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Front cover:
Photo of the U.S. Capitol as seen through the Arcadis (as RTKL)-designed Capitol Visitor Center
Photographer: Max MacKenzie





Some of our fabulous D.C. team of architects, designers, planners, engineers, quantity surveyors and environmental scientists featured at a recent rooftop event.
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The Design Perspective

By Jenni Patton

As we commemorate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, Arcadis is proud to reflect on our 40-year legacy in Washington, D.C.

In this special edition of *The Design Perspective*, *Design 250*, we trace the thread of our contributions to the fabric of a city that has long been the beating heart of the nation's democratic experiment and republican ideals. We also look ahead, continuing our commitment to improving quality of life — both for the millions of the District's annual visitors and for those of us who call it home.

Through this edition, members of our Washington office explore the ideas, challenges and opportunities that inspire our designers to create thoughtful solutions for Washington's evolving future, building on its history while helping shape what comes next.

Arcadis is a global leader in data-driven sustainable design, engineering and consultancy solutions for natural and built assets. We are a team of around 34,000 architects, data analysts, designers, engineers, project planners, water management and sustainability experts, united by a shared commitment to improving quality of life. Through our work with clients around the world, we help make sustainable project choices by combining digital and human innovation across the environment, energy and water, buildings, transportation, and infrastructure sectors.

In Washington, D.C., you may recognize us by our former names: RTKL, CallisonRTKL and IBI Group. RTKL joined the Arcadis family in 2007, followed by Callison in 2015. In 2022, CallisonRTKL transitioned to the Arcadis name as Arcadis acquired IBI Group, creating the third largest architectural practice in the world.

While the name has evolved, the people, relationships and expertise our clients have long relied on remain the same.

At Arcadis, we bring together world-class resources and a diverse group of passionate thinkers in design, planning and engineering. Together, we are defining, transforming, and building the cities, communities and spaces of tomorrow.

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1888
Arcadis began in the Netherlands, developing unusable land into places for people to live and establish communities.

1920
Our work expanded into rural development.

1946
RTKL founded in Baltimore, MD.

1950
We began improving living conditions in emerging economies.

1970
The organization forms a non-profit foundation which strengthens social cohesion in the Netherlands.

1974
IBI Group founded in Toronto, ON.

1975
Callison founded in Seattle, WA.

1986
RTKL opened office in Washington, D.C.

1990
We began our European and North American expansion.

2007
RTKL is aquired, adding architecture to Arcadis' portfolio of services.

2015
Callison is aquired and integrated with RTKL, expanding high quality architecture and urban design services worldwide.

2022
The aquisition of IBI and DPS Groups strengthens our architecture, engineering and intelligence capabilities.

2023
Arcadis launches the 3rd largest architectural practice in the world, focused on design excellence and improving quality of life.

We start by asking questions.

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HOW DO WE EXPRESS DEMOCRATIC VALUES THROUGH ARCHITECTURE?



Children's Inn



Embassy of Singapore, Embassy of Ethiopia, & Embassy of Brunei

Arcadis Office



FDA



National Archives



Georgetown Reservoir

World Bank





Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) Building Modernization & Liberty Plaza



Government Accountability Office (GAO) Modernization



Embassy of Saudi Arabia



Dept. of Commerce Herbert C. Hoover Building Modernization



Ariel Rios Fed. Building Interior Modernization



H. Carl Moultrie Courthouse Renovation and C Street Addition



US Capitol Visitor Center



Sidney Yates Building Interior Modernization



Smithsonian Institute Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden Envelope Modernization



Switzer Building Interior Modernization



James Madison Memorial Building Library of Congress Elevator Modernization



Project Phoenix (Pentagon Restoration)



National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Headquarters



West Alexandria Transit Center

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DC PROJECT MAP

GOVERNMENT & CIVIC

The local Arcadis office builds on a legacy established by RTKL and CallisonRTKL, firms that have helped shape Washington, D.C., for decades. At left, a selection of our government and civic work spreads across the landscape of the National Mall.

Arcadis' lineage in Washington reflects sustained engagement with some of the capital's most complex and symbolic places. Projects ranging from the Pentagon to the Capitol Visitor Center demonstrate a continued commitment to design excellence in highly visible and closely scrutinized settings.

National Archives - Photographer: NARA
James Madison Memorial Building
Library of Congress Elevator Modernization
Photographer: Architect of the Capitol

Embodying the Democratic Spirit in Architecture

By Rod Henderer and Lingzhe Lu

The design of a public building must go beyond functional requirements — it must elevate architecture's role in civic life and reaffirm public space as an expression of democratic values. Arcadis preserves these values within highly regulated urban environments, honoring cultural heritage while improving long-term building performance through sustainable design and innovative system integration.

In Washington, D.C., we approach design as an act of stewardship, balancing the city's civic ideals with the practical realities of constrained space, layered security, regulatory complexity and the evolving demands of contemporary life.

Through distinguished architecture and the design of memorable public places around the National Mall over the past four decades since our Washington office opened, Arcadis has built a legacy of creating environments that inspire national pride and strengthen public trust.

In this retrospective, we *look back to look forward*, reflecting on how Arcadis' body of work has honored our nation's institutions through seamless design and modern expression. Our designs further respect original intent and respond to the unique demands of celebrated public space.

U.S. Capitol Visitor Center
Washington, D.C.

From the National Mall to major civic institutions, Arcadis' lineage reflects sustained engagement with some of the capital's most complex and symbolic places. Projects ranging from the Pentagon to the Capitol Visitor Center demonstrate a continued commitment to design excellence in highly visible and closely scrutinized settings. Photographer: Architect of the Capitol © 2009 Architect of the Capitol

Continuing the Design Identity of DC

Through a variety of projects, our work consistently responds to Washington's unique urban identity through two distinct strategies. The first prioritizes integration, blending seamlessly into the existing context while quietly improving performance and modernizing systems. The second embraces contemporary expression, establishing a modern design language that responds to and respects the historic setting.

Though different in expression, both approaches share the same objective: creating places that feel inherently connected to the city they serve.





U.S. Capitol Visitor Center
Washington, D.C.

Rendering of the Arcadis design for the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center with dome of Capitol building shown in the background. Image Left, Visitors walk toward the below-grade entry of the Arcadis (as RTKL) designed U.S. Capitol Visitor Center. Photographer: Craig Kuhner © 2012 Craig Kuhner

A compelling example is the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center, which preserves the historic appearance of the Capitol while accommodating the demands of a contemporary public institution designed to welcome approximately 4,500 visitors at a time.

Arcadis' design preserves Frederick Law Olmsted's magnificent 1872 landscape plan, including character-defining elements such as the ellipses, fountains and lanterns, while a new plaza establishes an appropriate pedestrian scale and emphasizes the Capitol's cultural importance.

The Visitor Center is entirely below grade, tucked beneath the plaza to allow the landscape and Capitol setting to remain visually uninterrupted. Within this setting, the project unfolds as a carefully choreographed civic experience anchored by the grand Emancipation Hall, the ceremonial heart of the Visitor Center.

Skylights welcome daylight deep into the interior, bringing an open and luminous quality to the subterranean space. Light animates the stone surfaces and frames striking views of the Capitol Dome overhead, inspiring guests while integrating advanced security and technology in subtle ways that support rather than define the visitor journey.

Adjacent museum spaces, orientation theaters and circulation systems support the high-volume, steady flow of visitors while reinforcing a dignified and memorable public experience.



Pentagon Project Phoenix
Arlington County, Virginia

Arcadis (as RTKL) was the coordinating architect for Project Phoenix, a multi-firm design project for the rebuilding of the Pentagon following the 9/11 attack. Photo credit: National Archives and Records Administration

For the Phoenix Project, rebuilding the Pentagon after the terrorist attack on 9/11 in 2001, Arcadis was invited to join the reconstruction team as the coordinating architect immediately after the fires were extinguished and the crime scene investigations began.

We worked collaboratively with other engineering, architectural and construction firms. After demolition of areas damaged beyond repair, the project rebuilt the roughly 400,000-square-foot damaged sections of rings C, D and E. The design fully restored the historical massing and detailing of the original building while building it back much stronger, more secure — more resistant to attack.

U.S. Food and Drug Administration Headquarters Campus
Silver Spring, Maryland

Master planned by Arcadis (as RTKL), the Federal Research Center spans more than three million square feet and serves as the headquarters for the U.S. Food & Drug Administration. In addition to the original master plan, Arcadis designed several of the campus buildings and has remained engaged in ongoing master planning and building design since the campus's inception.

For the past thirty years, Arcadis has been engaged with the design and development of the Food & Drug Aministration Headquarters Campus. We were initially responsible for leading the master planning and programming for the 130-acre campus. The campus buildings define a series of courtyards and pedestrian spaces organized around a central lawn, which enhances cross-disciplinary collaboration while respecting the private nature of the organization's work. While the robust planning that began in the '90s allowed the campus to double in population, the campus eventually needed to expand. In 2017, we led an entirely new master plan that includes a housing migration strategy to accommodate growth on the site for up to 18,000 FDA staff and support personnel.



Extending the Life of Iconic Buildings

With limited opportunities for expansion, Washington increasingly relies on transforming existing infrastructure. This adaptive reuse is central to the city's architectural evolution. At Arcadis, we strive to meet contemporary needs while preserving the historic character that defines the city. Each intervention becomes an exercise in balance between past and future, permanence and change.

In this context, design is shaped as much by process as by place. Projects must navigate a layered regulatory environment, requiring close coordination with agencies including the National Capital Planning Commission, the Commission of Fine Arts, the State Historic Preservation Office and the District Department of Transportation.

