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"Wallace Roberts & Todd holds the highest level of respect in the Philadelphia community for its pioneering work in environmental design and urban planning. Your firm and its leaders have provided countless hours of community support and intellectual and design leadership for this community."

John P. Claypool, AIA, AICP
Executive Director
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I. BRIEF HISTORY

Wallace Roberts & Todd, LLC (WRT) is an interdisciplinary planning and design practice with offices in Philadelphia, PA; Lake Placid, NY; Coral Gables, FL, Dallas, TX, and San Diego and San Francisco, CA. For forty-one years, the firm's landscape architects, architects, urban designers and planners have worked collaboratively on projects for both public and private sector clients.

An Environmental Ethos

Since its inception in 1963, WRT's foundation has been the belief that cities and regions are interdependent entities that can be integrated through rational, environmentally-based planning and design processes that require the participation of multiple skills and disciplines. A corollary to this foundation is the belief that open space resources are the defining element of such integration, requiring of landscape architecture a position of leadership and advocacy.

Beginning with Ian L. McHarg, FASLA and William H. Roberts, FASLA, two of the firm's founding principals, and through a new generation of landscape architect principals, WRT maintains today a position of international prominence in the advocacy and practice of environmentally responsible design.

To reinforce this position, internally and externally, the firm is currently managed by a landscape architect principal, Paul Rookwood, ASLA, whose agenda is the continuing development and integration of green design into the firm's core disciplines of landscape architecture, architecture, urban design, and planning. To make this philosophy operational, the firm has in place a Green Council charged with researching and teaching green design techniques so that they may be applied comprehensively on projects throughout the firm.

We value the urban landscape as much as we value the natural landscape. Our goal is to see both flourish so that future generations are able to appreciate the achievement of cities within the context of preserving and enhancing natural resources.

Award-winning work

The firm has won 180 awards for planning and design excellence from ASLA, AIA, APA, government agencies and various institutions. Nearly a quarter – a total of 41 – of our awards have been conferred by ASLA, including national, state, and local chapters. These awards are a testament to the consistent application of ongoing principles which protect and celebrate the natural environment, integrate professional disciplines of landscape architecture, architecture and planning, and also express the culture of a place and its people. The firm's contributions go beyond its substantial portfolio to include a finely honed working process that has always emphasized collaboration in a search for excellence. Project examples can be seen in other sections of this submission.

Pushing the Boundaries of Landscape Architecture

Landscape architecture at WRT has always been approached as part of a larger continuum of environmental planning and design. Meaningful collaboration has enabled many of the principles and practices of landscape architecture to expand and influence other disciplines, and by so doing, broaden its reach and impact.

QUICK FACTS:

- Founded 1963 as Wallace McHarg - Roberts & Todd
- WMRT Reorganized in 1981 as Wallace Roberts & Todd
- Reorganized in 2000 as Wallace Roberts & Todd, LLC
- Six offices nationwide
- 180 Awards in 41 years of practice
- 41 ASLA Awards
- Led by Paul M. Rookwood, ASLA, managing principal
- 4 of the firm's 6 offices are led by Landscape Architects
- 5 of 18 principals are Landscape Architects

"They have the unique ability to engage creatively and substantively with the campus community environment as well as interacting with all the professionals representing different disciplines. Their ability to pull these various components together and coalesce the group into a consolidated objective has made WRT extremely valuable for the university. There is no question in my mind that WRT represents the penultimate of a landscape design firm, and our campus is all the better as a result of their involvement..."

M. Boone Hellmann, FAIA
Vice Chancellor for Facilities
Design & Construction
And Campus Architect
University of California, San Diego

Whether introducing a landscape sensibility to urban design projects or thinking differently about traditional landscape projects, the firm's approach has not only given our professionals a chance to fully explore their creative potential, but has resulted in better projects for our clients

WRT's pioneering spirit infuses our practice to this day, transforming introspection into inventive new ways of serving our clients while remaining true to our collective values.

Collaboration – by design

The idea of interdisciplinary collaboration is structurally embedded in the firm's organization, in the form of shared areas of practice, or Affinity Groups. Drawing professionals from all offices and the core disciplines, Affinity Groups coalesce around specific areas of practice: Comprehensive Planning, Housing and Community Development, Campus Environments, Urban Places, and Parks & Open Spaces. The Groups meet annually to critique the work and derive new and innovative ways to advance the firm's environmental ethos.

Advocacy – publishing, teaching and civic and professional involvement

In the four decades that have transpired since the firm was first established, WRT's advocacy of landscape issues has been manifested in:

- university chairmanships and teaching assignments
- publications of a critically acclaimed book (*Design with Nature*)
- seminal articles in trade publications on topics ranging from Planning for Bio-Diversity to Landscape Urbanism
- participation in multiple national ASLA planning and design award programs;
- involvement in major competition juries (Oklahoma Bombing Memorial)
- membership in Planning Commissions, Design Review Boards and Design Advisory Panels nationwide
- active participation in the Landscape Foundation, the Board of Trustees of the American Society of Landscape Architects, the CEO Roundtable, and the U.S. Green Building Council.