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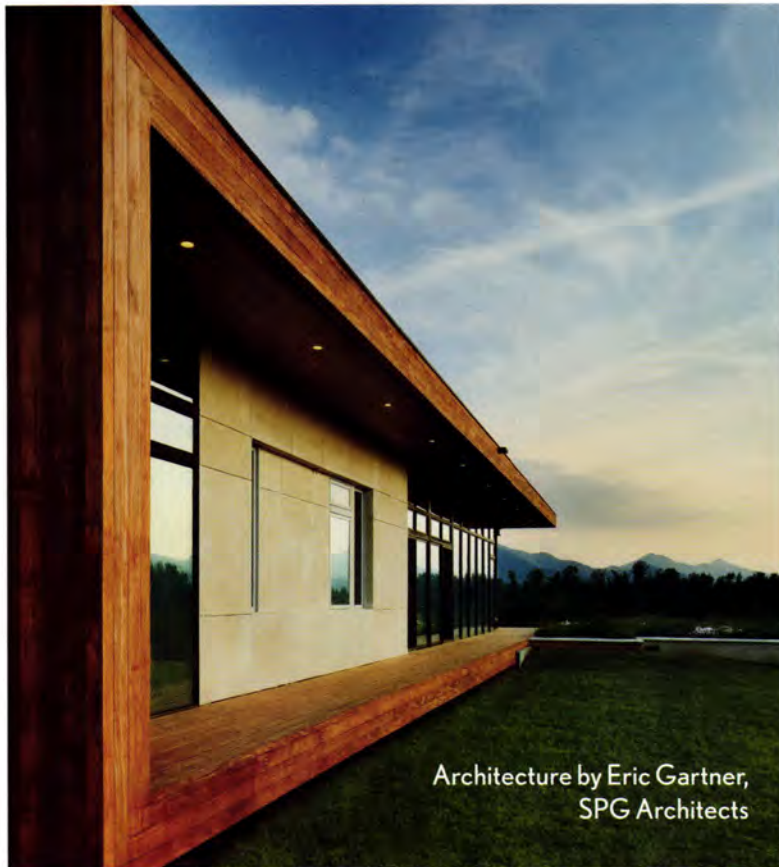
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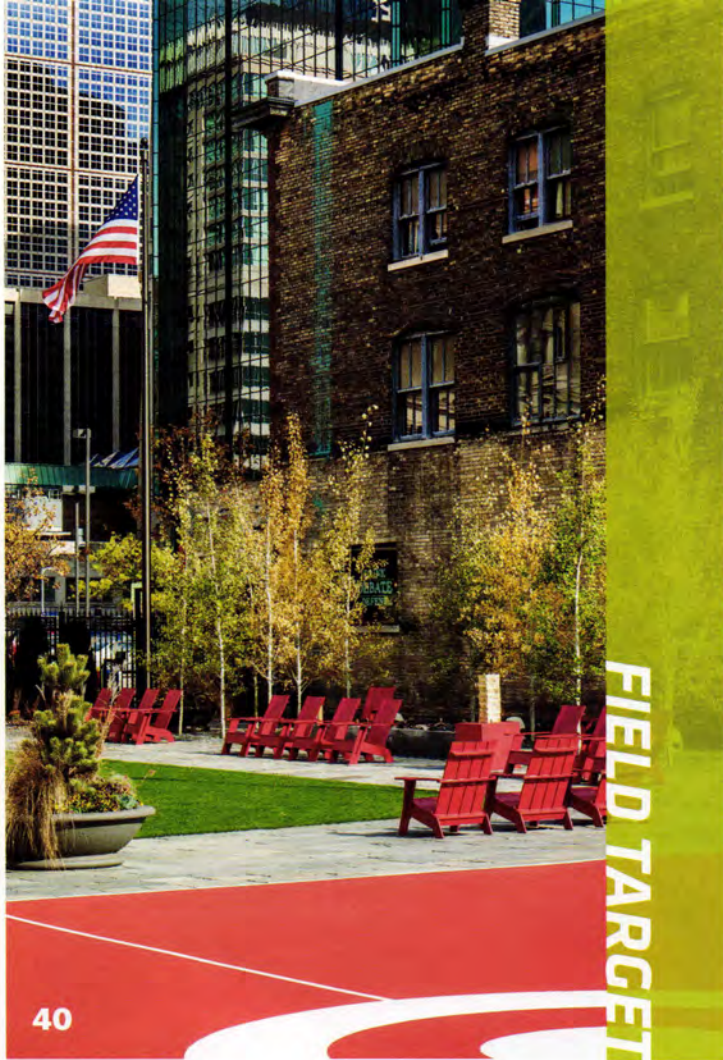
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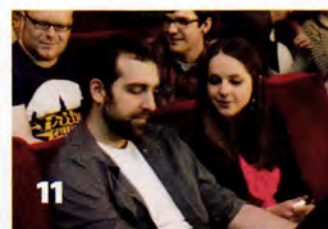
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"You just don't find outdoor spaces like this in the middle of downtown," says Ryan Companies architect John Montgomery, AIA, of the open-air half of Target Plaza Commons, a lively and highly flexible new hangout for the discount retailer's downtown Minneapolis employees. "It provided Target with an amazing opportunity to do something really special."





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# Minnesota's Got Talent

Growing up near Ann Arbor, Michigan, I was a huge fan of Detroit Lions running back Barry Sanders. The Hall of Famer embarrassed the best defensive players in the world with his shimmies and shakes, but he's also remembered for eschewing elaborate touchdown celebrations in favor of simply handing the football to the nearest official and jogging back to the sideline. The mild-mannered Sanders did this because his father had taught him to "act like you've been there before."

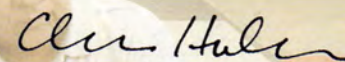
I've been thinking about Sanders because Minnesota architects have, of late, been scoring a lot of national honors. I've been thinking the editor of *Architecture Minnesota* should follow Sanders' example and simply list the big awards in a matter-of-fact way. You know, as if the recognition comes as no surprise. But I just can't hold it in. I'm so thrilled for our headline-grabbing designers that I'm going to do the editorial equivalent of a Billy "White Shoes" Johnson touchdown dance (Google it if you don't know what I'm talking about).

Last year the American Institute of Architects named Minneapolis' VJAA *national* Firm of the Year—take that, New York and L.A.—and this year it gave VJAA's Chicago Apartment (March/April 2012 issue) and St. John's Abbey Church Pavilion and Blessed Sacrament Chapel (January/February 2008 and March/April 2009, respectively) an Institute Honor Award for Interior Architecture. Minneapolis' Meyer, Scherer & Rockcastle received the same award for its McAllen Main Library (page 32, pictured here), which means that Minnesota firms took home three of the nine AIA interior architecture awards. (I just spiked a dictionary on my office floor, and now I'm doing a bad Dougie.)

On the heels of the 2013 Institute Honor Awards announcement came word that two of AIA National's 15 Young Architects Award recipients are Minnesotans: John Dwyer, AIA, and Alissa Luepke Pier, AIA. And here in Minneapolis the *Star Tribune* named HGA architect Joan Soranno, FAIA, its 2012 Artist of the Year for

leading the design of the Lakewood Cemetery Garden Mausoleum (page 36).

What do these and other major design accolades tell us? That Minnesota enjoys an unusually high concentration of top architectural talent. As you read through this issue on the 2012 AIA Minnesota Honor Awards, ask yourself: Why aren't we giving the ball to our future Hall of Famers every chance we get? We need more of these skillful restorations of flagging landmarks, these bold conversions of abandoned big boxes into bright community centers, and these models for affordable and sustainable infill housing. We need more instances of the rest of the country saying, "Wow."



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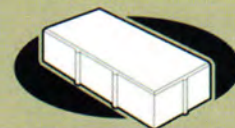


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▶ Cermak Rhoades Architects' **Higher Ground** (January/February 2013 issue),

winner of the inaugural Affordable Housing Design Award, is the subject of a new video by Ryan Siemers. See the building in motion, meet the project's major players, and learn more about the groundbreaking award.



▶ Siemers has also produced a video on the **McAllen Main Library** (page 32) by Meyer, Scherer & Rockcastle. Hear the lead architect and the former library director discuss their approach to transforming an abandoned Walmart into a high-energy community center.



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INTERVIEW BY CHRISTOPHER HUDSON

Peter Remes is that rare developer—the kind concerned less with cap rates than with whether old buildings have the right complexion to attract character-seeking businesses. And he's beginning to change the scenery in neighborhoods across the Twin Cities, one scuffed-up property at a time.

Perhaps you've been to Aria, Remes' one-of-a-kind event space in what used to be Theatre de la Jeune Lune. Or to his cluster of adapted spaces on Nicollet Avenue: Vertical Endeavors, Icehouse restaurant, and Icehouse Plaza—arguably the best pocket park in town.

We caught up with Remes at one of his latest projects, the transformation of a former mattress factory into a complex housing

a brewpub, a coffee shop, a tech company, and other creative firms. Behind the building sits a small amphitheater composed of foundation stones salvaged from the demolition of Minneapolis' Metropolitan Building a half-century ago.

*Last fall you brought David Byrne's "Playing the Building" sound installation to Aria for a month. What a great way to draw new eyes to that space. How did it come together?*

*Do you know Byrne?* No, but I knew the project had been a big success in Stockholm, London, and New York. I saw it in the Battery Maritime Building in New York, and it was just wildly successful. I've been a lifelong David Byrne fan.

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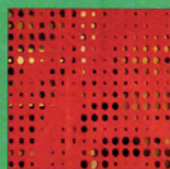
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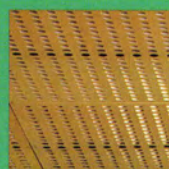
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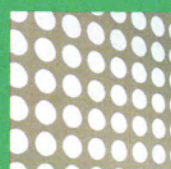
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## The eight 2012 **AIA Minnesota Honor Award** winners make compelling use of their materials

Arguably the most interesting architecture conversation in Minnesota each year takes place in early November in a hotel suite in downtown Minneapolis. That's when and where three nationally celebrated architects from other parts of the country judge the annual AIA Minnesota Honor Awards. The 2012 jurors, highlighted on this page, studied 71 digital submissions over a day and a half, with the majority of that time spent in spirited debate: Does the project respond in a powerful way to its surroundings? Is it correctly oriented for the path of the sun? Is the design of the interior as focused as that of the exterior?