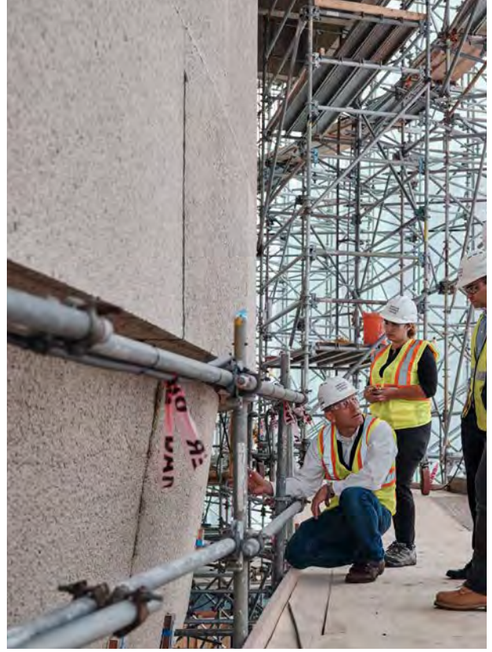
These frameworks are more than constraints — they guide how Arcadis reimagines Washington's buildings, requiring clarity, discipline and early stakeholder alignment in the design process. We integrate modern systems with precision, supporting contemporary function while preserving historic integrity and maintaining the occupant experience.

The renovation of the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden illustrates this approach.



The Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden
Washington, D.C.

The iconic Hirshhorn Museum prior to facade restoration by the Arcadis-led team.
Photographer: David Whitcomb (CRTKL)







As the Smithsonian Institution's museum of modern and contemporary art, the Hirshhorn originally opened in 1974 as a three-story cylindrical volume elevated above a plaza. Over time, aging systems and significant deficiencies in the original enclosure created a need for modernization.

A key challenge centered on replacing the museum's precast concrete façade while preserving its defining appearance. Through close collaboration with Smithsonian historic preservation experts, the Arcadis team identified the original granite aggregate source and developed a series of full-scale mock-ups to match the existing appearance with precision.

At the same time, construction methods were reimagined: A custom scaffold system replaced the need for a tower crane, and the scaffolding enclosure itself became a canvas for artistic expression, allowing the museum to maintain a visible cultural presence during construction.

Together, these interventions demonstrate how preservation, technical modernization and design innovation can work together, extending the life of an iconic institution while reestablishing its voice in the civic conversation.

The Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden
Washington, D.C.

Above top left: The project team examines the facade of the building during the repair process.
Above, top right: Scaffolding was hung from the roof of the building to facilitate the facade repair. Photographer: Adam Ewing © Adam Ewing
Below: The scaffolding surrounding the Hirshhorn was wrapped with a 360-degree fabric shroud showcasing custom art, "Draw the Curtain" by Nicolas Party. Photographer: David Whitcomb (CRTKL)



Designing in Washington is defined by civic purpose, architectural rigor and respect for history. We continue to contribute through projects such as the renovation and expansion of the headquarters for a confidential client — where the design reinterprets classical aesthetics through contemporary materials and technologies while emphasizing buildings' civic importance.

At Arcadis, we build on the legacy of Washington by deeply considering the intent behind the city's most significant works and carrying those principles forward. Whether through seamless integration, contemporary expression or adaptive reuse, our projects contribute meaningfully to Washington's evolving landscape.

We reinforce the continuity of the city's identity by honoring the past while responding to present and future needs, extending its civic, cultural and architectural legacy for future generations.

Ariel Rios Federal Building Phase II Modernization
Washington, D.C.

Serving as GSA's architect for the renovation of the Ariel Rios Building, now known as the William J. Clinton Federal Building, Arcadis (as RTKL) began work in 1993 to modernize and upgrade the facility for use as the headquarters of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Photographer: Anice Hoachlander © 2003 Anice Hoachlander

HOW DO WE PRIORITIZE SECURITY WITHOUT COMPROMISING AESTHETICS?

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Keeping Experience a Priority Amidst Increasing and Evolving Security

By Ellen Wright and Rod Henderer

As security expectations become more sophisticated, the built environment must evolve with equal precision. For architects, the opportunity lies in integrating protective measures in ways that strengthen, rather than diminish, the experience of a place. We design environments that are secure while remaining elegant, contextually harmonious, functional and human-centered. This approach is especially important for a capital city like Washington, D.C.

By embedding security into the earliest design decisions, we create environments where protection, civic identity and architectural quality are considered together. Our lens extends from the site perimeter to points of arrival, interior thresholds and the increasingly interconnected digital and physical realms.

1225 Connecticut Avenue NW
Washington, D.C.

Arcadis (as RTKL) led the renovation and repositioning of 1225 Connecticut Avenue NW, including façade replacement, core reconfiguration and a redesigned lobby, resulting in the first redeveloped building on the East Coast to achieve LEED Platinum status. Security was central to the project, as 1225 Connecticut, also known as the "C Building" is currently home to the World Bank. Photographer: Paul Warchol © 2008 Paul Warchol Photography, Inc.

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Headquarters
Washington, D.C.

Arcadis (as RTKL) served as the Architect of Record for the overall CFPB Headquarters building modernization. Arcadis served as the Designer and Architect of Record for Liberty Plaza, developing the open space into a public realm for the city while also providing building perimeter security. Photographer: David Whitcomb (CRTKL)

The First Layer of Defense

The first line of defense is perimeter security. The most successful strategies rely on site elements that deliver strong performance without dominating the visual experience. When done well, these interventions do more than protect; they strengthen the public realm and reinforce security as an integral part of good design. In Washington, this requires early coordination with regulatory agencies and surrounding stakeholders.

Arcadis helped redefine perimeter security in Washington, moving beyond the Jersey barriers and planters that once dominated the sidewalk experience. For example, the Herbert C. Hoover Building perimeter security project established a high-performance, threat-resistant site boundary while preserving the iconic Beaux-Arts character and civic presence of this historic Federal Triangle landmark.

For the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Headquarters renovation, Arcadis designed Liberty Plaza as an integrated perimeter security solution that achieved the objectives of force-protection while preserving an open, publicly accessible plaza. Protective measures were designed seamlessly into the building envelope and hardscape, providing a friendly, human-scale environment that doubles as physical security for the people within the facility. The result is a layered security system masked within an active, engaging civic space that maintains pedestrian flow and supports the public realm and character.



U.S. Department of Commerce, Herbert C. Hoover Building
Washington, D.C.

As part of the renovation of the Herbert C. Hoover Building, Arcadis designed additional perimeter security elements. Photographer: David Whitcomb (CRTKL)

The Next Layer of Security

Building envelope strengthening extends the force-protection strategy beyond the site boundary by hardening façades, glazing systems and critical exterior components against blast, forced entry and progressive damage. This work begins with a rigorous threat and vulnerability assessment to identify exposure conditions, façade performance requirements and opportunities to increase resilience without compromising architectural character. In collaboration with security planners, blast consultants and structural engineers, Arcadis integrates reinforced framing, laminated glazing, anchorage upgrades and localized envelope hardening into the building fabric to improve occupant protection and maintain operational continuity.

The goal is not to make security visible, but to make buildings more resilient while preserving transparency, design quality and long-term adaptability by embedding higher performance into a risk-absorbing envelope.



U.S. Department of Commerce, Herbert C. Hoover Building
Washington, D.C.

Security features were designed into the Herbert C. Hoover modernization while retaining the historic integrity of the existing façade.
Photographer: David Whitcomb (CRTKL)

Building Entries and Interior Planning



U.S. Capitol Visitor Center
Washington, D.C.

Deep in the design phase when 9/11 occurred, the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center was shaped by a careful balance of openness and security. Designed to bring the history of the Capitol and Congress to the American public, the CVC also functions as a workplace for Congress and connects directly to the Capitol, requiring extensive security coordination that is rigorous yet unobtrusive and welcoming. Photographer: Alan Ward © 2009 Alan Ward



Building access strategies extend perimeter protection into a sequenced interior security framework, using layered thresholds to control movement without compromising clarity, the visitor experience or daily operations. Rather than relying on a single point of control, Arcadis progressively organizes access zones calibrated to user type, risk profile and operational need.

This approach includes secure vestibules, controlled entry points, visitor processing, separate staff and public circulation, and embedded monitoring and authentication systems. When designed well, these internal layers reduce opportunities for unauthorized access, improve wayfinding and make the arrival experience feel welcoming.

At the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center, one of the nation's most prominent civic buildings, Arcadis helped shape a secure public entry experience. The design addition to the historic structure now processes large visitor volumes while maintaining clear wayfinding and separation between public and secure functions. The result is a legible, dignified arrival sequence that supports security without compromising openness.

At the Smithsonian's Hirshhorn Museum, Arcadis designed temporary entrance interventions to maintain secure public access during phased construction for the façade upgrade. Reconfiguring the entry sequence, queuing zone, screening area and wayfinding helped the temporary experience feel deliberate and aligned with the museum's architecture. By clearly separating public entry from operational flows, the design supported security and continuity of operations without compromising the visitor experience.

Embassy design similarly seeks architectural solutions that balance security with civic presence. Rather than treating protection as a separate layer, the most successful embassies use setbacks, landscape, massing and arrival sequences to shape a dignified and controlled public face. In this way, security becomes part of the spatial experience — guiding movement, framing approach and reinforcing institutional identity. Arcadis' embassy work in Washington reflects this approach by integrating protection into the architecture itself while maintaining clarity, openness and a strong diplomatic presence.

The Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden
Washington, D.C.

