

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science
Landscape Architecture
Pennsylvania State University
University Park, Pennsylvania

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2015-present
Senior Associate
Valley Crest Design Group
Santa Monica, California

2011-2015
Studio Lead/Senior Associate
HOK Planning Group
Culver City, California

2009-2011
Director of Planning and Development
Entertainment Development Group, Inc. (EDG)
North Hollywood, California

2005-2009
Senior Associate
EDSA, Inc
Santa Monica, California

2004-2005
Planning and Development Manager
Urban International (UINY)
Santa Monica, California

2002-2004
Senior Landscape Designer
Walt Disney Imagineering
Glendale, California

1998-2001
Planning Coordinator
Master Planning and Entitlements
Walt Disney Imagineering
Glendale, California

1997-1998
Bechtel, Inc.
Landscape Designer
San Francisco, CA

1994-1997
Landscape Designer
EDAW, Inc
Alexandria, VA-Irvine, CA

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Timothy Grubbs brings a broad range of experience to ValleyCrest Design Group and our clients in the areas of large scale master planning, landscape design and planning, design team interface management, creative site design, and drawing production coordination for mixed-use, resort, entertainment, and theme park development world-wide.

My senior role at HOK as the Studio Leader for the Planning Group in Los Angeles was instrumental in the design, development and coordination for master plans, landscape design and plans and project coordination for several international clients.

Recent work has includes, The Edition Hotel, Kaiser Permanente lab and medical office building, ZN Animation Destination Resort and Theme Parks which included four resorts in separate regions across China, Huang Guo Shu Falls Tourism development plan, and Xi'an Entertainment City, a reuse development project for an exposition design into a branded, mixed-use development and entertainment district.

Prior to joining EDG, I was a Senior Associate at EDSA where I worked on an impressive list of projects such as the master plan for the Emirate community Mohammed Bin Zayed City in Abu Dhabi, UAE, the Al Ain master plan in Al Ain, UAE, a public realm enhancement project in Dubai Festival City in the UAE, and several resorts in the US such as landscape architecture services for La Quinta Resort and Club in La Quinta, California, and renovations at a well-established golf course, Fairmont Scottsdale Princess in Scottsdale, Arizona to create an extraordinary fantasy pool with water slides, sundecks and lush landscape.

Prior to EDSA, I was fortunate enough to collect an impressive portfolio of work experience including companies such as Urban International New York, Walt Disney Imagineering, Universal Studios Creative and EDAW, Inc. Over my many years of work as a landscape architect, I have taken on the responsibility of many aspects of the development and design process including: team management, creative designer, drawing production coordinator, design development, resort analysis and expansion planning, urban redevelopment in addition to the many aspects of graphic design such as identity, wayfinding, branding, and signage. Some my most notable projects prior to joining EDSA include but are not limited to: Hong Kong Disneyland Resort in China, Disneyland Resort in California, Universal Studios Japan in Osaka, Universal Studios Islands of Adventure and Disney's Celebration, both in Orlando, Florida, California MTA Pasadena Gold Line, and Magic World Theme Park in Dubai.

Select Project Experience

Entertainment, Tourism, Hotels and Resorts, and Theme Parks

The Edition Hotel

West Hollywood, California

Landscape and hardscape design documentation for the 148 key and 20 condominium development on the famous Sunset Boulevard. The project consists of two mid-rise structures with luxurious accommodations including two rooftop pools and a mature landscaped Porte Cochere. The Marriott Edition is designed by Ian Shrager, John Pawson, and Madixon Cox and developed by The Witkoff Group.

Dubai Parks Phase 1 Development

Dubai, United Arab Emirates

The 85 hectare Central Park is the featured gathering place located in the heart of the Dubai Parks open space network. For visitors, the Central Park will provide a distinct "green" network linking major themed attractions, the lagoon, and guest arrivals. The park will contain bicycle paths, pedestrian experiences in various garden settings, a tram route, water taxi stops, opportunities for character meet and greets, with a combination of vast, open garden spaces, family gathering areas, and lagoon trail experiences.

Yaloong Bay St. Regis Hotel

Hainan Island, China

Landscape and hardscape design for a St. Regis Resort in Yaloong Bay, located on the south coast beaches of Hainan Island on a 35 hectare site. The resort master plan included 30 luxury villas, a marina, 3 guest pools, garden paths and a 450 key hotel, dune restoration and residential properties.