Amid critiques and expressions of envy—the jurors lingered on several projects they wished they'd designed themselves—one observation was made over and over again. Juror Sharon Johnston, AIA, put it most succinctly when she commented on the “intelligence with which materials are used by Minnesota architects. The materials aren't just appliqué—they're integral to defining space.” This characterization resonates with each of the jury's eight selections, from the Lakewood Garden Mausoleum with its timeless rough-sawn granite to the Dollar General Distribution Center Employee Hub with its perforated metal skybridge. Whatever the building type or budget, Minnesota architects appear to have design down to a material science. —CHRISTOPHER HUDSON

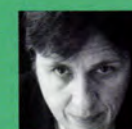
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2012 AIA MINNESOTA HONOR AWARD WINNER

Rapson Redux

Rapson Redux,  
an elegant expansion of  
a Ralph Rapson-designed  
home, honors the spirit  
of the original design





It would have been so tempting to try to do something else. But this architect put himself in Ralph's shoes and asked, "What would he have done?" —Jury comment



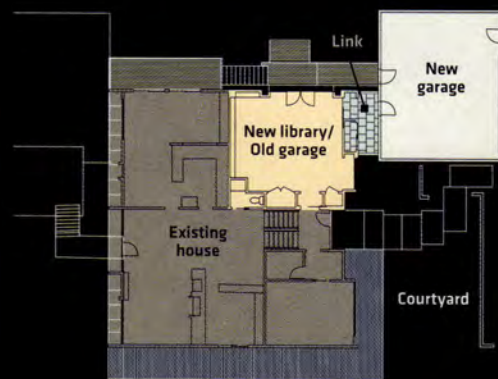
BY AMY GOETZMAN

Everything changes. Styles change, people change, and the land changes around them as the seasons and the years go by. Well-designed buildings can weather the march of time and stay vital and interesting, but sometimes they need a little refinement.

In the early 1960s, the late Ralph Rapson designed an intimate home in a ravine in St. Paul. Within 10 years, it changed hands, and the new owners bought the lot next door. They loved the house and at one point even talked to Rapson about doing an addition, but the renowned modernist had moved on; his ideas had changed. The little house stood as a charming monument to the enduring qualities of late-mid-century style.

But the owners' lives changed. They needed new, inspiring spaces for entertaining, and more-functional living spaces. So they commissioned SALA Architects' David O'Brien Wagner, AIA, to design an addition that adhered to Rapson's ideas while introducing a spark of 21st-century character. Accordingly, the addition is both seamless and distinct, mindful of Rapson's vision and fearlessly fresh.





By building a garage on the footprint of the existing driveway and converting the old garage into an airy library, the owners got the entertaining space they'd always wanted.

*The new garage, whose butterfly roof echoes the crisp geometry of the house, has the added benefit of creating a courtyard for the entry garden.*

"People often think of Rapson and the modernist forms of his era as rigid. He loved clean, simple lines, but he really understood how to design for site. He understood the nature of the place," says Wagner, who sat down and talked with Rapson in the years before his death. "This is a lovely house, and one of the things he did so well was to respond to the site and the context of the beautiful wooded lot. When you think of International Style, you think of design that can be placed anywhere in the world. But this house is very much of this place."

Wagner's solution for the homeowners was to design a new attached garage on the existing asphalt driveway and transform the original garage into a soaring library and gathering space. "The home's other living spaces float gracefully above the ground, offering tree-house-like vistas," says Wagner. "The library gave us an alternative opportunity: to provide the owners with direct visual and physical connection to the gardens." The new garage, whose butterfly roof echoes the crisp geometry of the

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## RAPSON REDUX

**Location:**  
St. Paul, Minnesota

**Clients:**  
Jack and Linda Hoeschler

**Architect:**  
SALA Architects  
salaarc.com

**Project architect  
and lead designer:**  
David O'Brien Wagner, AIA

**Landscape designer:**  
Slawson Creations

**General contractor:**  
North Star Remodeling

**Size:** 830 square feet

**Completion:**  
March 2009

**Photographer:**  
Troy Thies Photography





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## Pierre Bottineau House

The building has become something quite serene, transformative. The simple stair evokes a quality of space that's quite powerful. —Jury comment

JERRY MATHIASON



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An extraordinary restoration transforms the 1854 Pierre Bottineau House from a crumbling makeshift granary to a crisply detailed interpretive center

A corner of the main-floor interior was left unfinished to reveal the home's balloon-frame construction—a revolutionary method at the time. Balloon framing used lighter lumber and nails instead of heavy timber and mortise-and-tenon joints.

MACDONALD & MACK



A century and a half of weathering and alterations made for a challenging research and restoration effort, as these "before" shots show.

By Linda Mack

From our July/August 2012 issue: "It was in desperate condition," says Stuart MacDonald, AIA, cofounder of the historic preservation firm MacDonald & Mack Architects, which was hired in 2007 to study and restore the house. The firm's report confirmed that it was Bottineau's house and that enough of it survived to make it worth restoring. It was a process of forensic architecture that would make a reality-TV producer salivate.

"We documented nail holes, saw marks, adze marks, plaster stains," says MacDonald. "We measured it within an inch of its life—at risk of our lives."

Most of the framing for the roof, walls, and floors survived, as did flooring, and there was a bit of cornice. With that measly evidence, one grainy photo that showed a pilaster corner, and a wealth of research on the conventions of Greek Revival architecture, the team was able to rebuild the house as it almost certainly was in 1854: a rectangular, side-gable, one-and-a-half-story wood-frame home with yellow siding, white trim, well-proportioned windows, and a beautiful two-panel door with sidelights. **AMN**

### New location:

Elm Creek Park Reserve, Maple Grove, Minnesota

### Clients:

MnDOT and Three Rivers Park District

### Architect:

MacDonald & Mack Architects, Ltd.  
mmarchltd.com

### Principal-in-charge:

Stuart MacDonald, AIA

### Project lead designer:

Amy Meller, AIA

### General contractor:

American Liberty Construction, Inc.

### Size:

1,350 square feet

### Completion:

Spring 2010





BRANDON STENGEL, ASSOC. AIA/FARMKIDSTUDIOS.COM

## The Essential House offers up a viable model for infilling empty urban lots with affordable and sustainable modern homes

By Thomas Fisher, Assoc. AIA



RYAN CHERNIK

Architects help revitalize cities by designing buildings, of course, but they also do so by seeing possibilities others have overlooked and showing the potential of places others have dismissed. Daniel Yudchitz, AIA, demonstrates this vision in his Essential House, which he designed and built with his architect father, Bill Yudchitz, in St. Paul's urban core. Winner of a 2012 AIA Minnesota Honor Award, the house exemplifies the power of architecture to prompt urban reinvestment as well as to promote new models of affordable, sustainable living.

While working at HGA Architects and Engineers, Yudchitz wanted to build a house for himself. He found a corner lot that had been on the market for a while, possibly because of its location a block from I-94, which has divided St. Paul's Rondo neighborhood since the 1960s. But Yudchitz saw its potential. "It's a diverse neighborhood, close to light rail, with a lot going on," he says, and so he bought the lot for \$6,300.

*The front of the house (left) stands back from the corner, opening up the intersection and preserving the neighbor's view. The metal-clad, shed-roof house and garage (above) echo each other, linked by a cedar fence.*

"I initially wanted to do everything on cash," he adds, "building a shell and infilling it as money became available." When that didn't work financially, he applied for a construction loan, which revealed the extent to which lending and appraisal practices interfere with innovation. Yudchitz intended to build a bedroom loft, but "for a 1,000-square-foot house," he says, "the bank insisted on at least two bedrooms." And the appraiser "downgraded the house's value \$10,000 because of its contemporary design."

Still, Yudchitz persevered in designing his low-cost, low-energy dwelling. A mere 24 feet square and \$160 a square foot, the house has a single living/dining/kitchen space alongside a bathroom and laundry room on the first floor, and two small bedrooms with plywood-panel walls that open up to a library/office loft. The north, east, and west sides of the home boast triple-glazed windows and heavily insulated, 11-inch-thick exterior walls, while the south wall employs an expanse of double-glazed glass to help warm the radiant concrete slab. Two-kilowatt photovoltaic panels on the roof provide nearly all of the electricity needed to heat the house; one heat-pump air-conditioner cools the interior on hot summer days. Yudchitz calls the home "passive-house lite."



The budget didn't keep the architect from celebrating space and the joys of light. The house transcends its simple construction to point the way to our collective future. —Jury comment



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**Location:** St. Paul, Minnesota **Architect and client:** Daniel Yudchitz, AIA **Cost:** \$160,000

**Size:** 1,000-square-foot house plus 600-square-foot garage/workshop **Completion:** September 2012

But it does much more than save energy. Yudchitz pushed the shed-roof house back on the lot to preserve the side-yard view of the neighboring home and to honor the street corner. He made the front and sides of the house visually recede by cladding them in corrugated steel with a black Kynar finish—a move that throws the crisp cedar walls and fences of the enclosed backyard into sharp relief. At the back of the lot, a shed-roof garage-and-workshop echoes the shape of the main house and drains runoff into the backyard garden and rain barrels.

Yudchitz wanted the house “to contribute to the architectural conversation.” And contribute it does, showing not only the livability of an energy-efficient affordable house but also the potential of overlooked lots in urban neighborhoods. It’s exceptional—and essential. **AMN**

*Cedar siding lines the fences and the walls of the house and garage that face the private backyard. The south-facing glass wall visually ties the interior of the house to the yard, which features pervious paving, raised planting beds, and a central tree.*

*Radiant-heated concrete floors and thick, insulated exterior walls (above) keep the house warm in winter. The open mezzanine and stairwell (left) allow air to circulate, as do the upper level’s sliding plywood walls (top left), which divide the bedrooms from the study.*



RYAN CHERNIK




The architects of Chicago's State Street CityTarget insert a modern brand into a flagging retail landmark in a way that heightens the vitality of both



ALL PHOTOS (UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE): GILBERTSON PHOTOGRAPHY







It's not often that you see projects that are this responsible.  
A+ for Target for choosing to revitalize a landmark in a high-density area. —Jury comment

By Linda Mack

In 1903, Louis Sullivan's Carson Pirie Scott store opened on Chicago's State Street. Its large store windows, open merchandise layout, and cast-iron ornament revolutionized department-store design.

In July 2012, the appearance of Target's signature red bull's-eye in the second floor rotunda of the long-vacant Carson Pirie Scott space signaled another revolution. Geared to the urban shopper, Chicago's CityTarget store is smaller than the usual suburban big box. It employs such old-fashioned retail elements as display windows and—gasp—mannequins. And, in a promising blend of old and new, its savvy retailing is drawing throngs of shoppers to an American architectural landmark.

To understand how revolutionary CityTarget is, consider the fact that the discount retailer's store-location team longingly reviewed—and regretfully dismissed—the vacant Carson Pirie Scott space in 2007. "It didn't work, even for a unique store," says Target Store Design project manager Mary Shaffer, AIA. "It would have needed three floors." (A "unique store" is one whose layout doesn't fit the usual Target prototype.)

Then came the 2008 recession and, coincidentally, a new Target CEO, Gregg Steinhafel, says Rich Varda, FAIA, Target's senior vice president for store design. "We'd talked about the need to get into smaller locations in high-design urban areas," Varda recalls. "Suburban growth had slowed due to changing demographics and the economy, reinforcing our efforts to find more urban locations. So we developed a prototype that's more flexible, offers different merchandise, and has smaller backrooms and loading docks." Chicago's urban-conscious Target was one of five CityTargets to open in 2012, with more in the works.

The challenge for Target's architects, engineers, and store planners was to design a store that looks and works like a Target but is 10 percent smaller, spans two levels and nine different structures, and preserves the building's historic integrity.

"The first thing was to understand the history and the building," says Heather Sexton, Assoc. AIA, the lead designer for the project. Because what is now called Sullivan Center is designated both a city and a national historic landmark, the project team worked closely with the Illinois State Historic Preservation Office and Chicago's Historic Preservation Division, which scrutinized every decision, including what tools could be used to restore the interior's historic column capitals.

