2. LIST OF THE FIRM’S ACHIEVEMENTS

Innovative & Sustained Practice:
In establishing the practice forty years ago, WRT’s founders pioneered a number of methods and principles, that have become almost commonplace in today’s practice:

- “A truly multidisciplinary approach to projects—one that joins landscape architects with allied professions in developing innovative solutions to client’s problems.
- “Emphasis on an ethos rather than a particular “signature” aesthetic to unify the firm’s body of work.
- “A pluralistic practice that relies on the collaboration of professionals (rather than a few dominant individuals).
- “A commitment to sustainable design and planning, uniting the natural and cultural environments to better shape patterns of human habitation.

Outstanding Projects:
- An extensive and varied portfolio of projects in which Landscape Architecture has played a leadership role - extending the influence of the profession into the disciplines of urban design, planning and architecture.
- The firm’s projects have won 180 awards in its 41 years of practice - these awards have been conferred by professional peers, the public and others within the design and construction industry. Nearly a quarter (41) of these awards have been conferred by ASLA, including national, state and local chapters.

Academic Contributions
The firm’s origins are linked to the University of Pennsylvania and Drexel University, institutions for whom many of our principals teach.

- “Links with the academy, both to nurture the development of young practitioners and to continually refresh the firm’s project work with new ideas and talent.
- “All of the landscape architecture principals teach or have taught at major universities.

William H. Roberts, FASLA
Faculty, University of Pennsylvania
Chairman of Dept, University of Pennsylvania
1963 – 1976
Lecturer, Harvard University, The Boston Architecture Center
1972-1973
Paul M Rookwood, ASLA, AICP
Studio Critic, U of Penn (ongoing)
Kathleen A. Garcia, ASLA
Studio Guest Critic, U.C. Berkeley
1983, 1985
Scholarships and Internships by WRT
U of Penn Student Scholarship and Internship Program
1994 – current
WRT studio @ the University of Pennsylvania ongoing
Purdue University annual internship

- William Roberts also served as chair of the department of landscape architecture at the University of Pennsylvania’s Graduate School of Fine Arts.
- Longstanding, active programs for internships, scholarship, and professional mentoring within the practice.
Service to Profession of Landscape Architecture

Our commitment to the profession is longstanding and multifaceted:

- WRT’s senior professionals participate in chapter activities, serve on professional juries, and contribute articles to the professional press. Instances are too many to list here.

  - William Roberts, in particular, has demonstrated leadership over the years at the national level, guiding the ASLA CEO roundtable in tackling issues facing the profession as a whole. Our current managing principal, Paul Rookwood, now serves on this board.

Community Service

Our professional commitment extends beyond ASLA and the profession and into the community at large.

- WRT landscape architectural professionals are encouraged to serve on boards, commissions and community activist organizations to promote excellence in design and planning. Kathleen Garcia, ASLA, Principal, for instance, is the first landscape architect ever to serve on the City of San Diego Planning Commission, a mayoral appointment.
- The firm’s landscape architects have taken a leadership role in sustainable design organizations, in particular local chapters of the U.S. Green Building Council.

To Local Park Systems:
- Fairmount Park Foundation Board
  - William H. Roberts – current
- Penjerdel Regional Council Executive Committee and Board
  - William H. Roberts – current

To Universities:
- UCSD – Chair, Design Review Board
- UCSB – Member, Design Review Committee
  - Ignacio F. Bunster-Ossa – 1999
- California Polytechnic San Luis Obispo Landscape Architecture Advisory Council
  - Kathleen A. Garcia – 2001 - 2004

To Cities and other Organizations:
- Oklahoma City Bombing Memorial, Juror
  - Ignacio F. Bunster-Ossa – 1997
- Southeast San Diego Redevelopment Board of Directors
  - Kathleen A. Garcia – 1997 – present
- City of San Diego – Chair, Old Town Design Review Board
  - Kathleen A. Garcia – 1994 – present
- City of San Diego – Planning Commissioner
  - Kathleen A. Garcia – 2001 – present

In San Diego, David A. Gal, ASLA, Associate is a board member of the local chapter of the USGBC and is among the team of professionals that founded it.
- In our Coral Gables office, Carolyn Mitchell, ASLA is initiating efforts to found a local chapter of the USGBC.