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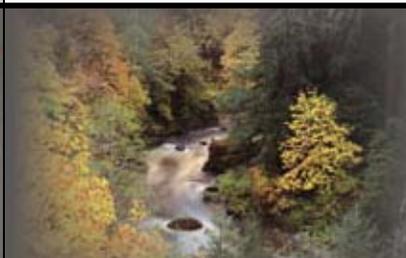
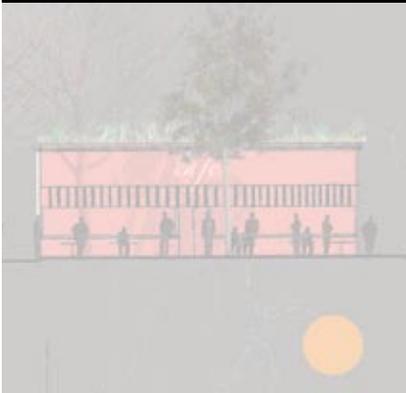
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Mixed-use development and riparian forest

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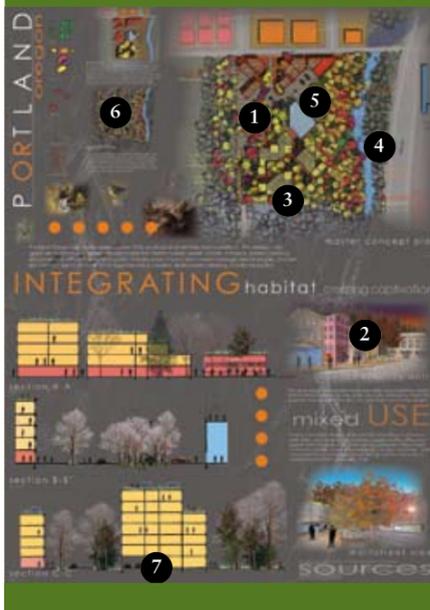
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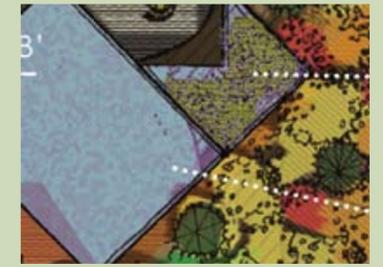
Snapshot of a winner

Connections matter and give shape to our quality of life. Nature-friendly development creates new connections within communities, neighborhoods, natural areas, backyards and beyond. In “creating captivation,” nature and human development embrace and complement each other, bringing forth the best of both. Places where animals and humans interact on a daily basis are great places for people to live and experience the world more fully.



③ Planting-for-wildlife roofs

Wildlife habitat exists beyond the ground level. Grasses, sedums and a variety of flowers are planted on multi-level rooftop gardens on many of the site’s buildings and offer more than a filtration and storage system for stormwater. The vegetation provides food for a passing variety of birds and butterflies, such as the yellow-headed chat, house finch, purple finch, American dipper, and Monarch and swallow-tailed butterflies.



⑤ Rooftop recreation

To maximize the land for habitat, a rooftop recreation court sits atop a building next to the regenerated riparian forest. A bonus is the canopy-level view of birds and other wildlife.

creating captivation: *cap-ti-vate*
To influence by some special charm, art, or trait and with an irresistible appeal

Inhabitant profiles



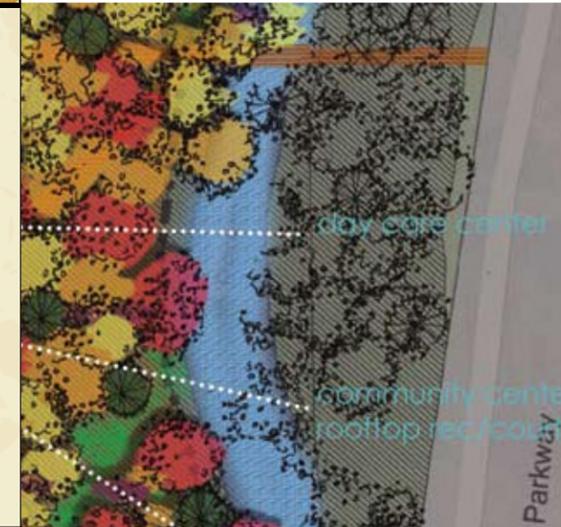
Common yellowthroat © Jim Cruce,
Black-tailed deer (Steve Hillebrand),
Raccoon (Dave Menke).



② Wide sidewalks, narrow streets

The urban design incorporates street trees, open space planting, and modern and traditional building facades with wide sidewalks and narrow streets. These safe, tree-lined promenades appeal to the eye and retain both ecological and transportation functions. Enticingly walkable streets draw people outdoors.

“We have throughout the country thousands and thousands of students who have embraced the notion of greening America and recognize that integrating habitat into design is next. It’s time to understand the context of green buildings and wrap them with big ideas: How do we want to live? What is the relationship between habitat and how we treat one another? What does it mean to have respect for land?”
Jim Winkler, jurist



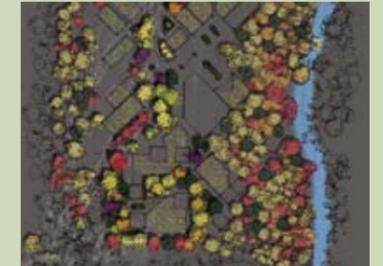
① Habitat corridors

Significant areas of forested habitat are threaded and connected to draw wildlife into and through the development from the nature park to riparian areas running along the creek. Intact native plant communities are protected and enhanced. Habitat expanses, retained through the thoughtful configuration of structures, are located in prime areas where humans can observe and learn about wildlife.



④ Regenerated riparian forest

A forest runs along the site’s west side. Along the east side, a regenerated riparian forest surrounds a creek running the length of the development. Trees are an ecologically important riparian feature. Stream shading improves water quality and may help restore historic steelhead runs. As the forest combines with the habitat corridors, the site becomes a green continuum.



⑥ Ecological ribbons

Ecological pathways of green flow throughout the site, providing habitat for salamanders, frogs, turtles, chipmunks, squirrels, raccoons, owls and hawks.



⑦ Tuck-under parking

A key component of the development plan, tuck-under parking beneath community centers, residences and towers helps avoid impacts on habitat conservation areas.

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Blend. Balance. Integrate.

Collaborate to redefine the built environment and restore nature.

More than 100 teams from around the world submitted entries to the Integrating Habitats design competition, proving that every space in which we live, work, shop and play can create places for both people and nature. These designs redefine current standards of environmental sustainability. The award winners illustrate new types of nature-friendly designs that balance development, human needs and the health of natural systems we all depend upon.



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“The winning entries demonstrate that both people *and* other organisms get better places to live when we apply what we know about urban design and what we know about habitats to the same places.” —Joan Nassauer, jurist

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