*Minneapolis-based Target makes its mark on Chicago's groundbreaking Carson Pirie Scott department store with a red bull's-eye in the second-floor rotunda and two-story perforated metal banners in the large windows. The pattern on the red screens combines the Target logo and elements of Louis Sullivan's fluid cast-iron ornament.*



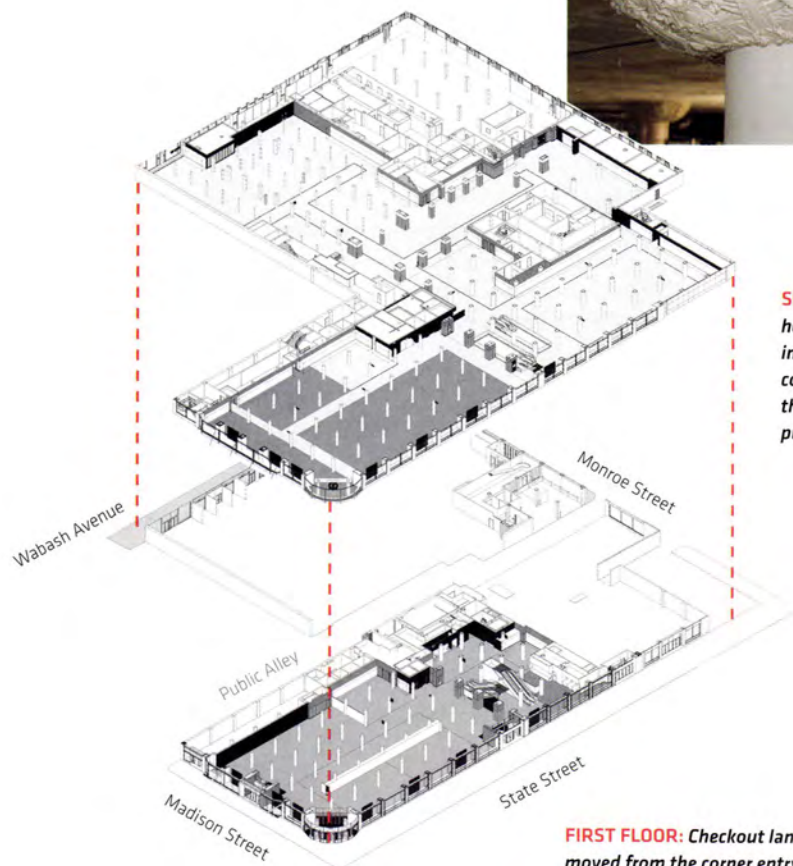
"I especially love this project from the street, and how the architects introduced new metal and new pattern and juxtaposed it with Sullivan's original iron ornament."

—Jury comment

RYERSON AND BURNHAM LIBRARY



The original ornamental column capitals are considered to be among the nation's most significant. The ones on the second floor were covered with layers of paint or missing entirely. Only wood, rubber, and fine brushes and a soft puff of air could be used to restore them.



**SECOND FLOOR:** Clothing, housewares, and food, presented in a market setting among the columns, are easily accessed from the stockroom, which spans the public alley and several buildings.

**FIRST FLOOR:** Checkout lanes were moved from the corner entry to the back of the space to keep the rotunda uncongested. The lower level features Target's first Pret a Manger.





The acrylic, LED-lit circle-and-dot sits several feet back from the rotunda windows to meet historic guidelines.



Next came the practical but essential questions of how to get the product into the store and how to arrange the merchandise. The loading dock is small, with two bays for 28-foot trucks rather than the usual four bays for 53-foot trucks. And, because of the narrow receiving area, a Willy Wonka-like conveyor swirls goods up to the second-floor stockroom. As they often are, merchandise "adjacencies" were adjusted to fit the two-level space: Health and beauty and active apparel are on the first floor; food, housewares, and men's, women's, and children's clothing are on the second floor.

What's new? All visible glass in the store windows, merchandise displays in those windows, Target's first use of mannequins, and sleek checkout lanes located at the back of the first floor rather than right inside the iconic corner rotunda.

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## CHICAGO STATE STREET CITYTARGET

### Location:

Chicago, Illinois

### Client:

Target Corporation  
[www.target.com](http://www.target.com)

### Design architect:

Target Store Design

### Principal-in-charge:

Rich Varda, FAIA

### Project lead designer:

Heather Sexton, Assoc. AIA

### Architect of record:

RSP Architects  
[rsparch.com](http://rsparch.com)

### Construction manager:

Walsh Construction

### Size:

135,300 square feet

### Completion:

July 2012

### Photographer:

Gilbertson Photography



2012 AIA MINNESOTA HONOR AWARD WINNER

## Nelson Cultural Center, American Swedish Institute

ARGILL COMMONS

LARSON HALL  
HOPPER TERRACE

**Location:**  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

**Client:**  
American Swedish Institute  
[asimn.org](http://asimn.org)

**Architect:**  
HGA Architects and Engineers  
[hga.com](http://hga.com)

**Principal-in-charge:**  
Gary Reetz, FAIA

**Core project team:**  
Tim Carl, AIA;  
Andrew Weyenberg, AIA;  
Nancy Blankfard, AIA;  
Michael Bjornberg, AIA

**Energy modeling:**  
The Weidt Group  
[twgi.com](http://twgi.com)

**Landscape architect:**  
HGA

**General contractor:**  
Adolphson & Peterson

**Size:**  
34,000 gross square feet

**Completion:**  
June 2012

**Photographer:**  
Paul Crosby





It's new, but it has a deep respect for what's there, and the two buildings relate very well.  
An elegant project. —Jury comment

## AT THE AMERICAN SWEDISH INSTITUTE, A BOLD MANSION EXPANSION ADDS CONTEMPORARY DESIGN AND AMENITIES

By Colby Johnson

*From our November/December 2012 issue:*

"The entire design process was driven by respect for the mansion," says American Swedish Institute president Bruce Karstadt of the iconic 1908 Turnblad mansion, built by Swedish newspaper publisher Swan Turnblad. The Chateausque landmark has served as the institute's home since its founding in 1929. "Our objective with the addition was to build a contemporary space that resonates with our connection to modern-day Scandinavia and meets our growing functional needs. Most important, though, was that the new space encourage an increased appreciation for the historic mansion."

Designed by an HGA Architects and Engineers team led by Tim Carl, AIA, the airy, 34,000-square-foot addition opened in June and houses many of ASI's high-traffic offerings, including an exhibit gallery, an expanded gift shop, ample meeting and event spaces, and the open cafe.

"It was very important to ASI that the mansion remain the focal point and centerpiece of the campus," says Carl, who in preparation for the project did a "deep dive" into Swedish design and culture, including a trip to Sweden to meet with consulting Swedish architects. "Creating a friendly, usable outdoor courtyard was vital

to our overall design because it gives visitors space from which to view the mansion." The new wing wraps around the courtyard with a two-story glass curtain wall and large windows that frame stunning views of the mansion from almost every inch of the new space. **AMN**

*It's hard to get lost in the Nelson Cultural Center: The open interiors all enjoy generous views to the courtyard and castle. The exterior pays tribute to the Turnblad mansion with slate-shingle cladding—the same material found on the mansion's roof.*



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**THE NEW MCALLEN MAIN  
LIBRARY IS SO LIVELY AND  
BRIGHT YOU'D NEVER GUESS  
IT USED TO BE A WALMART**



A true transformation in not a lot of moves. It has a nice, clear plan with a hierarchy of spaces.  
I can imagine kids running into this space and really liking it. —Jury comment



BY COLBY JOHNSON

When the City of McAllen, Texas, first hired Minneapolis architecture firm Meyer, Scherer & Rockcastle (MS&R) to transform the interior of an abandoned downtown Walmart into a vibrant new library for the community, the principal in charge, Jack Poling, AIA, knew he and his design team had their work cut out for them.

“Not only was the space massive; it was all on one level,” says Poling of the 124,500-square-foot building that today is the largest single-story library in the U.S. “Generally, big-box retail spaces work really well for libraries because they offer a big rectangle with the entry on one side facing the parking lot. It’s functionally ideal. But the challenge posed by this project was, ‘How do you make the building function in a way that doesn’t leave patrons feeling like they have to walk more than 100 yards to get to their destination?’” That’s a difficult nut to crack on a building the size of nearly two and a half football fields.

*A laser-cut wood ceiling plane runs the length of the new McAllen Main Library, bringing down the scale of the vast interior and leading patrons through the library.*





*The design team played with colors, forms, materials, and light to create stimulating study spaces. An orange ceiling spine intersects with the wood ceiling plane at the library's main service center.*

#### MCALLEN MAIN LIBRARY

<b>Location:</b> McAllen, Texas	<b>Exterior architect:</b> Boultinghouse Simpson Gates Architects <a href="http://bsgarchitects.com">bsgarchitects.com</a>
<b>Client:</b> City of McAllen	<b>General contractor:</b> Barcom, Inc.
<b>Interior architect:</b> Meyer, Scherer & Rockcastle, Ltd. (MS&R) <a href="http://msrltd.com">msrltd.com</a>	<b>Size:</b> 124,500 square feet
<b>Principal-in-charge:</b> Jack Poling, AIA	<b>Cost:</b> \$14 million (construction)
<b>Project lead designers:</b> Steven Rothe; Leanne Larson	<b>Completion:</b> December 2011
	<b>Photographer:</b> Lara Swimmer

"We serve a wide variety of people with a wide variety of needs," says McAllen Main Library director Kate Horan. "We wanted our new space to give the community what it wants but also what it needs, all in a beautiful, inviting package."

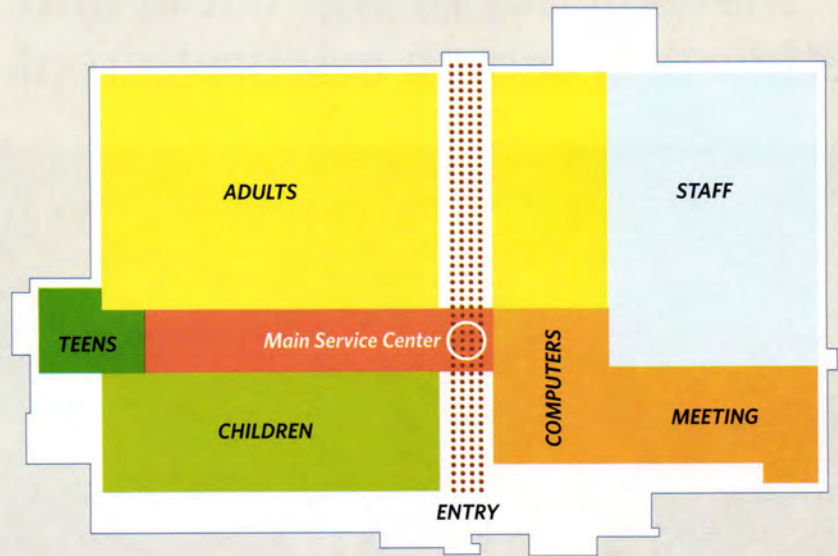
The project originally called for four primary program areas—children's services, adults' services, community computer and meeting rooms, and staff spaces—and later added a teens' area that's accessible through the adults' collection, intentionally separated from the children's library. Poling and his team broke the vast interior into quadrants, with the children's section near the entrance so young users would be ushered into their spaces right away. The meeting rooms were also placed in the front so the library could keep those spaces open after-hours.

