

# QUEENS PLAZA





1. Central Commons Rendered

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LANDSCAPE COMMONS + RETAIL PLAZA  
LONG ISLAND CITY, NEW YORK

Surrounded by 40 plus story buildings, HMWhite’s design for a central landscape commons and entry and retail plaza establishes an incomparable identity for this 1700 apartment community. As with a historic town green’s social and cultural functions, the commons serves as the residents’ social heart and community gathering center. Adjacent to the LIRR rail corridor and Queen’s elevated subway trestle, the landscape’s scale is expressed at a scale that erases any awareness of its transit and industrial context. A variety of recreation activity and social gathering places are organized around a central lawn that welcomes and orients both visitors and residents. A collection of distinct “outdoor rooms” that support specific uses are shaped within a cohesive landscape framework. Visual and functional clarity is achieved through a shared landscape character that establishes a spatial structure. Bold topographic forms with their repetitive plant communities provide a diverse sequence of landscape experiences that invite both movement, lounging and reflection.

The planting design anatomy has been inspired by the nearby East River watershed ecology couple with the landscape design’s references to the neighborhood’s industrial commercial heritage. Landscape elements have been designed to inspire both an environmental and cultural connection to Long Island City’s urban evolution.

**PROJECT FEATURES**

- .85 Acre landscape common
- Lobby entry and retail plaza
- Club lounge and hammock garden terraces
- Children play space
- Dog park and run
- Bocce court + Ping Pong activity terraces
- BBQ grilling stations
- Dining terrace
- Village “green”
- Multiple built-in seating and moveable furnishings
- Upland East River native plant communities
- Stormwater harvesting

**COMPLETION**

2018

**COST**

\$575 M- \$6.25 M open space

**CLIENT**

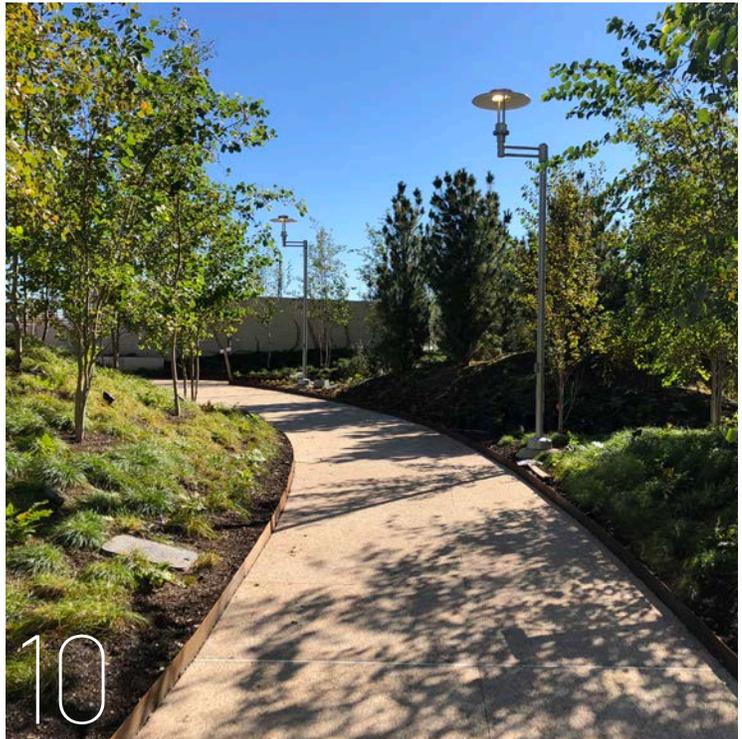
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**DESIGN TEAM**

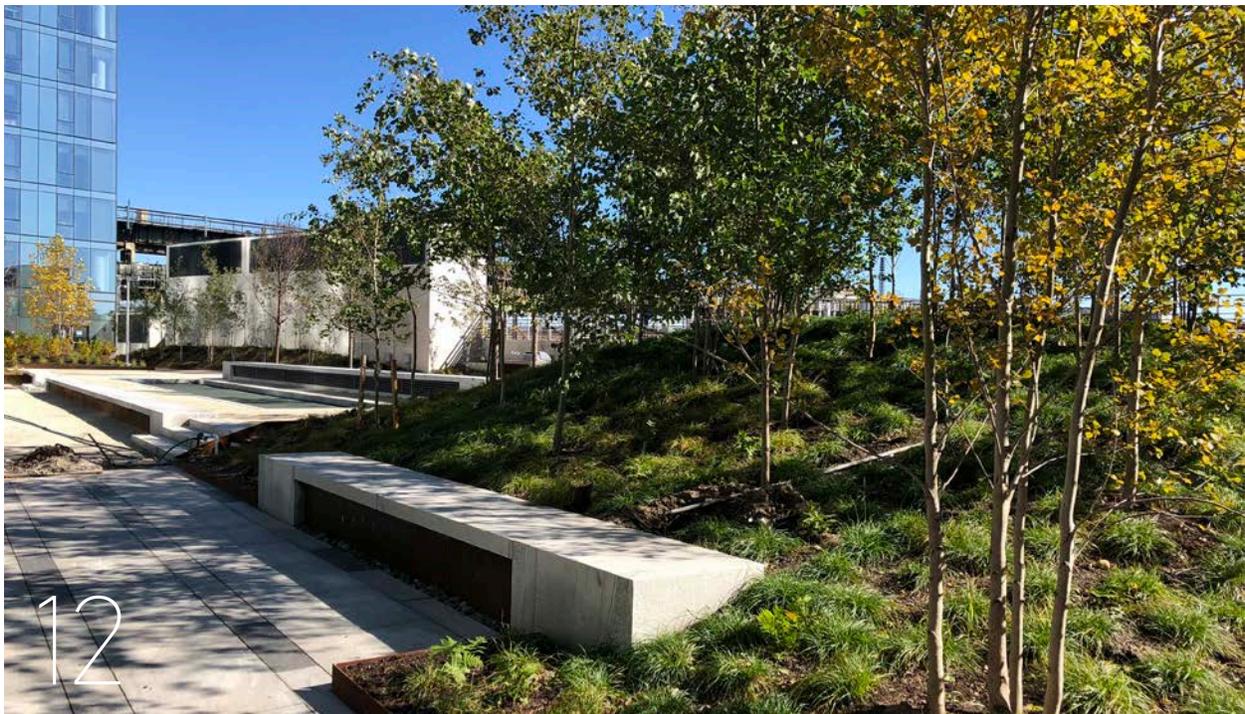
- Landscape Architect: HMWhite
- Design Architect: MSME
- Executive Architect: GHWA
- Interior Designer: Clodagh
- Structural Engineer: WSP
- Civil Engineer: Philip Habib Associates
- Lighting Designer: SBLD
- Irrigation Engineer: WC3 Design
- Landscape Contractor: Kelco Landscaping



2. Dog Park 3. Commons Program Diagram 4. Plant Community Framework Diagram 5. Children's Playspace 6. BBQ + Dining Terrace Overlook



7. Layered topography and plantings 8. Amenity terrace + hammocks 9. Garden path 10. Oval Promenade



11. Tower 1 Entry Court 12. Aspen Hillock + Grove 13. Commons event terraces