Security is not always about keeping threats out; it is also about protecting those within. During Arcadis' renovation of the Hirshhorn Museum's façade, the museum remained open to the public, making a safe and welcoming visitor experience paramount to supporting its ongoing mission. Photographer: David Whitcomb (CRTKL)

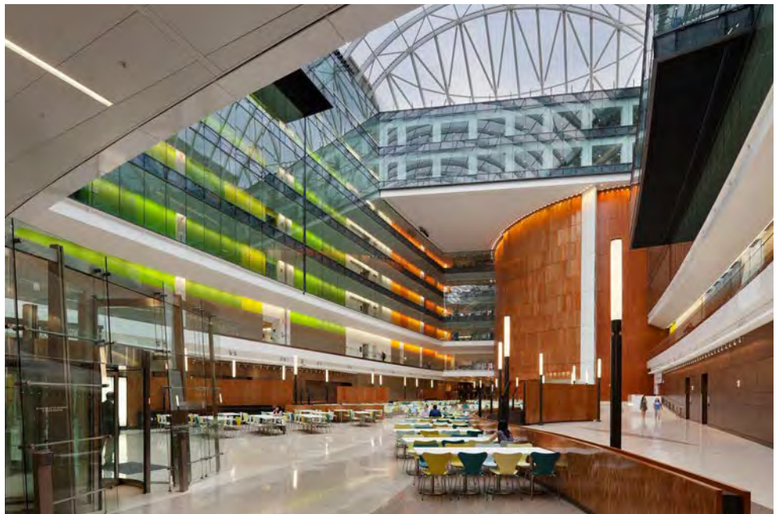
High-Security Environments

Arcadis designs secure, high-performance environments for critical operations across the defense, aerospace, advanced manufacturing and workplace sectors. Drawing on decades of experience in highly regulated settings, we integrate physical security, operational efficiency and technical precision across projects from new construction to modernization and adaptive reuse — often in active environments with strict security and confidentiality requirements.

Our long-standing partnerships with organizations such as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command and Air Force Civil Engineer Center also inform our work for commercial and industrial clients, that require comparable levels of security, reliability and operational performance.

At the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Headquarters East Campus at Fort Belvoir, the Non-Kinetic Operations Facility at Offutt Air Force Base, are examples where we have aligned our clients' requirements with mission-focused, sustainable designs.





National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency
Fort Belvoir, Virginia

The Arcadis-designed National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) Campus East facility uses a layered approach to security, beginning at the campus boundaries and working inward to support NGA's unique mission as an intelligence and combat support agency.
Photographer: Top - James West © 2010 James West/West Productions
Right - Paul Warchol © 2011 Paul Warchol

At Arcadis, security is not treated as an overlay but as a design discipline. Through integrated landscapes, envelopes, circulation and technical systems, security becomes part of a cohesive architectural strategy.

Whether working in civic, cultural, diplomatic or mission-critical settings, our goal is the same: to integrate performance into every aspect of a project so that safety, operational continuity and design quality reinforce one another. In this way, security becomes not a constraint on architecture, but an opportunity to create places that are more resilient, enduring and centered on human experience.

WHY DO WE APPLY SYSTEMS THINKING TO CREATE BRAIN-HEALTHY ECOSYSTEMS?



The Emerging Role of the Built Environment in Supporting Brain Health

By Helia Taheri, Ph.D.

The spaces we inhabit every day have a profound impact on our brains. From our homes and workplaces to schools, neighborhoods and cities, our environments shape our stress levels, sleep quality, longevity, relationships, behaviors and the choices we make.

On average, people spend about 90% of their time within built environments, and often our brains are responding to our surroundings before we are even aware of it. Today, this relationship is becoming increasingly visible through technological advancements such as eye tracking, electroencephalography (EEG) headsets and biometric devices.

Groundbreaking research from institutions including University College London, the University of Pennsylvania, John Hopkins University, the Research Institute of Sweden (RISE), the University of Cambridge and Humanise continues to reveal how deeply our surroundings influence the way we think, feel and function.

As evidence grows, a new question emerges: If our environments are already shaping brain health, why are we not intentionally designing them to deliver brain-positive outcomes?

Answering this question requires rethinking both how we define brain health and how we design the places where people spend most of their lives.

Mosaic District Master Plan
Merrified, Virginia

The Arcadis (as CallisonRTKL) master plan for Mosaic District was designed to create opportunities for people to live, work and play, transforming a formerly industrial area into a vibrant, walkable neighborhood. By prioritizing connectivity, access to amenities and active public spaces, the plan also supports brain health: encouraging movement, social interaction and a sense of purpose and belonging within the built environment. Photographer: Arcadis Employee

Expanding the Definition of Brain Health

As artificial intelligence (AI) becomes embedded in everyday life, the human brain is emerging as one of our most critical assets. A report by the World Economic Forum and McKinsey Health Institute published at Davos 2026 identifies “brain capital,” — the combination of brain health and brain skills — as a foundation for human performance, economic resilience and societal value.[1]



Pentagon Row
Arlington County, Virginia

Below and Top Left: Arcadis (as RTKL) designed Pentagon Row to integrate residential, retail and dining into a walkable, European-style village anchored by a large central plaza. Designed as an all-season destination, the plaza supports fountains and informal gathering in the warmer months and transforms into a vibrant outdoor skating rink in winter — encouraging movement, social connection and year-round activation that contribute to overall well-being and brain health. Photographer: David Whitcomb (CRTKL)





Mosaic District Master Plan
Merrified, Virginia

Left: Mosaic District has become an integrated place for work, life and play for residents, locals and regional visitors alike. Originally master planned by Arcadis in the early 2010s, the highly walkable streetscapes; outdoor gathering and playing areas; integration of nature and art; and the mixture of retail, residential and offices, create areas for respite and gathering. Photographer: Arcadis Employee

1 "The Human Advantage: Stronger Brains in the Age of AI" Insight Report by the World Economy Forum and McKinsey Health Institute
2 https://www.mdpi.com/1660-4601/23/6/688
3 https://www.mdpi.com/1422-0067/27/11/4779
4 https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s44327-025-00167-y

At the same time, emerging research highlights the profound integration between brain, body and social connection.[2,3,4] These findings challenge the traditional view of brain health as a purely medical issue. Instead, they suggest that brain health is shaped continuously by movement, sleep, sensory experiences and social relationships — factors that influence how the brain develops, functions and ages. If these factors influence brain health every day, then the environments that shape those experiences become increasingly important.



REI Flagship
Washington, D.C.

It's no surprise that a company with the mission to "inspire, educate and outfit for a lifetime of outdoor adventure and stewardship" would bring the outdoors in and the indoors out, creating a unique flagship space that brings wilderness to the heart of the Ivy City neighborhood.
Photographer: Aaron Leitz © 2016 Aaron Leitz Photography for CallisonRTKL

A Place-Based Approach to Brain Health Through NeuroArchitecture

NeuroArchitecture is a helpful lens through which to view this developing approach to design. Integrating neuroscience and the built environment, NeuroArchitecture is a place-based framework for understanding how environments affect human cognition, emotion and behavior.

Through this approach, NeuroArchitecture recognizes the profound impact of chronic exposure to environmental conditions such as daylight, thermal comfort, acoustics, access to nature, biophilic design, walkability and the presence of art. These environmental conditions influence stress, sleep quality, fatigue, sense of safety, belonging and social connection — outcomes that collectively shape brain health.



American Society of Hematology
Washington, D.C.

Visible from L Street, NW, the interconnecting stair at the Arcadis-designed American Society of Hematology brings the organization's human health mission to life, encouraging movement while featuring a bespoke sculptural element inspired by blood cells. By making movement visible and engaging, the design supports both physical activity and cognitive well-being, reinforcing the connection between environment, health and brain performance.
Photographer: Paul Warchol © 2010 Paul Warchol Photography, Inc.



The built environment is not neutral. Whether consciously or unconsciously, people are constantly responding to environmental cues. When environments fail to support physical, cognitive and social needs, they contribute to chronic stress on both the brain and body.

Human beings evolved with deep connection to nature, organic forms, colors and sounds. Modern environments, however, often introduce artificial stimuli such as mechanical noise, light, rigid geometries and synthetic materials that require greater cognitive effort to process.

Recent research published in *Nature Medicine* demonstrated an association between physical environmental conditions —including air quality, temperature and green spaces — and structural brain aging in a population of more than 18,000 people across 34 countries.[5]

5 https://www.nature.com/articles/s41591-026-04302-z

REI Flagship
Washington, D.C.

Connecting the retail area of the Arcadis-designed REI flagship to a central courtyard, the design embraces the building's history as the Washington Coliseum and Uline Arena, opened in 1941 and added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2007. Framing views of the historic concrete arch structure, the central courtyard invites exploration and moments of pause while celebrating the facility's legacy as home to early Washington ice hockey teams and, most famously, the Beatles' first U.S. concert in 1964, fostering a sense of connection, memory and place that support both well-being and cognitive engagement. Photographer: Aaron Leitz © 2016 Aaron Leitz Photography for CallisonRTKL

Designing to Support Brain-Healthy Behaviors

While NeuroArchitecture helps explain how environments affect people, perhaps the more important question is: What behaviors do those environments encourage?

Human beings naturally gravitate toward behaviors that are easier and more immediately rewarding. For example, when neighborhoods and sidewalks are designed primarily to move cars efficiently rather than encourage walking, they make the healthy choice more difficult. This reveals a fundamental truth: The environments we create either help or hinder healthy patterns of living.

Designing for brain health requires intentional choices that reduce friction for movement, social interaction and restoration, embedding those behaviors into daily life. Research on the relationship between body and brain has shown that stronger leg muscles are among the key predictors of brain longevity.[6] Because leg muscles are the largest muscles in the body, they support greater blood, oxygen and nutrient flow to the brain.

Physical mobility also enables social connection, which Harvard's longitudinal study on adult development identifies as one of the strongest predictors of longevity and healthy aging.[7] If physical activity supports brain longevity, as this research suggests, then the environments we create must actively enable it.