Wenchang Hilton Doubletree Resort

Hainan Island, China

Landscape and hardscape design for a Hilton Resort in Wenchang City, located on the east coast beaches of Hainan Island. Design included arrival for the main hotel and boutique hotel, 3 public pools, garden paths linking Hotel Villas to the hotel gardens, and dining terraces.

ZN Magic World Theme Park – Whitehorse Lake

Hangzhou, Zhejiang, China

Vision plan, master plan and program of this regional ZN Animation Magic World theme park in Whitehorse Lake focused on the unique cultural aspects of this modern fishing village well known for its silks and teas.

ZN Magic World Theme Park – Hefei

Hefei, Anhui, China

Vision plan, master plan and program this regional ZN Animation Magic World theme park in Hefei focused technology-based attractions to highlight the unique technological advancement of this region.

ZN Magic World Theme Park – Chengdu

Chengdu, Sichuan, China

Vision plan, master plan and program of this regional ZN Animation Magic World theme park in Chengdu focused on the unique cultural aspects of this area well known for its pandas, Sichuan cuisine and the tallest Buddha statue.

Xi'an Entertainment City

Xi'an, Shaanxi, China

Developed reuse plan, for the one-time use 2011 Xi'an horticultural exposition land, which includes a branded, mixed-used development and entertainment district with museums, attractions, retail and dining.

Ding'an County Tourism Development Strategy

Ding'an County, Hainan, China

Tourism development strategy for 100-square kilometers of cold spring water sources located in the central region of China which includes a cohesive tourism district consisting of 6 separate resorts and entertainment zones tied together by a unique, sustainable eco-tourism route.

Longmen Eco-Interpretive Resort and Hotels

Ding'an County, Hainan, China

Master plan and concept design for an innovative series of hotels that incorporate the 5 Chinese elements and provide creative interpretive combinations of these elements into the design and theming.

Huang Guo Shu Falls Tourism Development Plan

Anshun City, Guizhou, China

Development of a tourism strategy for the 106 square kilometer-area around Asia's largest waterfall - Huang Guo Shu Falls. This area of China, notorious for its iconic karst landscape with waterfalls and caves will become an environmentally sensitive development which promotes tourism for the 21st Century based on interaction, participation and exploration which will create respect and preservation of ancient Chinese natural treasures as well as the cultural ones.

Vladivostok Light Towers Harbor

Vladivostok, Primorsky Krai, Russia

Vision plan, master plan, program, and feasibility study for this new waterfront destination resort located on the East Sea in Vladivostok, Russia. This seaside, 'City of Light' destination features its own interior harbor with amenities for year-round vacations including an outdoor performance amphitheater, historic ship museum, ocean-front clubs and dining on the breakwater, retail promenade, art gallery, yacht club and sailing school.

Shangri-la Hotel

Abu Dhabi, UAE

Landscape planning for this prestigious hotel resort on a 900-meter stretch between the Al-Maqtaa and Al Musafah bridges that lead into the island of Abu Dhabi. Surrounded by 21,000-sq m of gardens and landscape meadows with native plant material, the property is navigated by water taxis to transport visitor around the property.

Mixed Use

Zhongnan Cartoon City Destination Resort

Shenyang, Liaoning, China

Vision plan, master plan, program and feasibility study of Zhongnan Cartoon City, a 300 hectare coordinated tourism and entertainment destination which is the centerpiece of a regional tourism strategy to expand and diversify the Qipan Mountain International Scenic Tourism district. The Zhongnan brand identity will overlay an indoor theme park, entertainment retail areas, related hotels and a conference center, all linked to Shenyang by a proposed light rail line.

Zhongnan Hefei Destination Resort

Hefei, Anhui, China

Master plan and land use plan in cooperation with the client for a 104 hectare development which surrounds the ZN Magic World Theme Park in Hefei. The development includes a 3-Star Family Hotel, a 5-Star Resort Hotel with Spa and Villas, a 5-Star business hotel, residential towers, renowned lifestyle shopping street, hyper markets, creative industry campus with museum, an anime square and an animation research and development facilities.

Zhongnan Chengdu Destination Resort

Chengdu, Sichuan, China

Vision plan, master plan, program and feasibility study of the Chengdu Destination resort located adjacent to the ZN Magic World Theme Park. This 34.30 hectare site will consist of two districts, the destination hotel district and the retail, dining and entertainment district. The hotel district will contain a 5-star resort hotel with villas and a family-themed hotel which is connected to the Magic World Theme Park and the Animation Avenue RD&E District providing guests with complete access to the Zhongnan brand at various levels from overnight services, shopping, dining, and ultimately, daily family fun at the adjacent theme park.

