Our Philosophy & Values

We believe the basis for a successful design lies hidden within the context of a site and our goal is to discover, foster and develop it through research and analysis, conceptual generation and the blending of aesthetic and pragmatic aspects of Landscape Architecture and Civil Engineering into a comprehensive solution. In working with our Clients, we strive for comprehensive, creative and thorough problem solving services based on these values:

• SERVICE: We are committed to building strong and long-lasting relationships based on transparent communication, trust, honesty and integrity. We listen to and respond to the needs of our Clients, treating them as partners.

• STEWARDSHIP: Sustainable design is developing long-lasting quality solutions while striving to preserve natural resources for future generations and we are committed to being managers of our world ecology for our Clients.

• SYNERGY: Whether we are part of a collaborative team effort or working singly with a Client, we are committed to a dynamic and interactive approach to planning and design.

• PERSPECTIVE: We are committed to helping our Clients see and understand their project in different ways in order to create the best possible solutions. Our personal directive on any project is how can we push the creative design envelope while satisfying the program and budget requirements.

• OPTIMISM: We are committed to generating excitement and positive energy about each project and letting this passion guide us through the design process and beyond.

Profile

RSLA plans and designs intelligent site solutions to enhance the outdoor places and spaces where we live, learn, work and play.

Our mission is to enhance the quality of life in our communities by improving the way in which people interact with and within the landscape and by reducing the negative impact that human use has upon the landscape.

RSLA provides a full range of Landscape Architecture and Site Planning services for these types of projects:

• Civic: Libraries, churches, museums, plazas.

• Community: Subdivisions, apartments, condominiums

• Education: K-12 schools, Colleges & Universities.

• Sports: Athletic fields, running tracks, sport courts, golf courses.

• Workplace: Offices, health care centers, retail and commercial centers.

“places • spaces • solutions”
Site Planning & Landscape Architecture Services

- Site analysis & research
- Environmental & land use planning
- Community master planning
- Site planning & engineering
- Grading & earthwork design
- Stormwater management & Artful Rainwater Design
- Traditional landscape design
- Native & xeriscape landscape design
- Phytoremediation
- Site construction detailing
- Site work & landscape specifications
- 3-D visualization & renderings
- ADA compliance
- Municipal permitting, CBPA, SWPP & DEC permitting
- Construction administration

“places • spaces • solutions”

Tel: (757) 410-2596 • Email: info@rsla.us • Web Site: www.rsla.us
RSLA provides design services for both natural and synthetic turf athletic fields including soccer, football, baseball, lacrosse and field hockey for schools and colleges. Work includes the layout and dimensioning of fields, grading, sports drainage systems, skinned areas, fencing and gates, bleachers and spectator areas, warm-ups areas, dug-outs, storage areas and goal posts. RSLA provides complete design plans, construction specifications, construction administration, and local, county and state municipal agency approval applications. We also coordinate public presentations and meetings with civic groups and sports clubs.
RSLA specializes in the design and development of public plazas and memorials as well as church sites, cemeteries and columbaria. Work includes general site planning and layout, parking and drop-offs, walkways, grading, storm drainage, artful rainwater design, permeable paving, native and traditional planting design, bio-swales, solar and LED site lighting, US government site security design, fountains, social/seating areas and interpretive signage. RSLA works closely with public and civic groups in developing contextual and harmonious design solutions that become community focal points.
As Prime Consultants and through RFP competitions, RSLA has been chosen to work on various campus projects for local colleges and universities including CUNY, Queens College and Suffolk County Community College. Scope of work includes the design of public pedestrian plazas, sports facilities and landscape design. Elements include site layout, grading, storm drainage, handicapped access ramps, steps and retaining walls, site construction detailing, landscape and planting design, running track, tennis courts and athletic fields, courtyards, site lighting, preparation of site work specifications and project oversight during construction.
RSLA provides site and landscape design services for corporate and retail centers that help define a high level of aesthetic quality for each facility. Work includes site Master Planning, site layout and design, parking and circulation, traffic calming, grading, conventional and sustainable storm drainage systems, wayfinding, traditional and native landscape and planting design, plazas, courtyards, restaurant terraces, entrance features, pools and fountains, streetscapes, bollards and gateways and crosswalks. Projects have included shopping and retail centers, malls, corporate office buildings and headquarters, warehouses, banks, amusement and recreation parks.