A sidewalk accessible from your home or office where you can walk alongside friends or loved ones — shaded by trees, buffered from traffic and activated by art and public gathering spaces — all these are "design" solutions that make a healthy behavior something people want to do.

6 Steves et al., 2016 https://karger.com/ger/article/62/2/138/149063/Kicking-Back-Cognitive-Ageing-Leg-Power-Predicts
7 https://hsph.harvard.edu/news/strong-social-connections-could-boost-healthy-aging-experts-say/

Reston Town Center
Reston, Virginia

Reston Town Center redefined suburban development through a vibrant, walkable main street model. Oringally master planned by Arcadis (as RTKL) in the late 1980s, it now encompasses over 2,000 homes; five million square feet of office space; more than 50 retailers; and 30+ restaurants. Its gridded layout, concealed parking, tree-lined sidewalks, pocket parks and iconic Fountain Square create a human-scaled district that invites movement, connection and discovery.
Photographer: Arcadis Employee



Rethinking the Role of the Built Environment

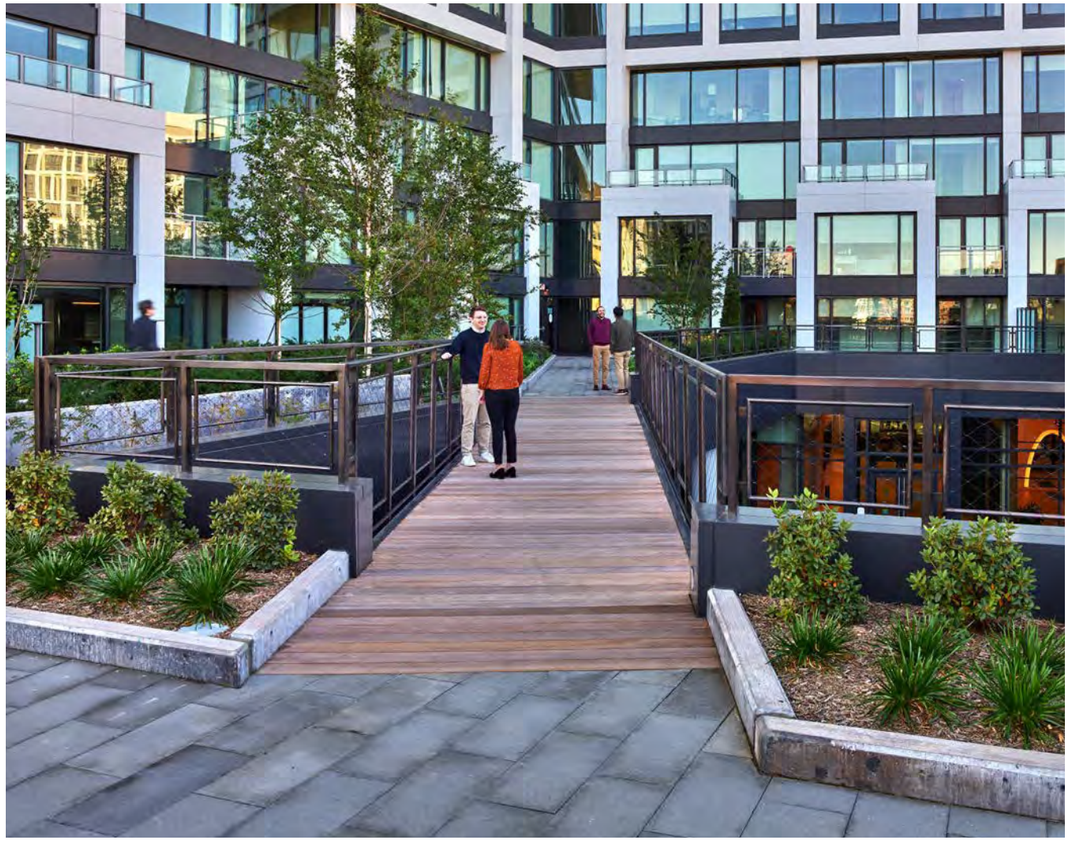
Brain health is not shaped by isolated interventions. It is shaped by the accumulation of daily experiences.

Every commute, walk, conversation, view, sound and sensory interaction contributes incrementally to how the brain regulates stress, restores attention and engages socially. The question is no longer whether environments influence brain health. The question is whether that influence is intentional.

The built environment has traditionally been evaluated through metrics such as efficiency, utilization and cost. But as research continues to reveal the relationship between our surroundings and cognitive performance, there is an opportunity to develop a systems thinking approach that connects neuroscience, health and design.

Some of this work is already underway through initiatives such as the Nature Medicine Commission on Brain Health for Economic Resilience, Project Metis and the World Economic Forum's Center for Urban Transformation. These efforts leverage NeuroArchitecture to translate scientific research into practical implementation strategies that can advance brain health at scale.

As AI continues to increase cognitive demands, this work will only become more critical. Meeting this moment requires intentional design with positive impact, a systems thinking approach and interdisciplinary collaboration that integrates neuroscience, health, psychology, art, music, economics, data science and artificial intelligence with architecture, urban design and planning.





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The Heming
McLean, Virginia

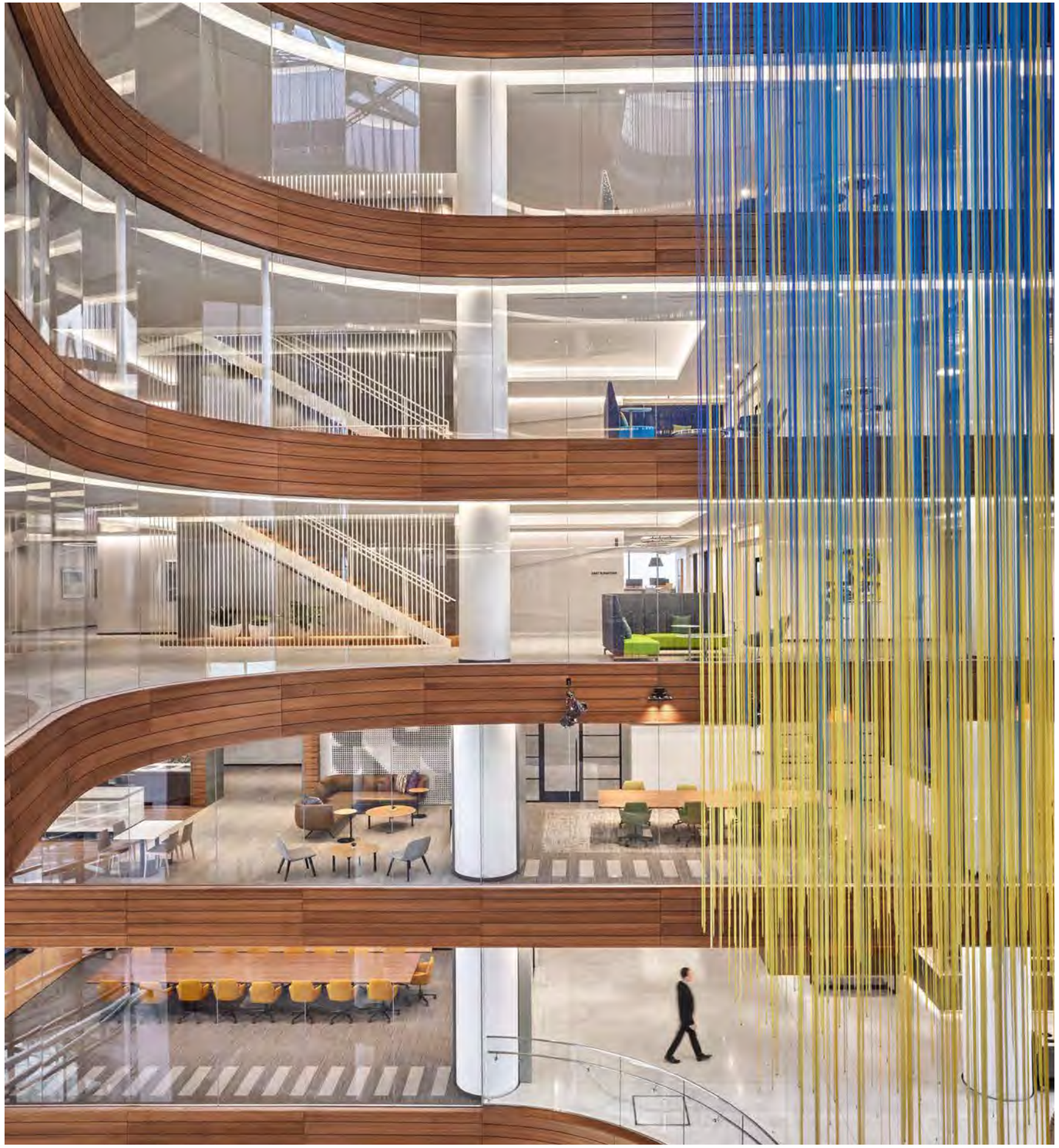
Our recent luxury high-rise residential building in Tysons brings outdoor amenities to the forefront of the design, offering multiple areas for respite in nature in a vibrant urban environment.
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The emerging science is clear: The environments we create influence how people think, feel, connect and perform. By applying systems thinking to the build informant, we can move beyond treating brain health as an individual responsibility and begin designing ecosystems that actively support it.

For designers, planners and organizations, this represents both an opportunity and a responsibility — to translate research into places that help people thrive cognitively, socially and physically. Arcadis is helping lead this shift by transforming emerging research into actionable design strategies that shape behavior, enhance cognitive performance, and support healthier, more resilient organizations.

