

Member Project Highlight



Photo: Herbert Studios

2022 Design Awards Program Recipient, Award Lovett Workplace - From A Space to A Place Elkton, Maryland

Working closely with Gore's Enterprise Facility Services Group and their Branding Consultant, a 45,000 sq. ft. office building (a space) standing empty for years was transformed into a Branded Environment (a place) designed to unite all aspects of the Gore Enterprise. This project was an early consumer of Gore's Workplace Strategy, and it played a role in the development of Gore's perspective on workplace design. Gore recognized the power and importance of creating meaningful workplaces within the Enterprise. "Our culture is not all written in words, nor is it all spoken in words, but it is also expressed by our facilities" -Bob Gore, "The First 20 Years of our Culture," 2000. The goal of branded environments at Gore was to create places people want to be. Branded environments transform spaces into places filled with meaning. The result is an exceptional Associate and customer experience. It turned an empty space into a productive, flexible place.

The design approach was to integrate the building with the surrounding area, provide wayfinding to the building entrance, coordinate the exterior with the interior experience and incorporate the Gore brand into the design. To accomplish this, we used regional materials and grasses on the exterior and within the interior of the building. The entrance was an important factor in creating a design that was uniquely Gore. The lobby became a space where customers and Associates could congregate and meet. The interiors were designed to be flexible and changeable based on the changing work requirements and needs of the Associates. It was designed for today but allows for tomorrow.

Very few hard walls were constructed. All furniture can be easily reconfigured and relocated. Touchdown spaces were sprinkled throughout the workplace. The large cafeteria became a Community Hub for Town Hall meetings and bleachers provided additional seating.

Skylights were installed so the natural light could be brought into the interior of the building, providing daylighting for Associates. Meeting rooms were placed under the mezzanine.

Staying true to the structure of the building, the concrete floors were left uncovered in the open areas and ceilings were left open exposing the structure above. Energy efficient LED light fixtures were used throughout the space. A VRF HVAC system was installed, allowing for reduced energy consumption and a quiet operation.

Design Architect: [Clark Design Group, pc](#)
Owner: W. L. Gore & Associates, Inc.

Chapter Design Awards Program

AIA Delaware is committed to excellence in architecture and to celebrating outstanding works of architecture through its biennial Design Awards Program. [View 2022 Design Awards Recipients](#)

AIA Helps Spearhead the Search for the Next Architect of the Capitol

The Architect of the Capitol (AOC) search process is now officially underway, and AIA is working to support a licensed architect as the next candidate for the AOC position. AIA representatives are working closely with key congressional offices and the [executive search firm](#) hired by Congress to manage the recruitment for this position. AIA is also promoting the opportunity to AIA Members to directly express their interest in the position.



The latest Architect of the Capitol (AOC) [Performance and Accountability Report \(PAR\)](#) is now available.

"The Architect of the Capitol serves a crucial role in preserving both the history and the functionality of the Capitol complex," said AIA Executive Vice President and CEO **Lakisha Ann Woods, CAE**.

"We are proud to have an active advisory role in the selection of an experienced licensed architect for this critical position. Our goal is to help find the best candidate who possesses the skills and attributes to successfully execute this prestigious role."

The AOC position is responsible for the maintenance, operation, development, and preservation of the United States Capitol Complex. The AOC is appointed to a 10-year term by the President of the United States, confirmed by the United States Senate, and is accountable to the President of the U.S and Congress.

AIA is proud to help spearhead this important initiative. The role of the Architect of the Capitol is a prestigious and vital position that wields influence over the Capitol campus operations and design. The AOC is responsible for leading and managing a vast portfolio, with over 2,000 employees and 18.4 million square feet of facility space, along with 570 acres of grounds and many works of treasured art.

[Visit here](#) to learn more about the ideal candidate qualifications for the Architect of the Capitol position. Qualified AIA members are encouraged to review the AOC job description and express their interest in the role by sharing their information directly through [Reffett & Associates](#).

Advocacy

Getting in the Resilience Zone

Exceeding codes and expectations, architects and lawmakers work to make disaster resilience more equitable.



Many coastal clients have homes and businesses that maximize water views and ocean breezes, but as severe weather increases, architects must guide builders to prioritize

design aimed at anticipating hazardous weather events. Likewise, policy makers must work to ensure safety and resiliency standards are equitable in all communities.



In December 2022, President Biden signed The [Community Disaster Resilience Zones \(CDRZ\) Act](#) into law. Among its changes, the law establishes classification for communities that are at high-risk of natural disaster and have low community resources. If classified as a CDRZ community, the community will be eligible for additional federal cost-sharing support and technical assistance as it relates to local resilience planning and development. The bill also requires the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to maintain and update the [National Risk Index](#), which will be utilized to identify and designate CDRZ communities that are most in need.

