



GOTHAM COMMONS



1. South pavillion terrace

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 5TH FLOOR TERRACE
 LONG ISLAND CITY, NEW YORK

Framed by three office towers, this central podium roof terrace has been designed to serve as a community “commons,” or town green. The terrace is comprised of an undulating and freeform urban meadow landscape that reveals a network of smaller gathering spaces for both solitary and group activities. The nooks and fringe spaces can host a diverse range of programming and can be freely transformed by users overtime and for special events. The terrace landscape is conceived as a successional woodland and meadow punctuated with copses of Poplar, shade and flowing trees. Drifts of native / adaptive grasses, perennials and flowing bulb ebb and flow through the terrace providing a dynamic landscape framework and highlights a vegetated horizon line against the terrace’s urban backdrop.

This universally visible and physically accessible shared landscape establishes a distinguished property identity and re-invents commercial office design. Harnessing the community building role and purpose of a traditional village green, the terrace landscape design integrates low maintenance wildflower meadows and Aspen tree groves as both a spatial framework and a compatible horticultural response to the terrace’s elevated and exposed environmental condition. The mounded groves establish an immediate human scale and provide wind protection and considerable shade to improve comfortable occupation for an extended seasonal use. The terrace landscape fully encapsulates the buildings, which creates an inescapable visual presence from both interior and exterior daily experiences.

PROJECT FEATURES

- 51,000 SF terrace
- Event space
- Biophylic design
- Microclimatic design
- Human comfort strategies
- Variety of social “pods”
- Movable furnishings
- Garden landforms
- Low maintenance
- Grey water re-use
- Living roof
- Aspen tree groves
- Container “pavilion”

COMPLETION

Spring 2019

COST

\$3 M

CLIENT

Tishman Speyer

DESIGN TEAM

- Landscape Architect: HMWhite
- Executive Architect: MdeAS Architects
- Programming Architect: Situ Studio
- Structural Engineer : WSP Parsons Brinckerhoff
- MEP Engineer : Jaros, Baum & Bolles
- Irrigation Engineer: WC3 Design
- Environmental Engineer: Tene Enviromental
- LEED Consultant: Adrian Tulca
- Construction Manager: New Line Structures



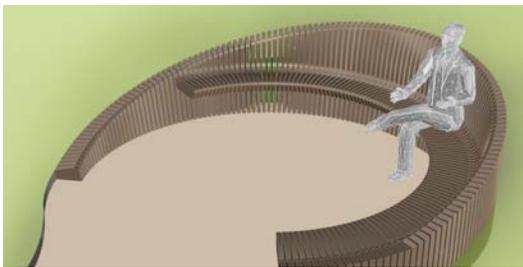
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2. Amenity terrace landscape



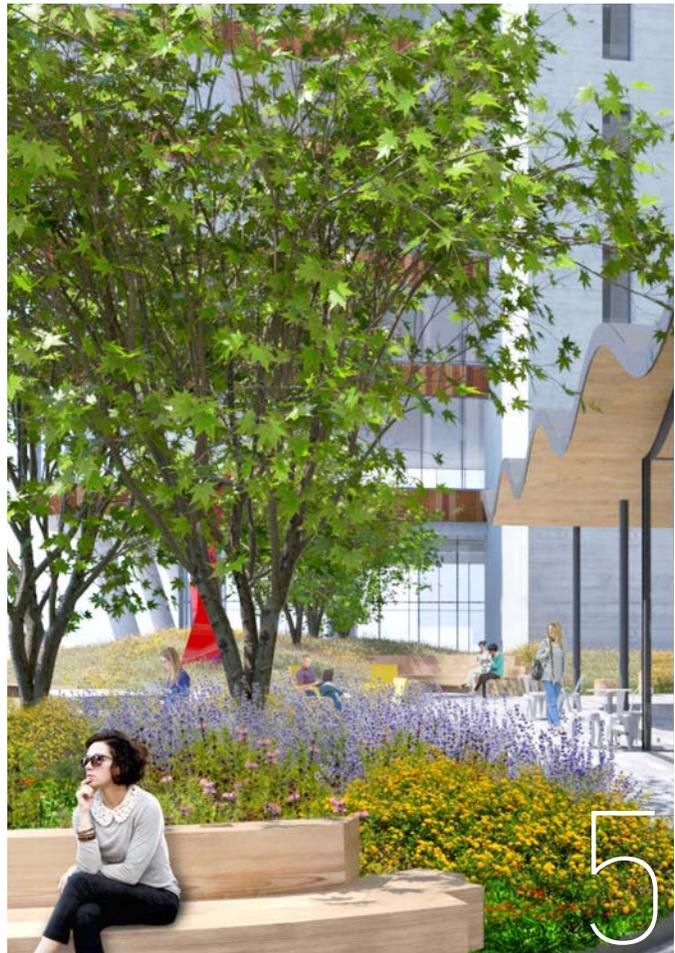
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3. Study model



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4. Custom seating designs as integrated topographic support features



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5. Fluidity of garden commons and pavilion