The interior transformation from Walmart to community center began with a wash of white paint over walls and overhead mechanical systems to establish a neutral shell. From there, MS&R distinguished each service area with unique materials, motifs, and colors inspired by the seasonal migration of wildlife through the McAllen area. "The library started as a big white box on the inside; then we infused colors and patterns derived from the surrounding nature," Poling explains.

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Architect Jack Poling and his MS&R team broke the vast interior into quadrants, with the children's section near the entrance so young users would be ushered into their spaces right away.



*The building is divided into four primary program areas, all of which are quickly reached from the library's crossroads—the main service center.*



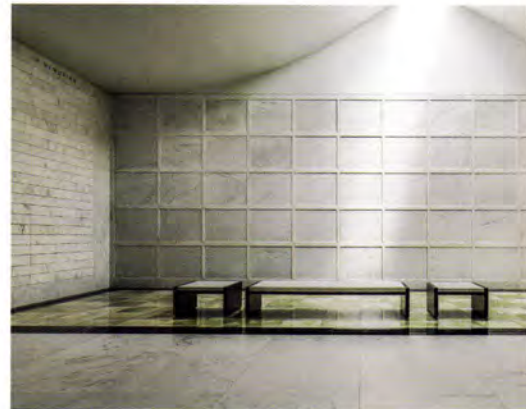
*The colorful children's area, conveniently located near the library's entrance, features low bookshelves, family-friendly reading nooks, and a story-time room.*



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## Lakewood Cemetery Garden Mausoleum

The Lakewood Cemetery Garden Mausoleum brings earth and sky together in a serene celebration of life



*The exterior's elegant arrangement of rough-sawn granite, white-marble mosaic, and glass creates an atmosphere of timelessness in the sunken garden.*



**Location:**

Minneapolis,  
Minnesota

**Client:**

Lakewood Cemetery  
Association

**Architect  
and engineer:**

HGA Architects and  
Engineers, [hga.com](http://hga.com)

**Principal-in-charge:**

Daniel Avchen, FAIA

**Design principal:**

Joan Soranno, FAIA

**Project architect:**

John Cook, FAIA

**Landscape architect:**

Halvorson Design  
Partnership

**Owner's representative:**

Nelson, Tietz & Hoyer

**General contractor:**

M.A. Mortenson Company

**Size:** 24,500  
gross square feet

**Cost:** \$25.2 million

**Completion:**

January 2012

**Photographer:**

Paul Crosby

This mausoleum achieves the most seamless integration of building and landscape that we've seen in a long while. —*Jury comment*



BY THOMAS FISHER, ASSOC. AIA

*From our November/December 2012 issue:*

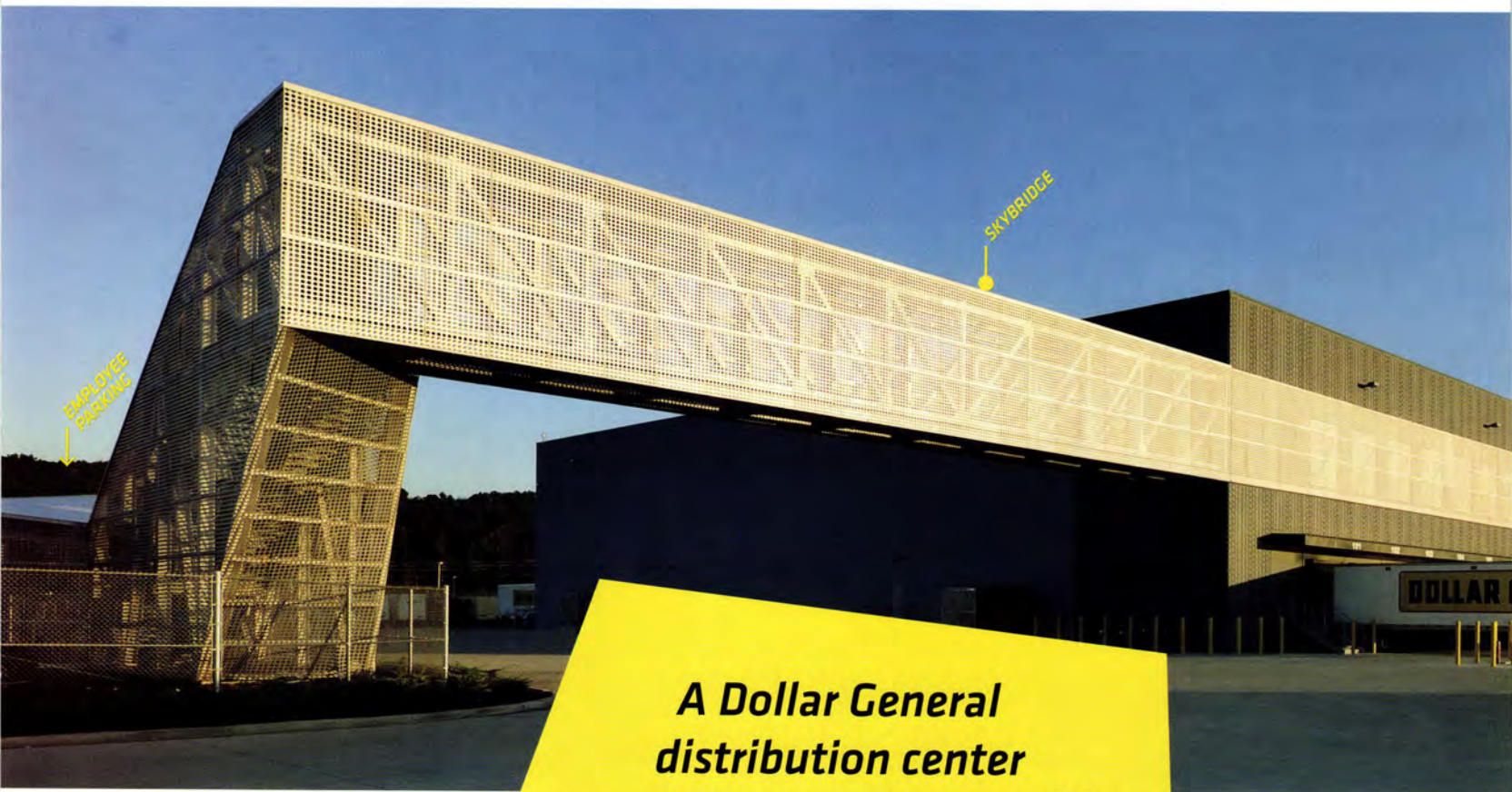
Visitors can access [the world outside the mausoleum] through glass-and-bronze doors that open to the gorgeous garden, redesigned as part of this project. The garden centers on a large, shallow pool of water, which spills over its edges to provide a pleasant background sound and a powerful evocation of the shedding of tears. Wide stone paths, raised parterres of grass in beds of stone, and alleys of trees shading elegant stone benches all surround the pool and make this outdoor space one of the most restful and visually refreshing landscapes in the city. In the 19th century, people often went to cemeteries to relax in nature; Lakewood's tranquil new garden just might rekindle that tradition.

The mausoleum itself could rekindle something else. Such buildings have long served as places in which the living remember the dead, and yet, in a youth-oriented culture like ours, contemplation of death is usually avoided. Mausoleums remain largely empty as a result. But this one is different: It uses architectural means to convey what it might feel like to pass from life to death. Visitors enter the mausoleum by descending into the ground, looking back up to the sky through rectangular openings in the earth and out to nature through windows with the proportions of a columbarium niche.

In the process, people can experience a sense of catharsis all too rare in modern architecture. By walking visitors through the separation from reality that comes with death, the Lakewood Garden Mausoleum helps mourners overcome loss and emerge from the building, as if from a tragic play, emotionally restored and newly appreciative of what it means to be alive. **AMN**







***A Dollar General  
distribution center  
rewards its workforce with  
a lofty, light-filled break  
room and jaw-dropping  
pedestrian bridge***

**By Camille LeFevre**

It's not often that a company selling off-brand, generic, and closeout merchandise in strip-mall stores can be persuaded to pursue award-winning design. But when Dollar General Corporation, a variety-store chain based in Tennessee, approached Leo A Daly with a need to improve employee safety and retention at its distribution center in Bessemer, Alabama, architect Bill Baxley, AIA, thought, "We should be able to do something with this typology."

By which he meant an immense warehouse where 600 employees and a large fleet of trucks and tractor-trailers work to move product across the country. "These distribution buildings have

infamously tight margins," says Baxley, design director in Leo A Daly's Minneapolis office. "And any employee amenities usually show up as warts on the sides of these buildings. We didn't want to do that."

Baxley and his team addressed the safety issue—the need to convey workers from an outer parking lot, across truck lanes, into the building—with a dramatically angular sky-bridge composed of steel beams and perforated anodized-aluminum panels. It carries employees to the warehouse's second level, where it

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**Location:**

Bessemer, Alabama

**Client:**

Dollar General Corporation

**Architect:**

Leo A Daly  
[leoadaly.com](http://leoadaly.com)