IS IT TIME TO RETHINK “WORKPLACE” AS A LIVING ECOSYSTEM?

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How We Design the Workplace Drives Everything Afterward

By Wendy Phillips and Kate Herman

The workplace is no longer just a location — it is an operating system for human performance, connection and resilience. How we design that system determines what happens afterward: whether people collaborate, feel connected to a mission, can sustain focus and well-being, and ultimately whether organizations can improve performance.

When workplace design is approached as an interconnected ecosystem, every design decision creates a chain reaction. Physical conditions influence behavior; behavior shapes experience; experience drives measurable business outcomes such as innovation, retention, productivity and culture.

As workplace needs continually evolve, we bring our workplace design expertise to clients to enhance the experience of their employees. Across our work, we see three drivers consistently distinguish high-performing workplaces: purpose, connection and well-being. Our team does not treat these as separate initiatives. We align organizational intent, human interaction and cognitive performance into a single integrated system.

Capital One Center 3
Tysons, Virginia

At Capital One's Center 3 in Tysons, collaboration areas designed by Arcadis are strategically located to create a seamless, connected workplace system. This integrated approach to space layout fosters natural interaction and collaboration, enabling people to come together intuitively and reinforcing the workplace as a dynamic ecosystem of connection. Photographer: Garrett Rowland © Garrett Rowland

Embedding Meaning Into the Workplace Experience

One of the greatest advantages of in-office work is its ability to foster a sense of purpose and make it tangible — employees see firsthand how their work connects to colleagues, leaders and the broader mission. But purpose is not created by space alone. It emerges when an organization's mission, culture and business strategy are reinforced through the workplace experience.

Approaching workplace design as an extension of organizational intent begins with understanding how a company creates value, such as its strategic priorities, decision-making processes and cultural aspirations and then translating these into spatial experiences. Whether an organization is focused on innovation, client engagement, technical excellence or operational efficiency, the workplace must reinforce these priorities through how space is structured, accessed and experienced.

Sense of purpose is supported through multiple initiatives that align space with behavior. Diverse workspace options enable employee choice and control and drive well-being and performance. Intentional technology solutions provide individuals and teams with seamless access to the tools required to perform at the highest levels. Spatial cues from arrival sequence to shared social settings and brand expression reinforce cultural identity, creating an environment that promotes clarity, ownership and alignment with the broader mission, thereby aligning people, place and purpose.

Appian Headquarters at Tysons Corner
McLean, Virginia

When Appian outgrew its headquarters, Arcadis was engaged to design a new workplace at Valo Park in McLean. In support of Appian's dynamic culture and Agile workflows, the design creates a connected system of spaces, from quick-stop stand-up areas to zones for focused and collaborative work, encouraging seamless interaction and flow. This integrated approach brings people together naturally, supporting both heads-down focus and heads-up connection across the workplace ecosystem. Photographer: Garrett Rowland © Garrett Rowland



For Sony, the move to Reston Town Center became a strategic transformation integrating identity, culture and purpose into the workplace experience. Our design strategy translated Sony's brand, innovation mindset and collaborative culture into an immersive, daily experience.

Reflecting the energy of the new location, employees are welcomed by vibrant social spaces, including a café, theater and bar that foster connection, creativity and shared experience. Through intentional design supporting community, diverse workstyles and industry-leading amenities, the Arcadis team achieved the client's vision.

Designed to attract and retain top talent, the environment encourages spontaneous interaction and formal collaboration. Flexible work areas, adaptable classrooms and open zones with writable surfaces and movable furnishings create a dynamic environment that evolves with changing needs. Brand-driven elements — most notably a signature café light installation inspired by Sony's products — reinforce identity and foster pride and ownership.

Rather than serving as a backdrop, the environment actively reinforces Sony's identity, strengthens community and enables employees to contribute with clarity, confidence and intent.





Sony
Reston, Virginia

Sony's central café embeds meaning into the workplace experience, serving as a vibrant hub where branded elements bring the company's identity to life. Designed by Arcadis to draw people together, the space fosters connection, energy and a shared sense of purpose at the heart of the workplace.
Photographer: Kate Wichlinski © Kate Wichlinski

Designing for High-Value Human Interaction

Meaningful connection is not created by adding more meeting rooms. It emerges when physical space, organizational culture and daily work patterns are intentionally aligned. The key question is not “Where can people collaborate?” but “What interactions matter most to the organization?” Once those interactions are understood, we can shape the workplace environment to facilitate purposeful interactions that drive trust, innovation and collective performance.

We see connection as a system rather than a spatial requirement. This begins with understanding how people work together within an organization: how teams form, how decisions are made, where knowledge exchange happens and what types of interactions are most critical to success. These patterns are then translated into spatial strategies that intentionally structure proximity, visibility and choice to support meaningful engagement rather than incidental encounters.

In this way, connection becomes a designed behavior. A workplace that integrates spatial strategy, cultural alignment and enabling technology creates the conditions for people to engage more frequently and authentically and with greater impact. The result is not simply increased interaction, but stronger relationships, improved knowledge sharing and a more cohesive organizational culture.

At Appian’s headquarters in Tysons, Virginia, we designed for the client’s desire for a workplace that actively supports the company’s culture and evolving ways of working. Our strategy emphasized employee experience, inclusion and built-in flexibility. Hospitality-inspired spaces, a clubhouse that can expand or contract, and a signature outdoor terrace create multiple ways for employees to work, gather and connect.

Arcadis designed the interiors of Capital One’s Center 3 in Tysons, Virginia, to be a destination rather than a traditional office. The environment intentionally brings together employees, partners and visitors to increase high-value interaction across teams and functions.



Capital One Center 3
Tysons, Virginia

The Arcadis-designed digital lab at Capital One’s Center 3 is a 21,000-square-foot facility located on the lower floors of C3, with a dedicated street-level entrance designed to welcome technology partners, entrepreneurs and community groups. Positioned as an open, connected environment, the lab supports collaboration, knowledge exchange and innovation, reinforcing the workplace as a broader ecosystem that extends beyond the building to engage the community.
Photographer: Garrett Rowland
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Capital One’s core value of transparency is reinforced, both physically and symbolically, through the building’s materiality and design. The two-level Sky Lobby acts as the building’s connective hub, linking conference facilities, a recruiting suite, café, market and hospitality services. These shared destinations encourage movement and interaction throughout the day, while curated art installations — including Anne Patterson’s “Ascendant Light” — foster a culture of openness and creativity. By placing interaction at the center of the space rather than at the edges, the workplace makes idea sharing, visibility and relationship-building more frequent and more valuable.

Creating Conditions for Cognitive and Emotional Performance

As cognitive and emotional demands increase, organizations must embrace workplace well-being as a set of conditions that enable people to sustain focus, manage stress and recover throughout the day. While often treated as an amenity limited to daylight and views, well-being is better harnessed as an integrated system embedded within the workplace environment's design.

Our approach begins with the understanding that cognitive and emotional performance are influenced by a combination of environmental factors. When elements such as acoustics, air quality, spatial organization, light, access to movement, recovery and social interaction are intentionally designed, they help regulate cognitive load, reduce fatigue and support more balanced work patterns.

Beyond biophilic design and access to natural light, space should cultivate a sense of physical, mental and emotional wellness. This includes providing opportunities for both stimulation and restoration, enabling employees to shift between focus and recovery. Environments that support choice, movement and sensory comfort allow individuals to better manage their energy and attention, ultimately enabling stronger cognitive performance and emotional resilience.

For a confidential global Arcadis client that places an emphasis on wellness (and WELL Certification) in their offices, the strategy in their recently opened Washington, D.C., location extended to establishing an integrated system that actively supports employee well-being, cognitive performance and long-term health.

This was realized through a holistic design approach that integrated environmental quality, access to nature and dedicated spaces for recovery. An elevated outdoor terrace provides direct connection to nature, creating an accessible and inviting environment for relaxation and connection. Biophilic design elements are woven seamlessly throughout the workplace, fostering a sense of calm and enhancing cognitive function. A dedicated wellness room supports mental and physical health needs, while advanced air quality sensors ensure optimal environmental conditions. The achievement of both LEED and WELL certifications reflects the client's dedication to sustainability and occupant health systemically.





Appian
McLean, Virginia

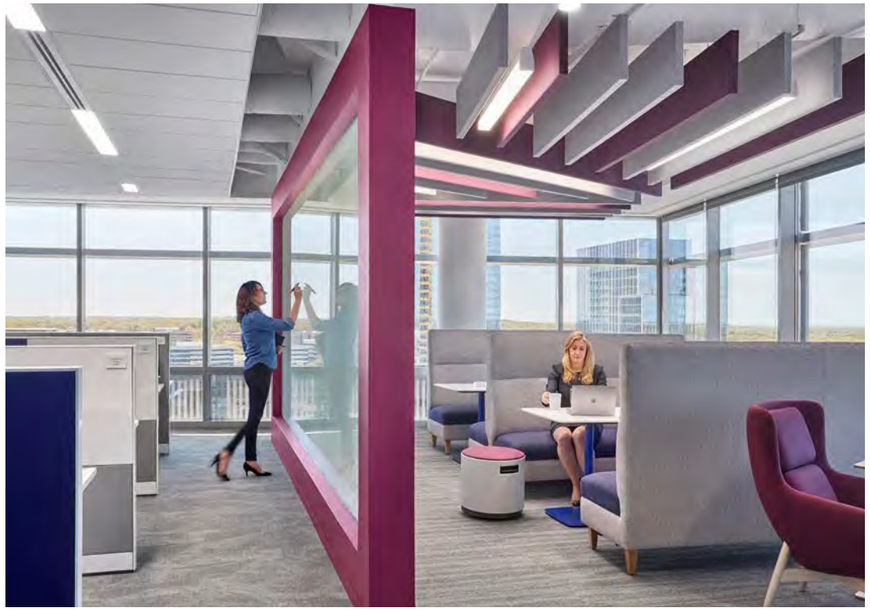
At Appian, the clubhouse and café open to a large outdoor terrace for work and social gatherings, creating a desired indoor-outdoor work environment. The café provides staff with snacks such as gourmet coffees.