45 North Station Plaza, Great Neck Plaza, NY

Newday Headquarters, Melville, NY

Edenton Commons Retail Center, Edenton, NC

Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind, Smithtown, NY

Empire National Bank, Islandia, NY
RSLA provides site and landscape design as consultants to Architects and as direct services to medical and health care Clients. Projects include nursing homes and congregate care facilities, hospitals, assisted living centers, veterinary and vision-impaired care facilities and outpatient medical facilities. Work includes building siting, parking and roadway layout, drop-off and handicapped accessible areas, ramps, steps and retaining walls, landscape and planting design, plazas and terraces, physical and horticultural therapy areas, staff areas, grading, storm drainage design, site security upgrades and design, construction specifications and project oversight.

United Odd Fellows & Rebekah Home, Bronx, NY

Suffolk County Skilled Nursing Facility, Yaphank, NY

Washington Hospital Campus, Washington, DC
RSLA provides large-scale landscape design services for many prominent land development firms throughout the NY metropolitan area and the mid-Atlantic region. Projects include single-family communities, condominiums and apartments. Work includes the preparation of project Master Plans, building siting, road and pedestrian layout, recreation and playground facility design, swimming pools, terraces and patios, sports courts, putting greens, native and traditional landscape design, entrance features, wetlands enhancement, and park and open space design. Services also include the submission of plans for municipal review and public presentations.
RSLA works with Architects and School Districts on K-12 school sites including the master planning of entire new campuses, site planning for new buildings and additions and site development for athletic and outdoor activities. Scope of work includes the design of parking and pedestrian circulation, grading, storm drainage, handicapped access ramps, steps and retaining walls, site construction detailing, landscape and planting design, playgrounds, sports facilities, courtyards, site lighting, preparation of site work specifications, project oversight during construction, CBPA applications, SWPPP and ADA compliance.
Local context plays a large role in the site development of libraries and museums and RSLA looks for cues in the surrounding region and within the museum subjects or library users. Our goal is the successful marriage of the building and site to provide both a functionally and aesthetically pleasing solution. As with all of our projects, we strive to develop sustainable concepts from the outset including low-impact development (LID), permeable pavements, best management practices (BMP) for stormwater mitigation, use of native and xeriscape plants, user-friendly public courtyards and learning gardens, green roof design and solar lighting.
RSLA provides planning and design services for new active and passive public parks, new golf courses and the renovation of existing golf facilities for both private developers and local municipalities. Projects have included golf course master plans, individual hole design and redesign, environmentally-friendly neighborhood parks, community mini-parks, walking trails and bikeways. Work has included site plans, grading, storm drainage design, landscape and planting design, boardwalks, overlooks, bridges, tee, green, fairway and bunker design, practice ranges and putting greens, playgrounds, par course/fitness areas, earth sculpturing and construction oversight.
RSLA emphasizes a sustainable and “green” approach to residential landscape design. It begins with an appropriate design that includes functional, cost efficient, visually pleasing, environmentally friendly and maintainable areas, all while meeting the program needs of a family. The design must be implemented in a cost and energy efficient manner and be built to stand the test of time. Lastly, the landscape must be monitored and maintained to ensure a continuously healthy ecosystem. RSLA works closely with families to develop a “compound” that suits all of their needs and provides four seasons of use and beauty.
RSLA has over 20 years experience in designing tennis and sports courts for both public schools and parks and private homeowners. We have designed asphalt and Har-tru court surfaces and also providing lighting design for night play. Our services include the preparation of site plans including site layout, grading, storm drainage design, retaining walls, steps and stairs, fencing and gates, landscape and planting design, seating areas, walkways and details for bidding and construction. We also prepare site work specifications and municipal approval applications and provide project oversight and inspections during construction.
With over 20 years experience, RSLA designs running tracks and field events for schools, colleges and universities. Scope of work includes the design and conversion of metric tracks, 6-and-8 lane tracks, resilient surfacing, trench drains, long/triple, high jump and pole vault runways and landing areas, steeplechase water pits, storm drainage design, irrigation system design, bleachers, fencing and gates and event line striping. Our services include the preparation of site plans and details for bidding and construction, site work specifications, SED approval applications and project oversight and inspections during construction.