Mohammed Bin Zayed City Master Plan

Abu Dhabi, UAE

Forward thinking master plan of a nearly 4000 hectares Emirate community located near Abu Dhabi. Efforts included planning efforts for the community, civic, and public planning efforts. The emphasis was to build a cohesive community by creating principles of design with attention to cultural, civic, and geographic opportunities. The design exemplified neighborhood planning, by creating a high standard of livability by developing a connective open space, placing importance on walkability, and community interaction.

Al Ain Master Plan

Al Ain, UAE

Covering nearly 12,600 hectares of land located equidistant from Abu Dhabi and Dubai in the United Arab Emirates, this development project challenged EDSA and its professional team to incorporate existing towns and geographical features with a progressive and dynamic planning standard to unite, distinguish, and promote responsible community growth in the region. The emphasis was to apply community planning principles such as walkability, open space connectivity, and neighborhood interaction by capturing and preserving the environmental features exclusive to the site.

Disneyland Hong Kong Resort -Government Landscape Area

Hong Kong, China

Design and creation of public promenade to accommodate interim development strategies for the future retail, dining and entertainment district of the new Hong Kong Disneyland Resort in China.

Dubai Festival City

Dubai, UAE

Public Realm enhancement at the Al Badia Golf Resort. Efforts included a signature entry, improved pedestrian circulation, and the creation of a 'resort' atmosphere. Integrating native plant and hardscape materials, established a distinct character and "sense of place" for the resort zone which also encouraged walkability.

Corporate Campus, Healthcare, and Justice

Edwards Life Sciences T+D Building

Irvine, California

The Irvine Campus consists of seven buildings totaling 500,000 square feet on 30 acres; it has been developed over the past twenty years and houses the company's executive and administrative offices, research and development facilities, and manufacturing/assembly environments. Committed to this location, Edwards is seeking to facilitate growth and improve the image and functional design of its headquarters campus.

Ventura County Medical Center

Replacement Hospital

Ventura, California

The replacement wing unifies a collection of existing buildings and creates a cohesive healthcare campus with a network of indoor-outdoor rooms, plazas and gardens. An enhanced Promenade serves as an organizing element to the campus and provides a framework for future expansion. Along with the landscape, the building's warm colors and natural materials present a welcoming face to the community. The new Main Entry gives the hospital a new public identity. Located at the crossroads of the campus' two main circulation spines, it provides a sense of arrival.

Kaiser Baldwin Hills

Los Angeles, California

Located on an 8-acre site in the south central neighborhood of Baldwin Hills, the Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building will embrace the forward-looking, healthful lifestyle that Kaiser promotes with a slew of meandering walking paths and a central plaza for farmer's markets or other community events.

March Healthcare Lifecare Campus

Master Plan

Riverside, California

Wellness campus with medical, retail, leisure, cultural and educational facilities combined within one master-planned community. 4.1 million sq. ft.; 174 acre phased development campus.

Cedars-Sinai Medical Center Comprehensive Landscape Master Plan

Los Angeles, California

At Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, the 16 acre campus has undergone a major landscape master planning and implementation process which capitalizes on every square foot of available open space and reprioritize many of its existing open spaces in order to better serve patients. Because the campus is located in an urban environment, the hospital had to be creative in finding these spaces. These spaces will become the heart of the campus and will provide a myriad of experiences for patients, visitors and employees which concentrate on evoking a sense of calm, contemplation, and wellness. The landscape design for the campus, provides experiences conducive for staff, patients, and guests, and contribute to the balance of built work and the environment.

The design achieved the goal of identifying the campus with a "green ring" of palms and canopy trees that relate to the scale of the architecture and also the pedestrian. Common sidewalks have been transformed into urban garden paths taking pedestrians on a journey to experience pocket parks, art, and relaxation.

Golden Empire Transit Bus

Bakersfield, California

The new GET central facility will serve the district's existing operational needs as well fulfill of their commitment to the community they serve. As the first significant update to the district's facilities in over 20 years, the new administration and maintenance building will provide much needed expansion space and allow the district to focus on its commitment to sustainability in operations and facilities.