The corner of the clubhouse is anchored by a wooden "tree" with cascading layers of preserved moss. The tree's canopy is made of acoustical and wood baffles with intermittent sparkle lights reminiscent of jars filled with fireflies, and the use of gobo lights gives the effect of dappled light through the tree branches. The clubhouse also has large picnic tables that offer "family style" dining and provide teams a place to meet and socialize. Another nod to nature is the "skylight" in the jewel box conference room off the reception area. The reception area has a custom faceted upholstered wall at the entry that serves as guest seating, conference breakout space and a feature wall. Photographer: Garrett Rowland © Garrett Rowland

These interventions enable behaviors that support brain health throughout the day. Employees are encouraged to step away, reset and re-engage, incorporating moments of restoration and movement into their routines. By making access to nature, recovery and healthy environmental conditions intuitive and readily available, the workplace reduces cognitive strain and supports sustained focus and energy.

The workplace functions as a system for well-being, one that not only enhances employee experience, but also supports productivity, retention and long-term resilience. By embedding these principles into the environment, our design moves beyond amenities to actively shaping the conditions for human performance and health.





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SCLogic | *Annapolis, Maryland*
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Samsung Solutions Center | *Washington, D.C.*

In each workplace fit-out, Arcadis approaches the environment as a connected system, designed to support both the employee experience and the broader mission of the organization. By thoughtfully integrating spaces, we create environments that energize the mind, reduce friction and support brain health, helping people feel their best and perform at their highest potential. Photographer: Clockwise from top left: Kate Wichlinski; Garrett Rowland; Garrett Rowland; Ben Rahn

Enabling Performance and Connection Through Environments

Across our experience in workplace design, a clear pattern has emerged: The most effective workplaces align purpose, connection and well-being into a single integrated system. Organizations that intentionally design for these outcomes are shaping how people think, collaborate and perform in an increasingly complex world.

It is time to rethink the workplace — we must design these environments as living ecosystems. Every design decision influences behavior, behavior influences culture and culture ultimately influences performance. At Arcadis, we design those connections intentionally, transforming the workplace from a mere collection of spaces into a competitive advantage that helps people and organizations thrive.

HOW DO WE PRACTICE PLACEMAKING TODAY TO BUILD TOMORROW'S COMMUNITIES?

How to Identify Core Drivers That Turn Districts Into Communities

By Ahnaf Chowdhury

From our founding in Annapolis in 1946 to our expansion in Baltimore to our first office in Washington, D.C. in 1986, Arcadis' DMV roots run deep. In our early years, we made our mark on the region with master planning, urban renewal, modernist designs and mall design such as Tysons Corner, Pentagon City, Ballston Common and White Marsh Mall to name a few.

To this day, we continue to build on our legacy. We began with retail-led placemaking that introduced walkability, vibrant street life and meaningful public spaces in downtown Baltimore, Reston Town Center and Pentagon Row among others; today, we integrate mobility, mixed-use development, public realm design, resilience and local identity into human centered places that drive social, economic and environmental growth.

This evolution — from malls to main streets to transit oriented, future-ready districts — reflects our belief that placemaking is not a trend, but a discipline: one that continually adapts to meet the changing needs of communities today and tomorrow.





TOP: North Bethesda Innovation District Design Competition
North Bethesda, Maryland

The North Bethesda Innovation District is a 14-acre, transit-oriented development at the North Bethesda Metro Station. Arcadis was part of a shortlisted team led by Urban Atlantic, developing master plans and concept architecture for a mixed-use district centered on AI and life sciences and envisioned as a truly walkable community. The plan integrates multimodal transit, residential, retail and public spaces into a cohesive urban system. By prioritizing connectivity, access and human-scaled design, the proposed district supports brain health and community well-being — encouraging movement, social interaction and a shared sense of place.

BOTTOM: Mosaic District Master Plan
Merrified, Virginia

The Arcadis master plan for Mosaic District prioritizes green infrastructure within an interlinked urban network, reinforcing walkability, access to nature and a connected public realm that contributes to a vibrant, people-focused sense of place. Photographer: David Whitcomb (CRTKL)

Curating Walkable Destinations: Our Retail-Led Origins

Before transit became the primary organizer, our retail-led projects succeeded by focusing on three simple, people-first strategies that turned inward projects into walkable destinations: placemaking through the user journey, public realm as an economic engine and adaptive reuse that anchors identity.

These strategies shaped how people arrive, move and gather. They shifted value toward sidewalks and public spaces while leveraging context and history to create a distinct sense of place.

Hyatt Regency at Tysons Corner Center
Tysons Corner, Virginia

Arcadis (as CallisonRTKL) served as master architect for Tysons Corner across multiple ownerships, guiding its evolution into a connected, activated destination. In 2015, the CallisonRTKL-designed Hyatt Regency and elevated outdoor plaza were completed, linking the hotel to the retail core and the Tysons Corner Metro station. Programmed with year-round events and seasonal activity, the plaza acts as the true front door: a dynamic hub that brings people together, encourages movement and social connection, and reinforces the development as a cohesive urban system that supports overall well-being. Photographer: David Whitcomb (CRTKL)

STRATEGY 1: Placemaking through user journey

PROJECT HIGHLIGHT: TYSONS CORNER CENTER

We transformed an inward-facing mall into a connected district by redesigning the sequence of arrival, movement and stay — adding light, program and clear pedestrian linkages that guide people to an elevated plaza and onward to the Metrorail. A phased master plan evolved the site from a regional shopping center to a transit-connected mixed-use environment, reinforcing identity through streetscapes and public space.

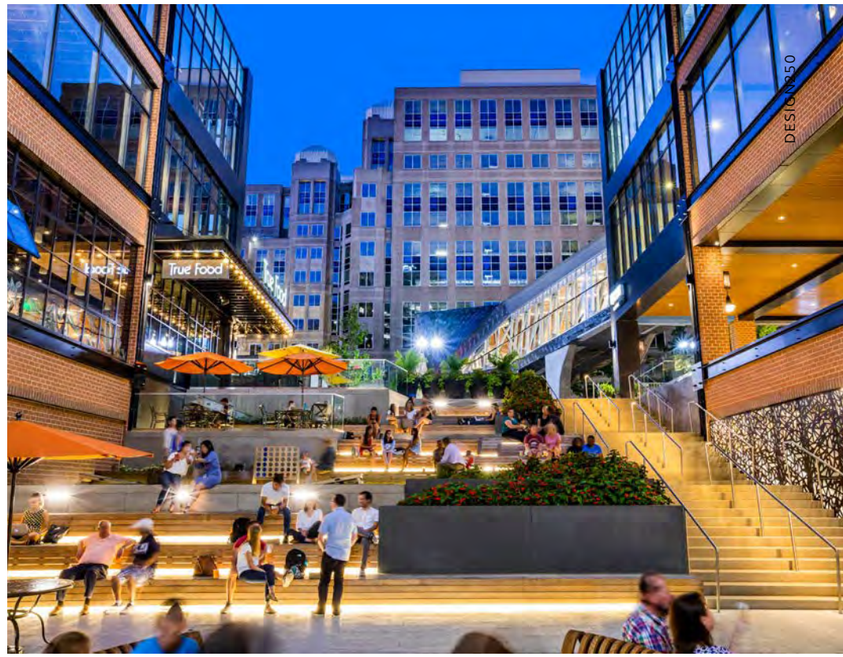
STRATEGY 2: Public realm as economic engine

PROJECT HIGHLIGHT: BALLSTON QUARTER

Ballston Quarter exemplifies how Arcadis uses the public realm as an economic engine to drive revitalization, investment and long-term community value. Our involvement with the site spans nearly four decades, beginning with the original master planning and design of Ballston Common in the 1980s. As consumer preferences and the surrounding Arlington neighborhood evolved, Arcadis, in collaboration with Cooper Carry, helped reimagine the aging enclosed mall into a vibrant, mixed-use urban destination.

Guided by the vision to “flip the mall inside out,” the team transformed the inward-facing retail model into an active, pedestrian-oriented environment that seamlessly connects with the surrounding district. Portions of the existing roof were removed to create an indoor-outdoor retail street lined with transparent storefronts, dining venues, community gathering spaces and new plazas. Retail and entertainment uses were reoriented toward widened sidewalks and Wilson Boulevard, strengthening the relationship between the development and the public realm while encouraging greater pedestrian activity, longer dwell times and increased spending.