**Principal-in-charge:**

Wesley Grandstrand

**Project lead designer:**

Bill Baxley, AIA

**Energy modeling:**

Deborah Reider

**Landscape architect:**

Holcombe Norton Partners

**General contractor:**

Clayco

**Size:**

969,000 square feet

**Cost:**

\$64 million

**Completion:**

April 2012

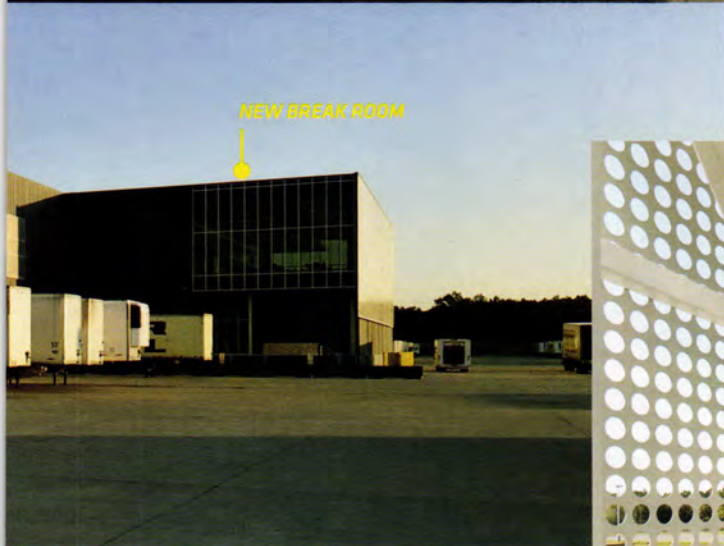
**Photographer:**

Bill Baxley, AIA

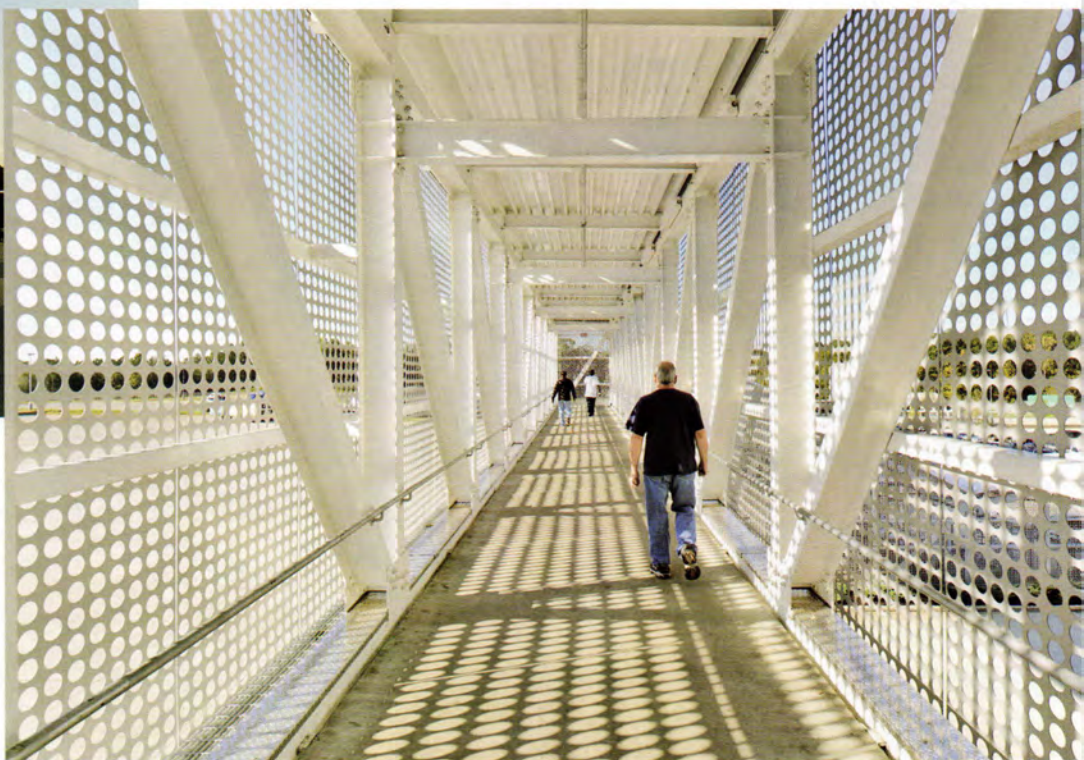




The bridge piece and the hub itself come together in an efficient yet magical way.  
Great transition of materials. —Jury comment

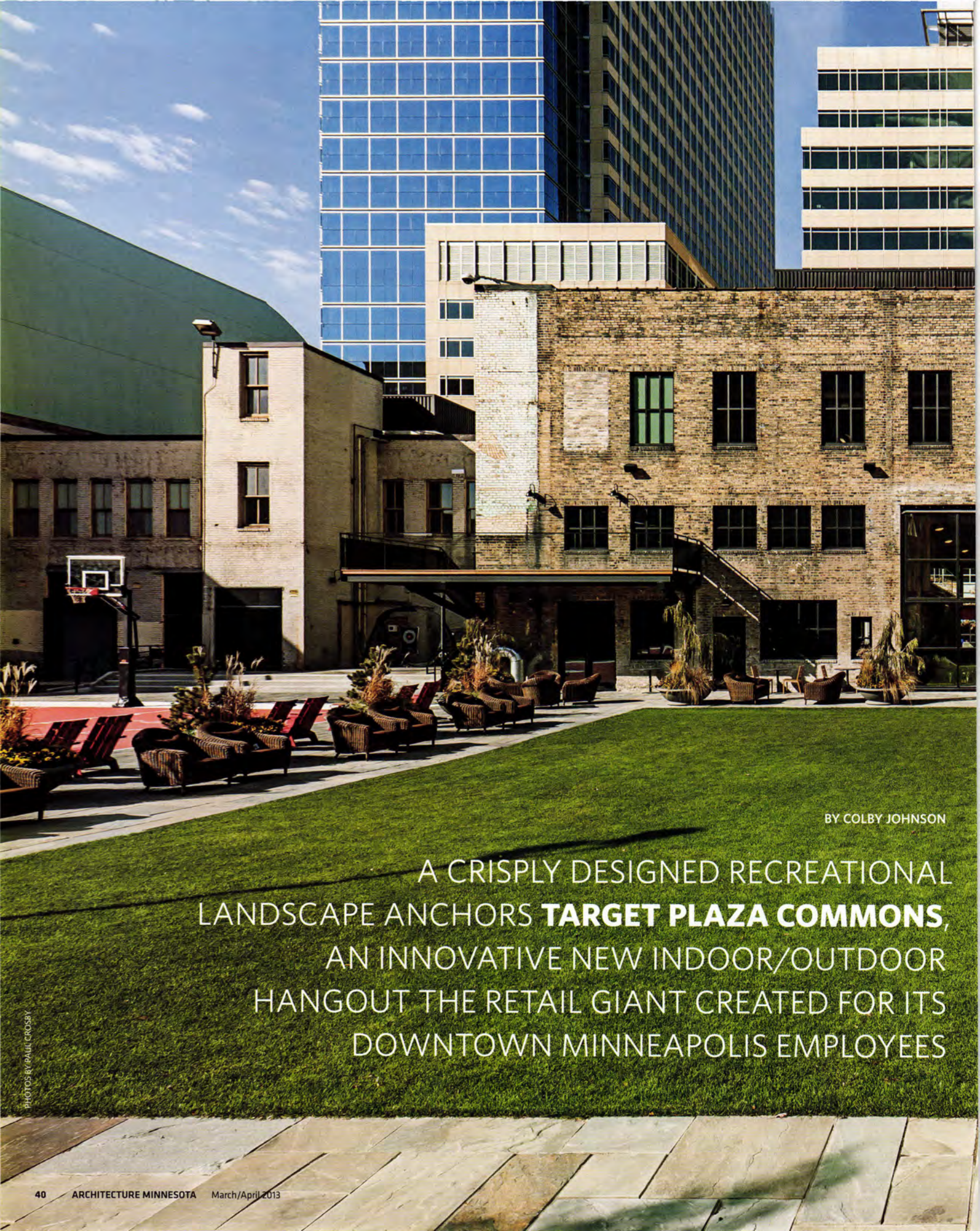


Above: The cafeteria-style break room enjoys a wash of diffuse light through its south-facing translucent wall. Floor-to-ceiling glass on the east and west sides of the room offers employees views out to docking operations.



Left and above: The anodized aluminum lining the skybridge reads white in intense sunlight. The custom-fabricated panels were only affordable because they were overruns on a different project: the Stanley Saitowitz-designed Tampa Bay Museum of Art.





BY COLBY JOHNSON

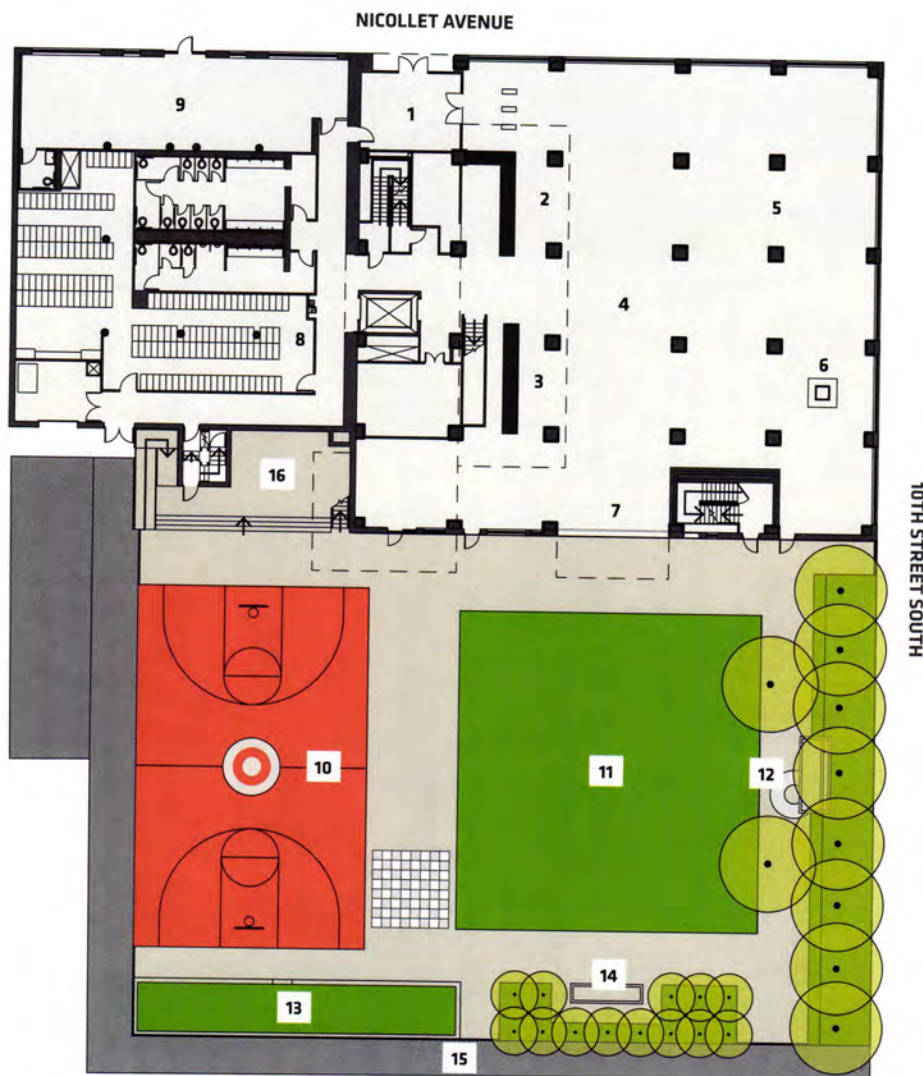
A CRISPLY DESIGNED RECREATIONAL  
LANDSCAPE ANCHORS **TARGET PLAZA COMMONS**,  
AN INNOVATIVE NEW INDOOR/OUTDOOR  
HANGOUT THE RETAIL GIANT CREATED FOR ITS  
DOWNTOWN MINNEAPOLIS EMPLOYEES



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# Field Target





The new indoor/outdoor Target Plaza Commons offers 45,000 square feet of flexible work, meeting, and recreational spaces for Target team members.

#### FIRST LEVEL

- 1 Entrance
- 2 Check-in
- 3 Bistro
- 4 Bistro seating
- 5 Commons Hall
- 6 Fireplace
- 7 Overhead garage door
- 8 Bike storage
- 9 Fitness room

#### OUTDOOR SPACE

- 10 Basketball court
- 11 Lawn
- 12 Water feature
- 13 Bocce ball court
- 14 Fire pit
- 15 Bike path
- 16 Grilling area

"WE WANTED THE DESIGN TO FOSTER CREATIVITY, COLLABORATION, TEAM BUILDING, AND INDIVIDUAL WELL-BEING. IT NEEDED TO OFFER A DIFFERENT ATTITUDE AND ENVIRONMENT THAN EXISTS IN TARGET'S TRADITIONAL CORPORATE SPACES ACROSS THE STREET."