AIA Promotes Climate Action

For people and communities who lack the means to hire an architect, the CRDZ law provides financial, technical, and planning support.

AIA worked with Members of Congress from both sides of the aisle to advocate for this impactful policy change.

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AIA Trust

Financial Planning for Women

This podcast, presented by Equitable in conjunction with the AIA Trust, is designed to help architects, specifically women in the profession, succeed in saving for retirement.

All architects share the need for proper financial and retirement saving planning. For women architects, creating a sound financial and retirement plan is even more essential since issues like increased life expectancy, unforeseen changes in family structure, caring for aging parents, and the likelihood of outliving your spouse all present significant challenges for many female architects. There are some key “rules of the road” that can be used to establish and maintain a sound financial and retirement strategy and, whether male or female, all can benefit from proper planning.

Specifically, the 30-minute [podcast presentation](#) will help:

- Educate yourself
- Plan for a long life
- Get involved
- Save aggressively and early – if you can
- Develop a retirement strategy and write it down

Presented by Stephen Dunbar, Executive Vice President of Equitable Advisors, Georgia Branch, who has been helping individuals and businesses achieve and sustain financial stability since 2010.



Resources



Financial Planning for Women



SAT Helping Women Architects With Financial Planning_Podcast

Emerging Professionals

Young Architects Forum (YAF)

The Young Architects Forum (YAF), a program of the American Institute of Architects and the College of Fellows, is organized to address issues of particular importance to recently licensed architects. [Learn more >](#)

AI in the Profession of Architecture: An Interview with Ricardo Rodriguez of Bytes & Mortar, by Paul D. Wolfe, AIA

In the run-up to the AIA YAF Mission 2130 Summit, the 8 Summit "Crews" were tasked with a series of kickoff conversations, meeting remotely to solidify their collective visions of the future. To focus those conversations, each crew viewed a series of AI generated images prepared by Ricardo Rodriguez of Bytes & Mortar. His work on that series of evolving generative images inspired me to begin my own journey with AI art and conceptualization.

I asked Ricardo to join me for an in-depth conversation on the process that he undertook to develop those AI images for the Summit and the broader state of AI in the profession of Architecture. The following is a portion of our wide-ranging discussion.

Paul Wolfe (PW): I wanted to start off with a question that seems simple on its surface. What originally drew you to AI art generation, to using these tools?

Ricardo Rodriguez (RR): So I left traditional architectural practice about five years ago. The reason I made the jump was partly because I started seeing some changes and I wanted a more hands on approach with what I was seeing around technology. Part of my role at my current organization is to look for emerging technologies wherever they happen to be. How we can use each technology to connect with our tools or our products. Last year, I was looking at 9 trends. I'm like, I should go ahead and do a deep dive on one. And I remember having seen an article on Reddit about someone generating images from AI. And that's kind of what drew me to the rabbit hole.

So, I just went at it and started trying and testing some things out. I wasn't necessarily super happy with the results initially, but I kept exploring it. I ended up trying to use it for work. Then it turned into a bit of therapy, I would say.

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IMAGE Mission 2130 Summit
AI "Final Image" - Photo
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mortar

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Around 90% of people said it helped them with their mental health and that they felt good about using [Midjourney].

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Programs and Events

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Get your ticket!

Register now—reserve your seat, then book your room, browse travel info, and download the A'23 app ahead of your San Francisco arrival.



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Five Sessions To Check Out At the NEEP Summit 2023

In less than three weeks, we'll be at the Hotel Marcel in New Haven to share insights, network and collaborate to leverage federal funding and scale solutions for long-term success. Colleagues from all across the region will lead interactive sessions, small working groups, and other opportunities for peer learning.

Here are five sessions that we're excited about!

1. [Workforce 201: Pipelines to Careers](#)
2. [Integrated Funding: Braiding, Weaving & Stacking](#)
3. [Tick Tock: Transforming Multifamily Affordable Housing](#)
4. [Passive House: Myths & Truths](#)
5. [Pumped for Heat Pumps!](#)

[Register Now](#)



**NEEP Summit 2023 is
Around the Corner!**

Tuesday, June 13 · 1pm -
June 15 · 2pm EDT

Hotel Marcel 500 Sargent
Drive New Haven, CT 06511

Tickets
\$350 - \$750

Tour of Food Bank of Delaware Facility
[June 22 at 4:00 PM](#) | [Milford, DE](#) | [In-Person](#) | [Free](#)

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The Food Bank of Delaware is committed to providing nutritious food to Delawareans and facilitating long-term solutions to the problems of hunger and poverty. This program will provide a construction tour and discussion of the Food Bank's new replacement facility in Milford, DE, which is designed to meet their top three priorities: Community Connection, Education, and Access to Resources.