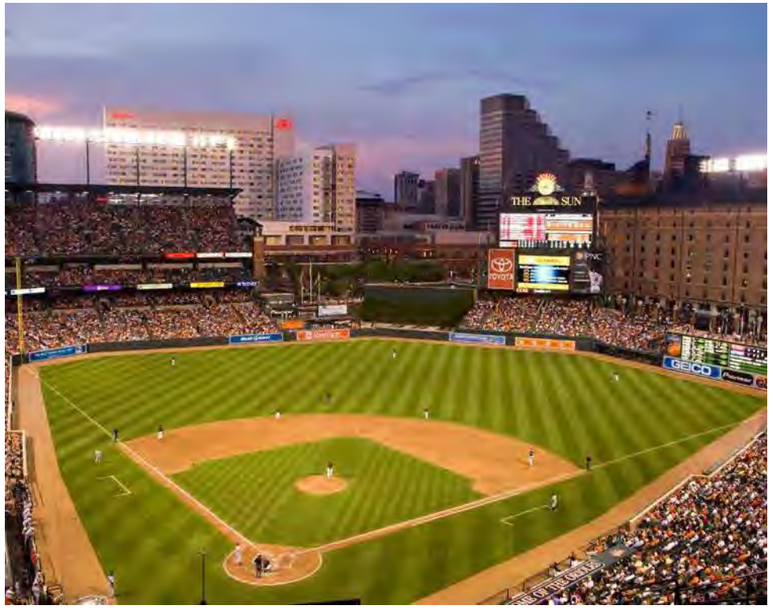
Ballston Quarter
Arlington, Virginia

Originally designed by Arcadis (as RTKL) in the 1980s as Ballston Common, the development was reimagined by Arcadis (as CallisonRTKL) in the 2010s in collaboration with Cooper Carry to become Ballston Quarter, a vibrant, mixed-use destination. The redesign opens the environment to natural light and fresh air, creating an indoor-outdoor experience and expanding the streetscape to encourage activity and connection. Anchored by new residential, retail, dining and entertainment, the project transformed an aging mall into a walkable, activated urban district. Arcadis served as Design Architect and collaborated with Cooper Carry, who also acted as Architect of Record, on the redesign of the mall. Arcadis provided full Design Architect and Architect of Record services on the project’s residential tower. Photographer: David Madison © DavidMadisonPhotographyINC

New residential uses above retail, enhanced vertical circulation and stronger connections to community amenities, including the MedStar Capitals Iceplex, support activity throughout the day and evening. By leveraging placemaking, walkability and public-space activation as catalysts for economic growth, Ballston Quarter transformed a dated mall into a thriving neighborhood destination that attracts residents, visitors, businesses and investment while reinforcing Ballston’s identity as one of Arlington’s most dynamic urban centers.







STRATEGY 3: Adaptive reuse

PROJECT HIGHLIGHT: CAMDEN YARDS MASTER PLAN

The master plan for Camden Yards demonstrates how Arcadis embedded adaptive use and reuse into the foundation of a transformative urban redevelopment. Commissioned to develop the plan for a 40-acre former rail yard site just west of Baltimore's Inner Harbor, the team drew upon the area's industrial heritage to create a destination deeply connected to its history and surroundings.

The master plan preserved and celebrated key historic assets, including Eutaw Street and the iconic 1,100-foot-long B&O Railroad warehouse, repurposing the warehouse as an active backdrop and mixed-use spine for the ballpark. The project also maintained connections to the adjacent historic rail station, reinforcing the site's identity and relationship to the city.

By aligning the ballpark with Baltimore's existing street grid and linking it to transit and surrounding neighborhoods, Arcadis redefined how sports venues interact with urban centers. The result was a civic destination woven into the everyday life of the city rather than an isolated entertainment venue. Widely recognized as a catalyst for Baltimore's downtown and Inner Harbor revitalization, Camden Yards attracts millions of visitors while spurring investment, economic activity and renewed interest in the surrounding district.

The master plan garnered significant industry acclaim, including an AIA Urban Design Award, for reshaping the relationship between sports venues and city centers. Camden Yards established a new model for adaptive reuse and placemaking, demonstrating how historic assets can be leveraged to create vibrant, economically resilient mixed-use destinations with a strong sense of place.

Camden Yards Sports Complex Master Plan
Baltimore, Maryland

Arcadis (as RTKL) served as master planner for the area surrounding Oriole Park at Camden Yards, working in tandem with stadium designer HOK Sport (now Populous) to transform a once-overlooked industrial district into a connected urban destination linked to Baltimore's Inner Harbor. Central to the plan was the preservation and integration of the historic Baltimore & Ohio Railroad warehouse, once threatened with demolition, now reimagined as an iconic part of the stadium complex. Celebrated as a symbol of Baltimore's industrial heritage, the warehouse, now an office use, anchors a revitalized district, with Arcadis also designing the nearby Hilton Baltimore Inner Harbor, creating a cohesive, activated environment rooted in history, connection and place.
Photographer: Top - David Whitcomb (CRTKL), Bottom Left - J. Brough Schamp, Bottom Right - Sam Dyess

Developing Transit Oriented Communities: Mobility as the Backbone

Before districts can thrive, mobility must work for everyone. Successful places are built on the ability of people to move easily, safely and comfortably between where they live, work, learn and connect. At Arcadis, we view transportation not simply as infrastructure, but as a catalyst for economic opportunity, social equity and community vitality.

Our transit-oriented work focuses on two people-first strategies: creating equity, access and value through multimodal integration and emphasizing a human-centered transit experience. We design seamless connections between transit, walking, cycling, micromobility and other transportation modes to expand access to jobs, services, education and community amenities. At the same time, we prioritize the quality of the journey itself, creating intuitive, safe and welcoming environments that encourage transit use and support daily life.





RICHMOND CITY CENTER DESIGN COMPETITION
Richmond, Virginia

Arcadis was the lead architect/ master planner on the Lincoln Properties team submission. Renderings show the vision for a vibrant, connected community that places people at the heart of the design.

STRATEGY 1:
Equity, access and value through multimodal integration

PROJECT HIGHLIGHT: RICHMOND CITY CENTER DESIGN COMPETITION

The Richmond City Center redevelopment illustrates how multimodal integration can serve as the foundation for a more equitable, connected and economically vibrant downtown. Envisioned as the transformation of the former Richmond Coliseum site into a 9.4-acre mixed-use innovation district, the concept places mobility, accessibility and walkability at the center of the development strategy.

Rather than treating transportation as a supporting element, the Arcadis team's plan integrates pedestrian-oriented streets, public spaces, housing, employment, entertainment and hospitality into a compact, mixed-use district where daily destinations are within easy reach. A network of shared streets prioritizes pedestrians while creating safe, intuitive connections between the Convention Center, surrounding neighborhoods, transit corridors and key downtown destinations. This people-first approach reduces barriers to access and helps ensure that residents, workers, students and visitors can participate fully in the life of the city.

The redevelopment also leverages multimodal connectivity as an economic catalyst. By concentrating innovation, commercial activity, mixed-income housing, entertainment and public amenities within a walkable urban framework, City Center creates opportunities for investment while fostering a more inclusive and diverse community. Renewable energy, green infrastructure and an interconnected system of parks and civic spaces further strengthen the district's long-term resilience and appeal.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHT:
WEST ALEXANDRIA TRANSIT CENTER

The West Alexandria Transit Center demonstrates how Arcadis leverages multimodal integration to expand access, strengthen connectivity and create long-term value for communities. More than a transportation facility, the transit center will serve as a critical link between transit, housing, retail, employment and public space, ensuring that mobility is seamlessly woven into everyday life.

Designed to provide safe, efficient, and intuitive connections for riders, pedestrians, cyclists and motorists, the center is designed for a welcoming and accessible transit experience for users of all ages and abilities. Clear wayfinding, enhanced pedestrian circulation and well-integrated transit facilities reduce barriers to movement while improving access to jobs, services and community amenities.



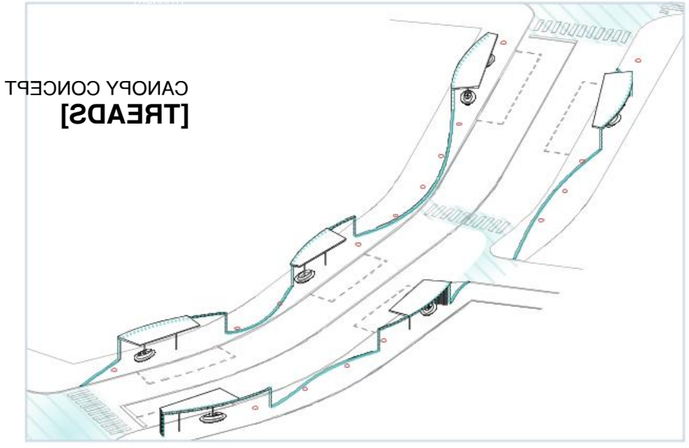
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West Alexandria Transit Center
Alexandria, Virginia

Arcadis is serving as lead architect for the transformative West Alexandria Transit Center (WATC), anchoring the four-million-square foot West End Alexandria development on the former Landmark Mall site. Designed to advance the city's mobility and connectivity goals, the WATC brings together two Bus Rapid Transit lines, DASH and Metrobus services, and a range of multimodal amenities into a unified system. The concept weaves modular bus shelters beneath a tree canopy, alongside parklets and adaptive seating, to activate the streetscape and encourage positive, around-the-clock use, reinforcing a connected, people-focused approach to transit and community.





By connecting people to opportunity and integrating transportation with community life, the West Alexandria Transit Center demonstrates how multimodal infrastructure can generate lasting social, economic, and environmental benefits, creating a stronger, more resilient neighborhood while enhancing quality of life for residents, visitors and businesses alike.





STRATEGY 2: Human-centered transit experience

PROJECT HIGHLIGHT: NORTH BETHESDA INNOVATION DISTRICT DESIGN COMPETITION

Blocks are organized around Metro access, with shared parking to prioritize walking, active edges that extend the station's reach and public spaces that support daily use. Flexible programs allow shifts between residential and life science as demand evolves — keeping the district aligned with rider needs and market dynamics.

When streets are safe, intuitive and animated, stations become destinations — boosting ridership, attracting investment and delivering broad community benefits.