—TARGET SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT  
RICH VARDA, FAIA



The easily accessed bike storage room is every pedal commuter's dream come true. It can accommodate 220 bikes.

It's 7:30 on a gorgeous spring morning. A young Target team member rolls up on his Bianchi road bike to a gate at the recently opened Target Plaza Commons at 10th Street South and Nicollet Avenue in downtown Minneapolis. After his 15-mile daily commute from Eden Prairie, he unclips from his pedals, retrieves his Target badge from his messenger bag, and ushers his bike along a path around an eye-popping courtyard to the entrance of a bicycle storage room, where he racks his bike in one of the 220 spaces.

He notices one of his tires is low, so he quickly writes up a service request form before heading to the nearby spa-quality locker room to freshen up. On one of the large flat-screen TVs overhead, the Weather Channel delivers a sun-filled forecast—

perfect for his morning meeting scheduled to take place in the aforementioned 20,000-square-foot outdoor courtyard.

"Our goal was to create a casual, comfortable space that our team members can both work and relax in," says architect Rich Varda, FAIA, Target's senior vice president of store design. "We wanted the design to foster and support creativity, collaboration, team building, and individual well-being. It needed to offer a different attitude and environment than exists in Target's traditional corporate spaces across the street."

Opened in October, Target Plaza Commons offers a total of more than 45,000 square feet of flexible indoor and outdoor spaces.





The main interior space flows seamlessly out to the courtyard lawn through a 20-by-25-foot glass garage door along the building's back wall.



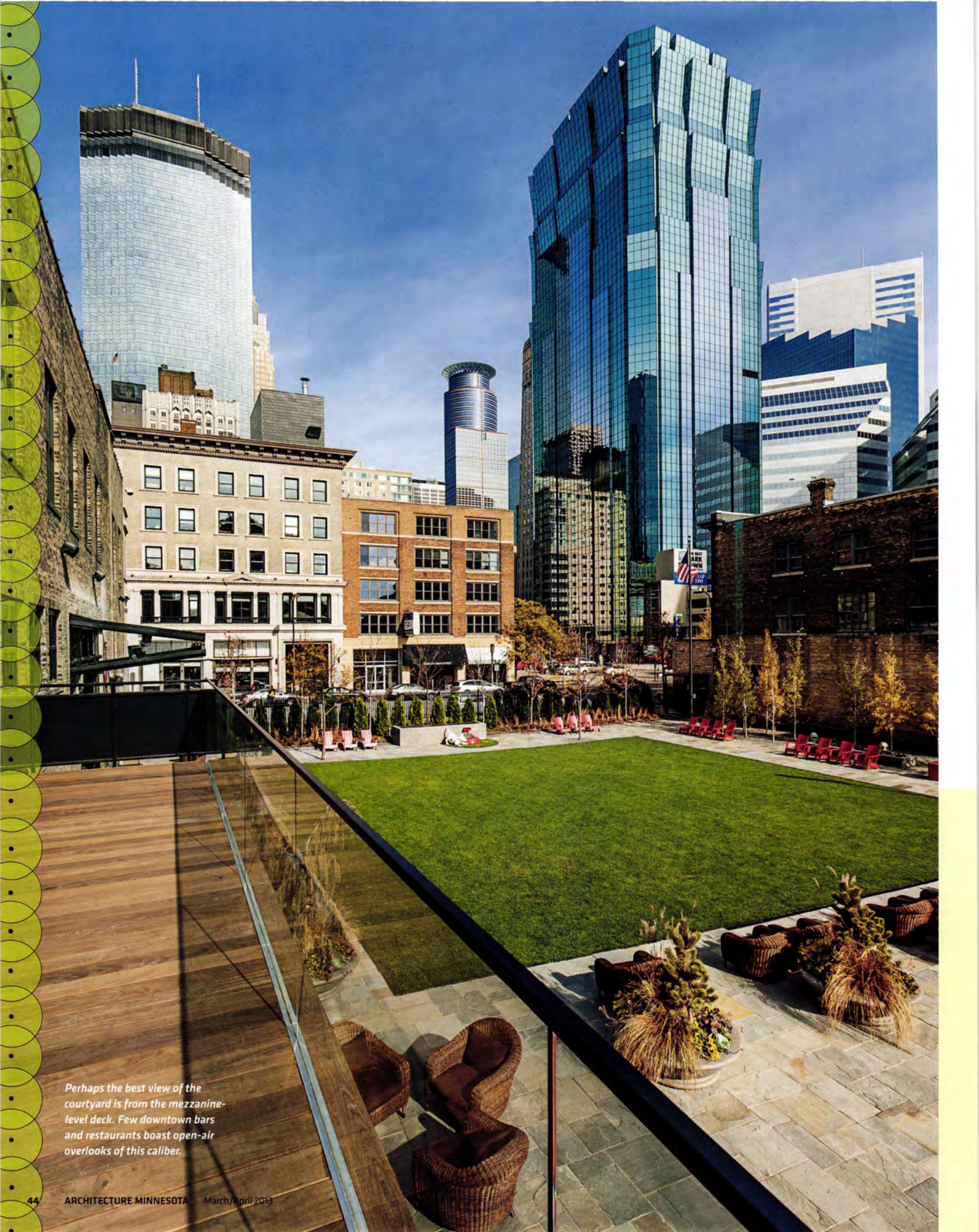
Julie Snow Architects' biggest move on the interior was wrapping the mezzanine in raw hickory hardwood. Otherwise, the designers mostly left the board-formed concrete exposed.



For Target's sun lovers, the crown jewel of the commons is unquestionably the remarkable landscape, which boasts a large lawn, a Target-red basketball court, a bocce court, a custom-designed and branded water feature that flows into the Target dog's water bowl, a gas grill and fire pit, and an array of flexible outdoor furniture. "You just don't find outdoor spaces like this in the middle of downtown," says John Montgomery, AIA, senior architect and design project manager with Ryan Companies, which led the project. "It provided Target with an amazing opportunity to do something really special."

But the two old buildings on the property had awesome potential of their own, as Ryan Companies discovered when it began stripping the interior of the complex down to its structure. That's when Julie Snow, FAIA,





*Perhaps the best view of the courtyard is from the mezzanine-level deck. Few downtown bars and restaurants boast open-air overlooks of this caliber.*



*In the commons, employees can work individually, meet with others, or just unwind, thanks to a variety of comfortable seating options.*



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and Matthew Kreilich, AIA, of Julie Snow Architects were brought in to lead the design of the interior architecture.

"The space was absolutely spectacular on its own," says Snow. "With exposed 22-foot-high ceilings, it had this gorgeous, raw quality of ancient ruins that was really powerful. Our effort from the beginning was to retain that original quality as much as possible." To accomplish this, Snow and Kreilich, in close collaboration with Ryan Companies and Target's internal teams, incorporated complementary industrial materials such as steel, wood, and glass in the new design.

In addition to preserving the rawness of the board-formed-concrete interior, Target needed to create a space that would foster a wide variety of social functions, says Kreilich. "Our challenge

was to bring those [industrial] elements to an environment that could also host different scales of activities, from large corporate events to one-on-one meetings and team-building sessions," he explains.

The design team responded by dividing the large open space into three linear zones, or bays. The two slightly narrower bays house various clusters of informal seating to mitigate the vastness of the room, says Snow, while long library tables provide employees with workspaces. The zone lining the 10th Street perimeter boasts a modern industrial fireplace and a series of built-in benches beneath soaring windows. The widest bay, furnished only with bistro tables and chairs, runs through the center of the main building and out a 20-by-25-foot glass garage door to the courtyard.

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**A Target-red basketball court, Target-red chairs, and a crisp green lawn pop in the otherwise brick-and-stone courtyard environment.**



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and I also knew of David's history with the city of Minneapolis, so I just thought we'd see if we could make it work.

### **What was his reaction to the space?**

He loved it. Creative types tend to share that sentiment about the building. It's sort of hard to walk into the space and *not* be moved by it on some level.

### **Are you also leaving the old mattress factory in a raw state? Or is it getting a good polish?**

A little of both. We sort of took it apart to a brick shell and then put it back together again. So it'll be a state-of-the-art building with a patina to it. We're building an amphitheater in back with blocks of stone from the old Metropolitan Building, and we also took columns salvaged from the Great Northern Railroad Depot and stood five of them up in front of the parking lot. They make a big impression.

### **Who can use the amphitheater?**

Anyone. It's like Icehouse Plaza, where a number of people have gotten married. The amphitheater can be used for anything, including private events, free of charge. Our intention from the beginning was to have it be a living room for the neighborhood.

### **Is there a financial formula you use when investigating available properties for redevelopment? Or is it more of an intuitive thing, where you say to yourself, "I like this—creative people are going to want to be in this space"?**

Definitely the latter. Quite honestly, a lot of my work is fairly self-indulgent. I ask myself, "Is this space interesting?" And if it is, "How could I improve upon it?" That's really all it is. I do try to be as thorough as possible, because old buildings often have surprises. But there's no litmus test or checklist.

### **A related question: Did the economic downturn enhance opportunities for the kind of projects you do?**

Good question. I can say that, as a result of the downturn, opportunities have presented themselves that probably wouldn't have been there in the boom. But the downside of that is that you don't have the robust tenant demand you'd have in the good times. So there are tradeoffs.

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**Let's switch tracks. A streetcar system has been proposed for Minneapolis, and two lines extending north and south, respectively, from downtown appear to have the best chance of being built. What are your thoughts on that kind of investment?** I'm pro-streetcar. What I try to accomplish with the developments I'm involved in is to create an atmosphere—to create enchantment—and to do that you sometimes have to apply unconventional thinking. In trying to solve the problem of moving people around the city, we clearly have alternatives that will cost less money and be more efficient than streetcars. What's not going to show up in a study is the enchantment—the chance occurrence—that's going to be gained by being able to ride a streetcar as opposed to a large bus or LRT car. I'm a big believer in creating ambience, which is hard to quantify economically.

Look, the kids growing up here today may or may not choose to stay in the Twin Cities; they'll be able to move around the country at will. The question is, what are we creating for them that will make them say, "Wait a minute, I don't want to go to New York or L.A. I want to stay here, because it's super interesting"?

**So what do you picture when you think of the future of the Twin Cities? What's your best hope for it?** I'm hoping for something more interesting, more exciting. I'd like us to have more opportunities to come across places and environments that are disruptive to the status quo—where climbing gyms, for example, are situated next to restaurants. Putting one space unexpectedly next to another can help us recalibrate our thinking about what makes a city vibrant.

We have a great community here. We're known for our innovation and creativity—we really are. But I find most of our real estate fairly monotonous and boring. Do you feel the same way?

**I do. We seem to be afraid of color and adventuresome architecture. It's a shame.**

It is a shame. But just because it *is* doesn't mean it *has to be*. I was half-joking earlier when I said that my work is self-indulgent. But there are a lot of people like me who want these interesting spaces, who want that historic character to come through and yet be layered with contemporary features, who want that juxtaposition. We get little glimpses of it here and there, but there's nowhere near enough of it.

