders, design visioning, consensus building, and team leadership. In addition to park design, Steve also leads many comprehensive and park master plans for recreation agencies, is experienced in key funding programs for parks, and speaks on these and other topics at state and national conferences and events.

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Project Experience

Deerpath Park Sports Complex,
Lake Forest, Illinois

Kalk Park, Glencoe, Illinois

Main Beach Park Improvements,
Crystal Lake, Illinois

McCaslin Park, Carol Stream, Illinois

Melvin Berlin Park, Glencoe, Illinois

Phil's Beach, Wauconda, Illinois

Richmond Hill Park Geneseo, Illinois

Recreation Park, Arlington Heights, Illinois

Sunset Woods Rocket Tower Playground,
Highland Park, Illinois

Three Oaks Recreation Area,
Crystal Lake, Illinois

**Village of Algonquin Parks and Recreation
Master Plan,** Algonquin, Illinois

Wagner Farm Interpretive Playground,
Glenview, Illinois



RANDY ROYER, ASLA, CLARB |
SENIOR PRINCIPAL

Randy's broad range of experience over his 30-year career includes designing museum grounds in Japan, estates in South Florida, and streetscapes, parks, and corporate campuses in Indiana. He provides active leadership for many of the projects within our Indianapolis design studio and seeks to deliver value through excellent design that meets our clients' needs and is sustainable and maintainable. Randy calls Columbus, Indiana home where he is very active in the community. His community involvement includes volunteering on various committees and serving as a board member for the Columbus, Indiana Architectural Archives for over a decade.

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Project Experience

1821 Bicentennial Trail, Columbus, Indiana

Bakalar Airport Central Green Master Plan, Columbus, Indiana

Tripton Park, North Vernon, Indiana

CSA Lincoln Playground,
Columbus, Indiana

Columbus Riverfront Redevelopment,
Columbus, Indiana

Greenfield Gateway, Greenfield, Indiana

Jasper Riverwalk Labyrinth, Jasper, Indiana

Hadley Lake Park Master Plan,
West Lafayette, Indiana

Lakeview Park, Frankfort, Kentucky

Martinsville Five-Year Parks Master Plan,
Martinsville, Indiana

Paducah Sports Park, Paducah, Kentucky

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