



ISABELLE MINN, ASLA, LEED AP

Principal

Isabelle has over twenty years of experience in community-based design and planning. Her work has focused on landscape architecture and urban design, with an emphasis on the protection of open space and natural resources, as well as on improving and greening our urban areas. She has managed a wide range of projects from large, open space master plans to urban forestry plans and site planning and design projects. She strives to create a balance between protecting resources and increasing public access. Isabelle has developed multi-disciplinary studies addressing physical, biological, cultural, and policy issues that affect watersheds. She has also managed many trail planning and design projects, from large-scale trail master plans to construction documents, and she is an expert on the development of urban greening projects. Recently, Isabelle's work has emphasized meeting park and open space needs in park poor communities. She served as the Principal-in-Charge of the Comprehensive Countywide Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment for the County of Los Angeles, the Concord Hills Regional Park Land Use Plan and EIR for East Bay Regional Park District, and the Pigeon Point Light Station State Historic Park General Plan for California State Parks.

HIGHLIGHTS OF EXPERIENCE

OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS

- » San Vicente Redwoods Public Access Plan, Santa Cruz County CA
- » Los Angeles County Trails Assessment and Mapping, LA County CA
- » Cloverdale Ranches Alternatives Planning, Pescadero CA
- » La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve Master Plan, La Honda CA
- » Laguna de Santa Rosa Protected Lands Trail Plan, Sonoma County CA
- » Wavecrest Concept Plan, Half Moon Bay CA
- » Mori Point Trail Planning and Design, Pacifica CA

PARKS AND CIVIC LANDSCAPES

- » Los Angeles Countywide Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment, LA County CA
- » Master Plan for Sustainable Parks and Recreation, LA County CA
- » Saratoga Quarry Park Master Plan, Saratoga CA
- » Martial Cottle Park Master Plan, San Jose CA
- » Trancas Crossing Park and Napa River Trail, Napa CA
- » Windsor Gateway Mixed-Use Development Project, Windsor CA

HABITAT RESTORATION AND RESOURCE PLANNING

- » Los Angeles River Ranger Establishment Plan, Los Angeles CA
- » Benicia Urban Waterfront Enhancement and Master Plan, Benicia CA
- » WaterTalks: Planning for Water in Underserved Communities, Los Angeles and Ventura Counties
- » Lake Merritt Bird Island Enhancements, Oakland CA
- » Comanche Creek Vegetation Management Plan, Chico CA
- » Trancas Crossing Park and Napa River Trail, Napa CA
- » Breuner Marsh Restoration EIR, Richmond CA
- » Lower Peninsula, West Valley, and Guadalupe Watershed Stewardship Plans, Santa Clara County CA

EDUCATION

- » MS, Resource Ecology and Management, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- » Master of Landscape Architecture, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- » BS, Environmental and Resource Science, University of California, Davis

REGISTRATIONS

- » California Licensed Landscape Architect No. 5248

CERTIFICATIONS

- » Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Professional

AFFILIATIONS

- » American Society of Landscape Architects
- » California Urban Forests Council, Board Member
- » Bay Area Trails Collaborative, Member

Team member since 2001





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URBAN AGRICULTURE AND URBAN FORESTRY

- » Salinas Urban Greening Plan, Salinas CA
- » Oroville Urban Area Master Greening Plan, Oroville CA
- » Urban Farm and Garden Master Plan, Alameda CA
- » El Monte Urban and Community Forestry Management Plan, El Monte CA
- » Agricultural Park Consulting Services, Davis CA
- » Urban Farm Design Services, Treasure Island, San Francisco CA

SITE PLANNING AND DESIGN

- » San Leandro Boulevard-BART Pedestrian Interface Plan, San Leandro CA
- » Bay Clarke-Weeks-Pulgas Conceptual Plan, East Palo Alto CA
- » North Redwood Boulevard Planning Study, Novato CA
- » Southwest Chico Neighborhood Plan, Chico CA
- » Sonoma Plaza Pedestrian Corridor and Land Use Study, Sonoma CA
- » Bolinas Lagoon Preserve Conceptual Site Plan, Bolinas CA
- » North Broadway Neighborhood Plan, Bay Point CA
- » Riverbank Ammunition Plant Specific Plan and EIR, Riverbank CA
- » Windsor Gateway Mixed-Use Development Project, Windsor CA

PUBLICATIONS

- » “Stream Restoration and Channel Daylighting” (co-author), In Landscape Architecture Graphic Standards, 1st ed., Leonard J. Hopper (ed.), John Wiley & Sons, 2006

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS AND TEACHING

- » “Maximizing the Benefits of Urban Greening”, 2010 APA California Chapter Conference, Carlsbad CA
- » “Parks as Resource Management Tools”, 2009 APA California Chapter Conference, Squaw Valley CA
- » “Site Planning for Creeks, Riparian Corridors, and Wetlands”, UC Davis Extension course

AWARDS

- » Los Angeles County Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment: 2017 Public Outreach Award, California Chapter APA; 2017 Public Outreach Award, California APA, Los Angeles Section; 2016 Marketing & Communications Award of Excellence, California Park & Recreation Society
- » San Francisco Bay Trail Design Guidelines and Toolkit: 2018 Long Range Plan Award, The Waterfront Center; 2017 Urban Design Award, California APA, Northern Section; 2017 Planning Award of Merit, California Trails & Greenways
- » Los Angeles County Master Plan for Sustainable Parks & Recreation: 2019 Award for Excellence in Sustainability, National APA, Sustainable Communities Division; 2017 Sustainability Award: Green Region Initiative, SCAG; 2016 Exceptional Urban Forestry Program Award, California Urban Forests Council; 2016 Innovation in Green Community Planning Award of Merit, California APA, Los Angeles Section
- » Quarry Park Master Plan: 2016 Outstanding Planning Document Award, California AEP
- » Salinas Forest Assessment and Urban Greening Plan: 2016 Astounding Urban Forestry Project Award, California Urban Forests Council
- » Martial Cottle Park, San Jose CA: California Chapter APA Award of Excellence, Innovation in Green Community Planning Award, 2011; Northern Section, California APA, Innovation in Green Community Planning Award, 2011

LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY

- » Board Member, California Urban Forests Council, 2011- 2016