I don't know why we don't see more of it. Maybe it's the stoic nature of Midwesterners, or the

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fact that real estate development is so driven by economics, because the risks are so high. People think, "Oh no, we can't tear down a building to create a plaza because that's *revenue*."

**You're referring to Icehouse Plaza. I'm a regular at the little Jasmine Deli next door, and I couldn't believe my eyes as I watched the plaza take shape. Such an engaging urban space in an unexpected location.** It was a great project, but I had so many people tell me not to tear that building down. I told them, "I have a concept here, and I think the long-term dividends will be stronger than what I might achieve in the short term." I never looked back for one second. It was completely the right decision to take it down.

**Great to see the Metropolitan foundation stones in that space, too.** Yeah, they worked out really well over there. Those stones are sort of like the DNA of Minneapolis. People are profoundly interested in where they came from, and I'm just flattered to have had a tiny role in bringing them back. **AMN**

## Rapson Redux

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house, has the added benefit of creating a courtyard for the entry garden. No new ground needed to be broken, which preserved the stunning Japanese garden on the northwest side of the home.

"The gardens were designed by David Slawson, and they work so well with the home and the site," says Wagner. "They actually divert water flow during rains and snow melt, thus serving a functional as well as an aesthetic role."

That combination of beauty and utility extends to the exterior of the garage. Wagner had immediately been attracted to Rapson's redwood siding, but he clad the addition in more sustainably harvested western red cedar. "The cedar is applied as a rain-screen," Wagner explains. "An air space behind the boards allows water to drain away and the cedar to dry evenly." It's a performance upgrade that perfectly complements the original design. The roof edge is capped with copper, which is already beginning to change color, along with the new wood, as the building settles into the site.

"Buildings have to change with time," says Wagner. "They're not supposed to be eternally perfect. They're meant to have a life of their own, and we architects need to accept this and allow them to gracefully develop a patina." **AMN**

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Each design element was painstakingly selected, from flooring (white poured epoxy terrazzo) and lighting (white pendants and recessed LEDs) to hiding mechanical equipment in soffits built around the perimeter of the space, to keep the column capitals exposed. But perhaps the most challenging task was handling the all-important Target brand.

The building's historic status dictated that the exterior have no signage other than awnings. "We asked ourselves, 'How do we insert that bold Target brand and preserve the building's integrity?'" says Sexton. Their solution was brilliant: In five of the display windows, they installed two-story red metal screens with a perforation pattern that melds Sullivan's flowery ironwork and Target's bull's-eye. Reminiscent of panels used in the building's Carson Pirie Scott days, they act both as branding elements and as backdrops for merchandise displays.

Then there was the famous bull's-eye logo itself, which the project team decided to "hang" in a glass partition in the second-story rotunda, several feet back from the windows. With architecture-conscious Chicagoans looking on, the designers mocked up several versions, eventually settling on a six-foot-diameter red acrylic ring and red dot lit from within by LEDs. "We decided we needed to be straightforward and elegant," says Sexton.

To say Chicagoans were nervous about a discount retailer converting the city's iconic department store is an understatement. But preservationists and architecture critics seemed to breathe a collective sigh of relief at the elegant reuse. *Chicago Tribune* architecture critic Blair Kamin spoke for many when he blogged the following: "The new store strikes the right balance between preserving the aesthetic integrity of one of the nation's great works of architecture and projecting the visual brand of one of the nation's biggest retailers." **AMN**



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## McAllen Main Library

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Further delineating the user areas are two long, perpendicular service spines. The longer of the two, a wide path beneath a line of perforated wood ceiling panels, runs east-west from the entrance to a quiet reading room on the other side of the building. Nearly halfway back, a second spine—this one vibrant orange—extends to the south, separating the adults' and children's areas. Poling describes the intersection of the spines as a new point of departure for visitors. "By naturally guiding people to the center of the building, we're offering a new starting point from which people use the library. It helps bring down the scale of the building, and it creates more manageable navigation for patrons." Mega-pendants help break up the vastness of the space as well.

"We've had such an amazing response from the community since the new library opened," says Horan, adding that the new facility serves more people in one weekend than the old one did in an entire month. "The space provides a perfect balance between an airy spaciousness and an inviting, warm environment where people can find privacy. It's really a wonderful blend." **AMN**

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"We tried to maintain a consistent feel from the interior to the exterior," says Ryan landscape architect Kevin Pfeiffer, noting the use of portable furniture and linear design elements in both areas. "The courtyard's open design allows for unobstructed sight lines from anywhere, while the smaller breakout spaces provide flexibility and privacy." Pfeiffer used low-maintenance native plant materials to complement the manicured lawn.

Back inside, an open mezzanine wrapped in hickory slats floats dramatically over the reception area. Home to a lounge/gaming area complete with table tennis, foosball, video games, and flat-screen TVs, the mezzanine extends back into the building that houses the bicycle storage room, locker rooms, and a fitness space on the main level. At the back of the mezzanine, employees can access a deck overlooking the courtyard.

"This project was an incredible example of collaboration from start to finish," says Varda. "Target Plaza Commons offers amazing amenities for current and future employees, and it's a vibrant new addition to this part of downtown and our corporate campus." **AMN**

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## Dollar General

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continues as a long band along the building's exterior to an expansive new employee hub. Together, the skybridge armature and the large break-room addition achieve a “presence that can compete with the scale of the existing distribution building,” says Baxley.

In addition to housing a cafeteria/break room with a grilling porch, the hub boasts a generous vending area and a locker room. “Usually the employee break areas are scattered throughout the warehouse,” Baxley explains. “We brought all of those areas together and created a new hub that’s in dialogue with the bridge.” (The addition’s most dramatic feature—a soaring translucent wall—visually relates to the bridge exterior.)

Everywhere workers look they see trucking and shipping-container materials artfully employed as finishes: Checker-plate metal and oriented strand board (OSB), for example, line several interior walls, and OSB is also used as a ceiling panel. In the break room, a bright logo banner fabricated in-house by the company’s truck-printing division provides a punch of color and corporate identity. And the architects designed a scaled-up tire-tread pattern for the concrete exterior that “creates a reading of the building that’s accessible and aesthetically rich,” says Baxley.

Simple, durable industrial materials fit Dollar General’s budget for the project. So, too, did the custom-designed aluminum panels on the skybridge—but only because the project team was able to take advantage of overruns from the American Architecture Award-winning Tampa Bay Museum of Art by architect Stanley Saitowitz. “We came up with a variety of solutions that would ground the employee hub in a budget and aesthetic that both made sense,” says Baxley.

“In this area of the country, there’s a lot of employee turnover, so we wanted to use architecture and design to boost employee retention without adversely affecting Dollar General’s bottom line,” he adds. “The employees are ecstatic that the company built this skybridge and hub just for them. We were given a lot of constraints, but often the best solutions come out of using those rules and constraints to catalyze innovation.” **AMN**





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*Prospect Park Neighborhood Redevelopment Study, Minneapolis, MN; Lyndale Gardens Master Plan/Town Center Design, Richfield, MN; Cottageville Park Master Plan, Hopkins, MN; Epic Systems Corporation Campus 3, Verona, WI; Union Depot, St. Paul, MN\*; Lake Harriet Regional Parks Design, Minneapolis, MN\*; Como Park Ordway Gardens Bonsai Display, St. Paul, MN\*; Burgum Residence, Deephaven, MN\**

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*Veterans Home Historic American Landscape Survey, Milwaukee, WI; Life Time Fitness National Standards, Nationwide; U of M Microbiology, Minneapolis, MN; Minnesota State University-Moorhead Landscape Master Plan, Moorhead, MN; Ridgedale Mall Revitalization Plan, Minnetonka, MN; Target Northern Campus Expansion, Brooklyn Park, MN; 3M Building 280 - Lab, Maplewood, MN; Nicollet Mall & Loring Park Residential Towers, Minneapolis, MN*

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*S. Quarter Mixed-Income Housing Redevelopment, Mpls, MN; LEED-Cert. Gastropub Pat's Tap, Mpls, MN; Covington, Upscale Apartment Development, Bloomington, MN; Organic Valley Corporate Campus, Cashton, WI; Amery Regional Medical Center, Amery, WI; Bemidji State Univ. Climate Action Plan, Bemidji, MN; CVC's LID Construction Guide, Ontario, Canada*

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*U.S. Capitol Complex, Architect of the Capitol, Stormwater Pollution Prevention & Management Plan - Washington, DC; Whitetail Woods Regional Park - Empire Township, Dakota County, MN; Normandale Community College, Parking Structure and Campus Green - Bloomington, MN; Marshfield Clinic - Stevens Point, WI; Bishop Henry Whipple Federal Campus, Modernization - Fort Snelling, MN; American Swedish Institute - Minneapolis, MN; Schreiber Foods Headquarters - Green Bay, WI; Federal Government Agency Headquarters Buildings, GSA and Federal Agency Tenant - Multiple National Locations*



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*Target Center Arena (green roof LCA/design), Minneapolis, MN; Minneapolis Chain of Lakes - Nokomis, Harriet, Calhoun, Cedar (stormwater treatment, wetland and water quality improvement projects), Minneapolis, MN; State of Minnesota Sustainable Design Guidelines - B3 (site and water sections); Minneapolis Central Library (green roof and city hall green roof design), Minneapolis, MN; City of Rochester Public Works and Transit Operations Center, Rochester, MN; State of Minnesota (Native Seed Mix Design for Roadsides)*

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*Saint Thomas More School, St. Paul, MN; Chippewa Cree Medical Clinic, Box Elder, MT; The Minikahda Club, Minneapolis, MN; Early Childhood Care & Education Center, Austin, MN; Urban Plains - Ongoing Projects, Fargo, ND; Watford City Elementary School, Watford City, ND; Pearson Lakes Art Center, Okoboji, IA; Anderson Residence, St. Paul, MN*



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### Rapson Redux

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 Architect: SALA Architects  
 Project architect and lead designer: David O'Brien Wagner, AIA  
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 Structural engineer: McConkey Johnson Soltermann  
 Interior design: Meredith Wilson  
 Construction manager: North Star Remodeling  
 Landscape designer: Slawson Creations  
 Window systems: Pella Pro Series  
 Photographer: Troy Thies Photography

### Pierre Bottineau House

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New location: Elm Creek Park Reserve, Maple Grove, Minnesota  
 Clients: MnDOT and Three Rivers Park District  
 Architect: MacDonald & Mack Architects, Ltd.  
 Principal-in-charge: Stuart MacDonald, AIA  
 Project lead designer: Amy Meller, AIA  
 Project team: Todd Grover, AIA  
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 Electrical engineer: Hallberg Engineers  
 General contractor: American Liberty Construction, Inc.  
 Brick: Acme Ochs Brick  
 Concrete and masonry work: Gabrelcik Enterprises  
 Carpentry: Skyline Construction  
 Building mover: Prodger House Movers  
 Millwork, doors, and windows: Commercial Millwork  
 Lumber, siding, and roofing: Lampert's Lumber  
 Photographers: Jerry Mathiason ("after" photos); MacDonald & Mack Architects ("before")

### Essential House

#### Page 24

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 Structural engineer: Dave Felton  
 Electrical engineer: Mouli Engineering (photovoltaic system)  
 Construction manager: Daniel Yudchitz, AIA; Bill Yudchitz, AIA (Revelations Architects/Builders)  
 Landscape design: Daniel Yudchitz, AIA  
 Window systems: Hurd Windows  
 Architectural metal panels: McElroy Metal  
 Concrete work: Revelations Architects/Builders  
 Photographers: Ryan Chernik; Brandon Stengel, Assoc. AIA

### Chicago State Street CityTarget

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Location: Chicago, Illinois  
 Client: Target Corporation  
 Design architect: Target Store Design  
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 Project architect: Jeff Sprout, AIA  
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 Structural engineer: Van Sickle, Allen & Associates  
 Mechanical and electrical engineer: Gausman and Moore  
 Refrigeration engineer: CTA Group  
 Lighting design: Schuler Shook  
 Interior design: Target  
 Construction manager: Walsh Construction  
 Architectural metal panels: M.G. McGrath, Inc.  
 Column capital restoration: R.G. Construction Company

Wood restoration: Demos Painting and Decorating

Metal restoration: Stuart Dean Company

Flooring systems/materials: Metropolitan Terrazzo; Superior Flooring; International Marble and Granite

Finish carpentry: Oakwood Contractors; The Levy Company; Lankford Construction

Concrete work: Walsh Construction  
 Signs: Federal Heath Sign Company; Colite International Ltd.; Doyle Signs, Inc.

