

Keith E. Simpson
Fellow American Society of Landscape Architects

Master of Landscape Architecture, University of Massachusetts, Amherst. 1976

Keith E. Simpson Associates Inc. New Canaan, CT. 1982-Present. - President

Professional Registrations: Connecticut and New York

American Society of Landscape Architects Membership:

Former Connecticut President, Trustee, Treasurer and Executive Board Member

SIGNIFICANT SELECTED WORKS of LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE:

Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories – (CSHL) Cold Spring Harbor, Long Island, New York

CSHL was founded in 1890, and is a private, non-profit institution with research programs in cancer, neuroscience, plant genetics, genomics and bioinformatics, and has a broad educational mission.

In 1987, working closely with James Watson the co-discoverer of DNA, Keith E. Simpson Associates was asked to advise CSHL on many site improvements to the 100-acre campus, including hillside restoration around the new Grace Auditorium.. Many of these sites presented special challenges due to their close proximity to the tidal waters of Long Island Sound. The office then became involved in several more major projects, including the selection of building sites and the exterior plans for an extensive complex of residential buildings plus the locating and site planning for a new 66,000 sq. ft. Neuroscience Center with parking for 150 cars. This entire project cost in excess of \$21.5 million and took almost three years to build being dedicated on May 3rd 1991. The office also advised on the restoration of the areas surrounding the Airlie House which had been laid out for the Tiffany family by the Olmsted Brothers in 1909.

Choate Rosemary Hall School – (CRH) Wallingford, Connecticut

In 1976, at the request of Mr. Paul Mellon, a major benefactor to the school, Keith E. Simpson Associates was asked to coordinate with architect, I.M. Pei on the site work in the area of the Paul Mellon Arts Center. Subsequently the office advised the administration of the school on numerous other improvements to the 400-acre campus, including recommending the re-location of the historic Squire Stanley House (1690), the building in which the school was founded in 1890. This involved saving the old building and extricating it from among several fine existing trees and relocating it some 300 feet further back from the road. This work was completed successfully in 1980.

Further work included finding the optimum location for an entirely new Science Building. Working once again with the architect, I.M. Pei, the office recommended that the building be located on the direct path between the campus of the original Choate School and the recently constructed Rosemary Hall School. This work included obtaining all governmental approvals for the refurbishment of an existing pond, dam reconstruction, a new bridge, the creation of a new upper pond with extensive created wetland and a new waterfall connecting the two ponds. This design and construction was completed in 1989.

Pound Ridge Golf Club - New York

In 1996 the office was engaged by the owners of the Pound Ridge Golf Club for the purpose of site planning and obtaining governmental approvals for a new 18-hole golf course, designed by Pete Dye, in Pound Ridge, New York. This work included advice on assembling the team of lawyers, soil scientist, surveyors, groundwater hydrologists, archaeologists, engineers, wetland consultants and traffic engineers and other consultants to evaluate all environmental aspects of the design for this 189-acre property as well as developing fully detailed site plans for the non-golfing areas of the property. This project was completed in 2008.

Omega Corporation - Stamford, CT. – Oxford CT. – Irlam, U.K.

The Omega Corporation based in Stamford, Connecticut engaged the services of the office in 1999 to work on properties owned by the Omega Corporation in Stamford CT. and develop master plans for properties in the areas surrounding the airport in Oxford, CT. The office was then asked to evaluate the relative merits of several properties in the United Kingdom to serve as a distribution center for the Omega Corporation in Europe.

Large Subdivisions of land in Connecticut and New York

Working in over 20 different municipalities, and at times overseas, the office has developed particular expertise in the planning and approval processes for the subdivision of large parcels of land for residential and commercial use, particularly in Connecticut and New York. These range in size from several acres to some in excess of 300 acres.

OTHER WORKS OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

Over the past 25 years and working on several hundred properties, the office has accomplished a large and significant body of professional work, most diverse in nature, ranging from the site design for schools, hospitals, subdivisions, multi-family housing, a handicapped equestrian facility, a safe-house for children, a marina, parks, commercial and industrial facilities, low-income housing projects to many historically significant properties, reservoirs, lakes and streams and innumerable high-quality residences.

At any given time, the office is usually working on a wide range of projects of significant diversity and complexity. The design and construction of all the projects has been over-seen by Keith Simpson personally, often including securing complicated governmental approvals from local, State and Federal agencies.

Town of New Canaan, CT. - Public projects

Over the course of the past thirty years, the office has participated in a wide range of municipal projects benefiting the Town of New Canaan, including work on the restoration of the gardens at Waveny Park, a property originally designed by the Olmsted Brothers office. Other work in the park includes restoration of the main courtyard, the entrance drive, playing fields and site work relating to converting a historic building into a Senior Center. He has done significant work in the two other main parks in the town, Kiwanis Park and Mead Park, including the restoration of a memorial planting for soldiers from the Town lost in World War II. He prepared a Downtown Study for the Chamber of Commerce in which he recommended improvements in most areas of downtown including pedestrian paving, lighting, signage, seating, a municipal clock and planting. He has provided plans for areas at most of the schools, the post office area, the railroad station, the police station, the summer theater and the Town Hall.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL and RELATED ACTIVITIES

Merritt Parkway Conservancy, Connecticut. Founding Member and Board of Directors Member since 2001, Vice-Chairman 2007-present

The Merritt Parkway is one of the Nation's foremost parkways and its protection is of regional and national significance. It was Connecticut's first stretch of controlled access highway. It is a 37-mile stretch of highly scenic highway in Fairfield County Connecticut, with more than 60 unique bridges, which have extraordinary ornamentation. It is listed in the National Register of Historic Places as well as being a designated Scenic Highway in Connecticut. The office has participated in a major re-design of the future Rt.7 and Parkway Interchange.

Guest Lecturing and Teaching Over the past twenty years Keith has been the guest lecturer at many universities and colleges, including the University of Massachusetts, Cornell University and Connecticut College and he has spoken before numerous civic organizations and service clubs, such as Lions, Exchange, Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs, Senior Men's Club and Garden Clubs on numerous topics.

St. George's Society of New York – Director and Secretary

The St. George's Society of New York is a charitable organization and fellowship society, founded in 1770 by English settlers, dedicated to assisting elderly and/or disabled residents of British and Commonwealth heritage, in the greater New York area.

Rene Dubos Center for Human Environments, New York. – Trustee 1984-present.

Founded by Dr. Dubos, as an educational and research organization focusing on environmental issues, the Center has organized numerous large conferences on topics of major environmental significance such as water resources, air quality, wetlands, brownfield sites, water quality, oceanography, climate change, hazardous chemical transportation, urban land use, and many other issues of global significance.

HONORS, AWARDS and RECOGNITIONS

Connecticut Society of Architects/AIA, Design Award, 1998 for work at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories
Long Island Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, Design Award, 1987 for work at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories.

George A. Yarwood Award, 1998 for service to the Connecticut ASLA and the Landscape Architecture profession.

Golden Shovel Award, 2011, New Canaan Chamber of Commerce, for several decades of work improving downtown New Canaan, town parks, schools and many other public places in New Canaan.