

viridian landscape studio®



Firm Profile

For more than 25 years, we've been designing resilient places that enrich the built and natural environments. Our approach is rooted in a deep understanding of green infrastructure, a passion for native vegetation, and a belief that everyone should have access to fresh air and space to play – regardless of age, income, or ability.

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Viridian Landscape Studio heals ecosystems
while making beautiful places for people.







Fairleigh Dickinson University, Hackensack, NJ
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Education



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In uncertain times, flexible educational landscapes aren't just desirable – they're essential. From grade schools to universities, attractive outdoor spaces encourage collaboration and creativity, create new opportunities for learning and playing, and inspire a sense of community. Viridian uses native plantings, remediation strategies, and impactful placemaking to create sustainable, site-specific experiences for schools of every size. By strengthening native ecosystems, we strengthen a school's identity. Informed by extensive research and client collaboration, our work reduces maintenance costs, improves accessibility, and ultimately makes schools more competitive.



Opposite: Pennsylvania State University Student Housing, Abington, PA, © Halkin Mason Photography

Bottom left: Abington Friends School Playground, Jenkintown, PA

Top: Farleigh Dickinson University Spirit Bridge, Hackensack, NJ, © Coston-Hardy Photography

Bottom right: University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, Philadelphia, PA

“Viridian’s landscape is celebrated by students, faculty, and staff. It knits the campus together in ways that encourage academic research and community engagement.”

*- Heidi Fichtenbaum
Senior Project Manager, Farleigh Dickinson University*



Lions Pride Park Playground,
Warrington Township, PA



Parks and Recreation



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Parks and recreation spaces make communities happier, healthier, and stronger. Viridian believes everyone has a right to the joys and benefits of nature, and our work for public parks focuses on creating inclusive, accessible, and engaging spaces. Through research and outreach, we meet the needs of the community while restoring and repairing the natural landscape. Whether designing a large park or urban parklet, our user-focused approach creates opportunities for interpretation and interaction while balancing preservation with progress.

Viridian principal Tavis Dockwiler wrote the book —literally— on sustainable city parks, and continues to share her knowledge by empowering clients to maintain their landscape for generations.



Opposite & Top left: The Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education, Philadelphia, PA
Bottom: The Woodlands Cemetery, Philadelphia, PA

Top right: Lions Pride Park Playground, Warrington Township, PA

“Viridian’s master plan was excellently produced, visually appealing, and accurate in representing our vision for the site. Proof of success lies in the fact that the plan yielded a donation of an adjacent million dollar property.”

- Pickering Creek Audubon Center



KidZooU at The Philadelphia Zoo, Philadelphia, PA
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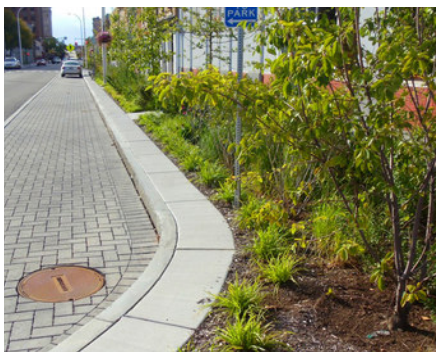


Civic and Cultural



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From public farms to ecological master plans, Viridian's civic and cultural work focuses on strengthening communities through engagement, education, and sustainable interventions. Our expertise in green infrastructure has helped clients reduce combined sewer overflow by millions of gallons and improved public health by supporting those most in need. For us, a collaborative and engaging public process is essential to creating enduring public spaces. Through surveys, workshops, and conversations, we develop and refine solutions that balance our clients' immediate needs and long-term goals to improve the quality of life for everyone.



Opposite & Bottom left: Farm for the City, Philadelphia, PA

Top left: KidZooU at The Philadelphia Zoo, Philadelphia, PA, © Halkin Mason Photography

Top right: The Woodlands Cemetery (Rendering), Philadelphia, PA

Bottom right: Water Street Stormwater Retrofit, Onondaga County, NY

"I cannot thank your team enough for the amazing work we have completed! I am certain the work done so far has exceeded everyone's expectations. Everyone at the zoo is full of excitement and wonderment for this exciting project!"

*- Nicholas Heller
Seasonal Experience Project Manager, Philadelphia Zoo*



Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Motherhouse,
Monroe, MI © Eric D. Lipshutz

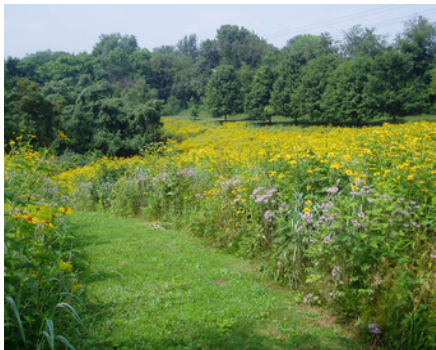


Health and Wellness



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Viridian Landscape Studio was founded on the belief that landscapes can heal. For us, that means healing the earth. However, it often also means healing people. Spending time outdoors can lower stress, keep the mind engaged, and provide a welcome reprieve from difficult situations. Partnering with schools, hospitals, convents, municipalities and senior living communities, we create gardens and cultivate spaces for those most in need. Our healing landscapes include places for quiet contemplation and sensory management, sustainable gardens for enjoying the smells, colors, and textures of plants, and environments for connecting with nature – and with each other.



Opposite: Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Motherhouse, Monroe, MI
Top left: Upper Merion Community Center, King of Prussia, PA

Bottom left & Top right: Felician Sisters Convent and School, Corapolis, PA
Bottom right: Upper Merion Community Center, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania

“We often retreat to nature for healing and renewal. The Motherhouse grounds offer a rich contemplative landscape, and we consider the grounds to be one of our Sacred Spaces.”

- Immaculate Heart of Mary Sisters



University of Pennsylvania School of
Nursing Roofgarden, Philadelphia, PA



Corporate



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Study after study has shown that people are happier and more productive after spending time outside. Bringing natural planting and outdoor space into residential developments, office buildings, and corporate campuses makes business more competitive and spaces more desirable. Working on both new construction projects and existing buildings, Viridian has helped clients increase rents, worker retention rates, and overall quality of life while reducing operational costs through passive cooling, alternative land management, water collection, and other strategies.



Opposite & Bottom right: Liberty Property Trust 400 Rouse, Philadelphia, PA
Bottom left: La Salle University Quadrangle, Philadelphia, PA

Top: New York Genome Project Roofgarden, New York, NY

"I've had the pleasure of working with Viridian Landscape Studio on more than one corporate development. Their design approach is considerate and thoughtful in addressing all the typical development concerns one can expect on class A developments. Viridian is very flexible and understands corporate timelines and budgetary realities. Their design approach allows for great cost control without sacrificing the final product."

*- Wale Mabogunje
VP Project Executive, Parkway Corporation*

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