Photographer: Gilbertson Photography

### Nelson Cultural Center at the American Swedish Institute

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 Programmer/project architect: Nancy Blankford, AIA  
 Project architect/designer: Andy Weyenberg, AIA  
 Project team: Eric Amel, AIA; Robert Johnson Miller; Jay Lane, AIA; Dan Peterson; Steve Philippi; Joe Tarlizzo  
 Energy modeling: The Weidt Group  
 Structural, mechanical, electrical, and civil engineer: HGA  
 Lighting design: HGA  
 Interior design: HGA  
 Owner's representative: Tegra Group  
 General contractor: Adolphson & Peterson  
 Landscape architect: HGA  
 Landscape project team: Ross Altheimer; Erica Christenson  
 Pre-design consultant: JE Dunn  
 Glazing systems: Empirehouse, Inc.  
 Geothermal: Braun Intertec Geothermal Inc.  
 Fire protection and codes: Summit  
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Custom wall tile: North Prairie Tileworks

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Concrete work: Adolphson & Peterson

Millwork: Heebink  
 Architectural Woodwork

Stucco: AE Conrad

Plaster restoration: AE Conrad

Acoustic ceiling systems: Twin City Acoustics

Landscape: Margolis

Mechanical/plumbing: Harris Companies

Electrical: Premiere Electrical Corporation

Vertical transportation: ThyssenKrupp; Lerch Bates

Photographer: Paul Crosby

### McAllen Main Library

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Location: McAllen, Texas  
 Client: City of McAllen  
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 Project team: Jessica Harner  
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 Civil engineer: Perez Consulting Engineers  
 Lighting design: Gallina Design LLC; ACR Engineering, Inc.  
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 General contractor: Barcom, Inc.  
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 Flooring systems/materials: Interface  
 Window systems: Kawneer  
 Millwork: South Texas Woodmill; HLF Furniture  
 Laser-cut wood panels: TMC Furniture  
 Photographer: Lara Swimmer



## Lakewood Cemetery Garden Mausoleum and Reception Center

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Location: Minneapolis, Minnesota  
 Client: Lakewood Cemetery Association  
 Architect: HGA Architects and Engineers  
 Principal-in-charge: Daniel Avchen, FAIA  
 Design principal: Joan M. Soranno, FAIA  
 Project manager: Stephen Fiskum, AIA  
 Project architect: John Cook, FAIA  
 Project team: Nick Potts, AIA; Michael Koch, AIA; Eric Amel, AIA; Steve Philippi; Jay Lane, AIA; Ross Alzheimer; Robert Johnson Miller  
 Structural, mechanical, electrical, and civil engineer: HGA  
 Lighting design: HGA  
 Interior design: HGA  
 Graphic design: HGA  
 Owner's representative: Nelson, Tietz & Hoyer  
 General contractor: M.A. Mortenson Company  
 Landscape architect: Halvorson Design Partnership  
 Landscape project team: Craig Halvorson; Bryan Jereb  
 Master plan: Elizabeth Vizra  
 Mausoleum consultant: Carrier Mausoleum Construction, Inc.  
 Acoustics: Kvernstoen Ronnholm & Associates, Inc.  
 Audiovisual: Electronic Design Company; AVI; SPL  
 Reflecting pool: Commercial Aquatic Engineering  
 Mosaic tile: CSI  
 Mechanical: Egan Company  
 Electrical: Hunt Electric  
 Bronze curtain wall/skylights/windows: Empirehouse, Inc.; M.G. McGrath  
 Bronze doors: Ellison Bronze, Inc.  
 Bronze handrails: Livers Bronze Co.  
 Bronze finishing: Stuart Dean  
 Glass: Barber Glass; Viracon, Inc.  
 Art glass: Architectural Glass Art  
 Waterproofing: Spec 7 Group  
 Stone cladding/pavers: Cold Spring Granite; pavers installed by CD Tile and Stone  
 Exterior stone cladding: M.A. Mortenson Company  
 Interior stone cladding/flooring: Grazzini Brothers  
 Preassembled columbaria: Eickhof Columbaria Inc.  
 Mosaic: RBC Tile & Stone, Inc.  
 Mosaic installation: CD Tile and Stone  
 Millwork: Commercial Millwork Solutions

Polished plaster: Armourcoat, Ltd.  
 Acoustical plaster: Pyrok, Inc.; Starsilent  
 Drywall/plaster installation: Olympic Companies, Inc.  
 Landscape: Aloha; Sterling Arbor  
 Irrigation: Green Acres  
 Interior furnishings: Parameters  
 Signage: Designer Sign Systems  
 Photographer: Paul Crosby

## Dollar General Distribution Center Employee Hub

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Location: Bessemer, Alabama  
 Client: Dollar General Corporation  
 Architect: Leo A Daly  
 Principal-in-charge: Wesley Grandstrand  
 Project lead designer: Bill Baxley, AIA  
 Project manager: David Stephani  
 Project design team, architecture: Walter Daniels, AIA; Michael Moeller, AIA; Josh Walls; Pam Choi; Yong Suk Kim; David Woeltjen, AIA; Jessie Bauldry; Andrew Ransavage; Kirsten Goodwin; Terry Alexander  
 Project design team, engineering: Kevin Clinton; Scott Strickland; Byron Byraiah; Marcelle Weslock; Eric Jeppesen; Ray Johnson; Jeremy Klysen; Bernie Pawlicki; Ming Zeng; Tim Chapp; Ray Moran; Steve Nelson  
 Energy modeling: Deborah Reider  
 General contractor: Clayco  
 Landscape architect: Holcombe Norton Partners  
 Flooring systems/materials: Jeffco (polished concrete)  
 Window systems: Vista Wall (curtain wall); Kalwall (translucent wall)  
 Architectural metal panels: McNichols (manufacturer); Cooper Steel (fabrication and installation)  
 Concrete work: Concrete Specialties, Inc. (flatwork); Metromont (architectural precast)  
 Photographer: Bill Baxley, AIA

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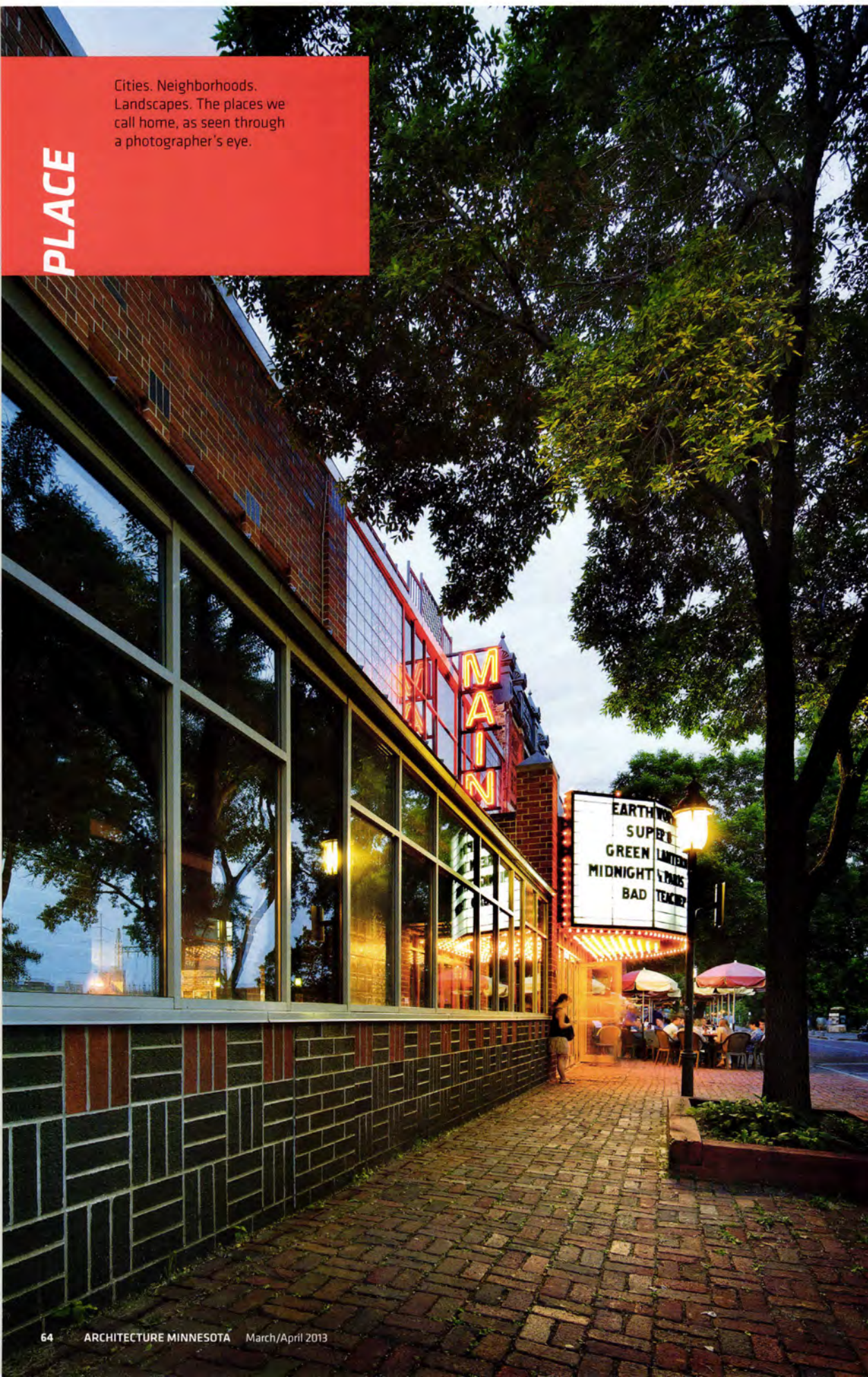
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