CE Credits

1 AIA LU/HSW | Must attend the entire session to receive continuing education credit.

PPE Required

All participants **MUST** bring and wear a safety helmet (hard hat), high-visibility clothing (safety vest) and safe footwear (closed toe shoes) during the tour.

Cost

Free and open to the public.

Registration

Required by Tuesday, June 20th.

Presented in partnership with

Becker Morgan Group, Inc. and The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company

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Our Partners



Pentwater Yacht Club Case Study using AZEK Siding & Trim and TimberTech Deck & Rail



Families have been spending summers on Pentwater Lake for generations. Since 1935, the Pentwater Yacht Club has been a fixture in the community. The club sits by the lake's unique natural feature: a short, scenic channel to Lake Michigan. Key West, La Jolla, and Kaanapali Beach boast beautiful sunsets and westerly views; Pentwater says, "Hold my Oberon ale."

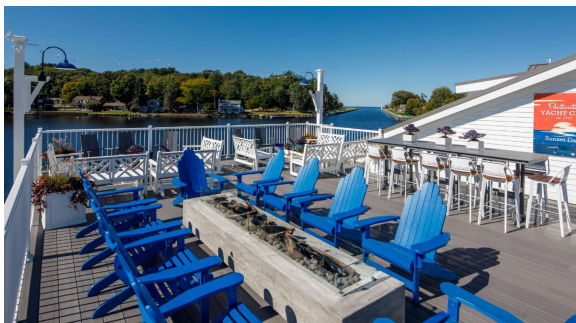
Originally a waterfront 19th Century logging mill, the structure was approaching the end of its useful life. Located on (and over) the lake waters, the structure was set on pylons, which were deteriorated beyond repair. Refurbishment was not an option. After careful consultation with engineers and architects and a robust RFP process, the club leadership and members made the decision to build new. Demolition began in the fall, looking to be ready for the next sailing season.

With any project, there were different visions from the owner, architect, and contractor each facing different challenges. The owners wanting to preserve the old building, but with the deterioration was not possible. The new building had to meet the harsh Michigan weather extremes and be moisture resistant and be low maintenance; no paint failure, no cracking and rot that would happen with wood. The result is a beautiful one-story building with a home-like appearance that was like the former club.



The result is a gorgeous space using AZEK® Trim and Siding and TimberTech® Deck and Rail. They state, "The clubhouse is a gift from the current generation to the next. It's expected longevity, thanks to the durability of AZEK materials, is part of that gift. Significantly, it won't need to have water damage repaired or significant repainting for several decades, saving resources well into the future."

If you would like to view a video of the build and conversations with the property owner, builder and architect, you can view this incredible project here: <https://azekexteriors.com/about-us/case-studies/pentwater-yacht-club>.



Let's connect if you have a project that needs the same amount of love and attention and perhaps create a case study with you!

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Landmark Promotes Two New Associates

Professional Engineers Craig Lynch and Joseph Marvasi Promoted to Associate



Landmark Science & Engineering's President and Chairman Ted C. Williams is pleased to announce the promotion of **Craig M. Lynch, P.E.** and **Joseph C. Marvasi, P.E.** to the position of firm **Associate**. The two professional engineers bring a combined 18-years of relevant experience to the 36-year-old civil engineering, surveying and environmental consulting firm.



Craig M. Lynch is a Professional Engineer and DNREC Sediment and Stormwater Management Certified Construction Reviewer who has worked as a civil project engineer for Landmark for the past three years. Prior to joining Landmark, Crag was a plan reviewer for New Castle County Department of Land Use where he reviewed 231 Land Development Applications over a five-year period. He applies civil and water resources engineering, site design, and construction review experience to commercial, industrial and residential development projects, while specializing in stormwater runoff conveyance, stormwater management facility design, erosion and sediment control, and floodplain delineation studies.

Joseph C. Marvasi, a Professional Engineer with 10 years of experience performing site/civil and environmental engineering design, has worked for Landmark since joining the firm in 2018. Joe applies civil and water resources engineering and site design to commercial, institutional and residential development projects, specializing in stormwater management facility design, outfall remediation and restoration, erosion and sediment control, and water and sanitary sewer design.

"Landmark continues to build our capabilities and offering to clients with our dedicated staff. Craig and Joe are key individuals focused on providing outstanding Client Service and I remain excited in anticipation of the good things to come in the future from these two new Associates" said Keith Rudy, PE, LEED AP, Executive Vice President and VP Operations.

Blog: www.landmark-se.com/landmark-promotes-two-new-associates/

Allied Member News

Karins and Associates Welcomes New Team Members

Karins and Associates' welcomes Michael Wasch as a Design Engineer II in our Pennsylvania division and Michael O'Brien as a Design Engineer in our Newark division. We are excited to have them join the Karins team!

Karins and Associates is celebrating its 50th year.



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