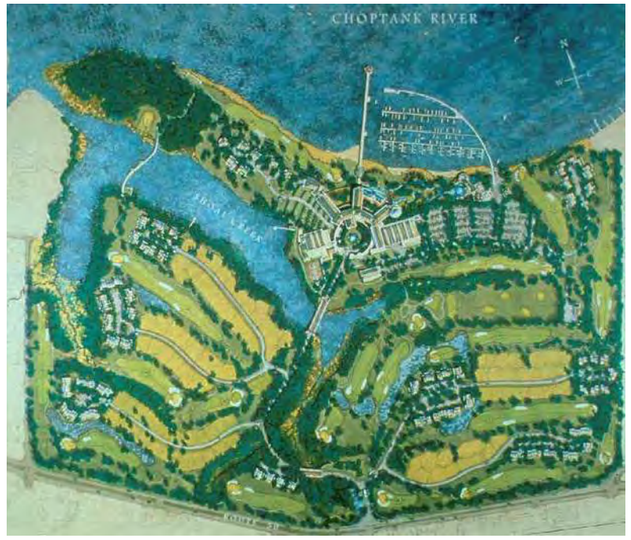
North Bethesda Innovation District Design Competition
North Bethesda, Maryland

The design competition rendering for the North Bethesda Innovation District illustrates an approach to multimodal transportation that celebrates and prioritizes walking, integrating movement into the fabric of a connected, human-scaled urban system.



Integrating Core Drivers: Transformative Districts

At the district scale, placemaking becomes policy made tangible — where streets and open spaces embed wellness and climate resilience by design, where transit-anchored blocks catalyze innovation ecosystems of jobs and research, and where phased delivery, strong partnerships and smart financing turn vision into assets that work on day one and adapt for decades. This is outcome-driven urbanism: aligning health, opportunity and stewardship so communities can grow sustainably and remain resilient over time.





STRATEGY 1: Embedding wellness and resilience

PROJECT HIGHLIGHT: HYATT REGENCY CHESAPEAKE BAY GOLF RESORT, SPA AND MARINA

The Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Golf Resort, Spa and Marina exemplifies how Arcadis embeds wellness, resilience and a deep connection to place into large-scale destination developments. Serving as master planner, architect and landscape architect, Arcadis transformed a 342-acre waterfront site along Maryland's Choptank River into the Eastern Shore's first full-service luxury resort and residential community. The site carries a unique history, having once been home to the Eastern Shore Hospital, a facility originally planned around the belief that access to nature, fresh air and restorative landscapes could support human well-being.

Building on that legacy, the design places physical, mental and social wellness at the center of the guest experience. Open space, landscaped courtyards and carefully framed views of the river create opportunities for reflection, recreation and connection with nature. A sequence of outdoor rooms offers a spectrum of experiences, from quiet, contemplative gardens to active gathering spaces linked to the marina, spa, conference center, golf course and waterfront amenities. The six-story hotel is organized to maximize access to daylight, water views and outdoor environments, while features such as the arboretum, swimming creek, marina and extensive walking paths encourage year-round engagement with the landscape.

Beyond enhancing guest well-being, the project demonstrated long-term economic and community resilience, creating a destination for Maryland's Eastern Shore and generating lasting investment, tourism and employment. By leveraging the restorative qualities of the natural environment and designing around human experience, Arcadis created a resort that supports both individual well-being and regional vitality.



Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Golf Resort, Spa and Marina
Cambridge, Maryland

The Arcadis master plan for the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Golf Resort embraces the waterfront and the site's natural features, weaving access to nature throughout the mixed-use destination. Oriented toward the shoreline, the hotel celebrates the region's strong connection to the water while creating opportunities for recreation, relaxation and engagement with the surrounding landscape. Photographer: David Whitcomb (CRTKL)

PROJECT HIGHLIGHT:
VERIDEA EAST VILLAGE

The Veridea Village East master plan and concept architectural design demonstrate how Arcadis embeds wellness, resilience and sustainability into the framework of community design. Conceived as a life-forward, mixed-use village, the development brings homes, retail destinations, workplaces, educational facilities, healthcare innovation and community amenities within a short walk, transforming daily needs into opportunities for connection, independence and well-being.

Grounded in a vision to create a contemporary, healthy community that balances innovative design with a conservation mindset, Veridea Village East leverages the site's natural assets, including streams, forested areas, parks, trails and open spaces, to shape the built environment and strengthen residents' connection to nature. A network of pedestrian-oriented streets, greenways and civic spaces encourages walking, recreation and social interaction, while thoughtfully designed gathering places foster a sense of belonging and community resilience.

Wellness is embedded at every scale. Universal Design principles support aging in place through accessible routes, adaptable housing and services positioned to serve people of all ages and abilities. Balconies, terraces, generous glazing and shaded pathways create opportunities for restoration and engagement with the landscape, while diverse open spaces support both active lifestyles and quiet reflection.





Veridea East Village
Apex, North Carolina

This 1,100-acre master-planned community in Wake County, North Carolina is envisioned as a series of walkable urban districts, delivering over 8,000 residential units; 3.5 million square feet of retail, hospitality and civic uses; and 12 million square feet of commercial space. Arcadis served as master planner for East Village, the first phase of development, which includes more than 1,000 multifamily and single-family homes alongside retail. Anchored by a connected public realm, the plan fosters movement, access and community with Veridea Crossing, the East Village retail district, anticipated to begin opening in early 2028.

The project's sustainable ethos extends beyond buildings to the systems that support them. Green infrastructure, including stormwater management features designed as amenities, promotes ecological diversity while addressing long-term environmental resilience. By integrating health, sustainability and community into a cohesive mixed-use neighborhood, Veridea Village East creates a place where people can live, work, learn, connect and thrive for generations.

STRATEGY 2:
Catalyzing innovation ecosystems

PROJECT HIGHLIGHT:
MARYLAND INSTITUTE COLLEGE OF ART DORMITORY

Arcadis partnered with the Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA) to envision a new gateway student residence hall that would do more than provide housing; it would create an environment where creativity, collaboration and innovation could flourish.

The design concept reimagined student housing as a vibrant, creative ecosystem. Organized as three interconnected residential pods surrounding a central courtyard, the building fosters opportunities for interaction, peer learning and community building while creating a human-scaled response to the urban context. A tower of artist studios served as both a visual landmark and a dedicated space for making and experimentation, reinforcing the connection between living and learning.

Importantly, the project blurred the boundaries between campus and community. Public-facing amenities, including a café and black-box theater, activated the ground floor and invited engagement from students, faculty, artists and neighborhood residents. Interior circulation spaces, highlighted by a dramatic spiral stair, were conceived as social connectors that encourage informal encounters and the exchange of ideas.

By integrating housing, creative workspaces, public amenities and community engagement into a single destination, the proposal demonstrated how thoughtful design can catalyze innovation ecosystems, creating the conditions for collaboration, talent development and cultural exchange that extend well beyond campus boundaries.



MICA Dormitory
Baltimore, Maryland

This 87,000-square-foot mixed-use facility brings together student residences, naturally lit artist studios, a black box theater and exhibition space in a single, interconnected environment. Located at the prominent intersection of North Avenue and Mount Royal Avenue, the building serves as both a gateway to MICA and an anchor for the surrounding community, strengthening connections to the campus. Photographer: David Whitcomb (CRTKL)



The Point
Draper, Utah

Arcadis served as the master planner for the entire 104-acre Phase 1 and architectural designer for the mixed-use Amber and Chroma buildings and the Promenade pavilion buildings, crafting a compelling vision for an accessible urban center anchored by a pedestrian-oriented promenade, a regional bicycle trail and a central green.

STRATEGY 3:
Delivering adaptively through phasing, partnerships and finance

PROJECT HIGHLIGHT: THE POINT

The 110-acre first phase transforms a former state prison site into a regional destination with an event-center-anchored promenade, a central green and a regional trail network that connect existing commuter rail with a planned light rail system. The master plan delivers a vibrant, walkable, mixed-use district unlike any other in Utah with high-end retail; chef-driven restaurants; luxury, market-rate and affordable housing; and unique destination experiences. It serves as the downtown core for the University of Utah's next medical campus and Convergence Hall, a groundbreaking facility that seeks to unite higher education, government and industry to foster technology and startup growth. Additionally, The Point is an incubator for next-generation sustainability strategies for renewable energy and water conservation. Governance and financing frameworks align public and private partners to deliver early wins and long-term value at district scale.

By embedding wellness and resilience, clustering economic engines around transit, and structuring delivery through flexible phasing and partnerships, these districts align market, community and climate goals — future-proofing places through adaptability and shared stewardship.



Placemaking is how we turn vision into places that work for people. From retail-led streets to transit-oriented districts to transformative, future-ready neighborhoods, our evolving multidisciplinary approach catalyzes social, economic and environmental value.

We know how to plan, finance, design and deliver the hard parts so the Washington Metro area communities — and beyond — can invest confidently in a resilient, inclusive future.

The Point
Draper, Utah

Guided by the principles of transit-oriented development, The Point blends dining, shopping, daily living, work, innovation, entertainment and public space through a design approach that champions walkability, sustainability, transit-access and community.

The Arcadis-led masterplan for the entire Phase 1 houses 2.5 million square feet of office space; 3,000 housing units; 350,000 square feet of retail; two hotels; a 4,500-seat performance venue; and 16 acres of parks and public spaces.

HOW DO WE UNLOCK RESILIENCE IN DC?

Future-Proofing the DMV With Lessons Learned Globally

By Laura Croce and Roni Deitz

The future rarely arrives as expected. Storms grow stronger, populations shift and infrastructure ages. Economic conditions change faster than plans can keep pace. Across the globe, communities are confronting these challenges in different ways, yet the most successful resilience strategies share a common trait: They are designed to adapt.

In the D.C.-Maryland-Virginia (DMV) region, resilient design is becoming increasingly vital as evolving risk factors converge — including climate volatility along the Potomac River and rapid regional growth.

As the nation's capital, the DMV faces unique expectations. Choices made here create a ripple effect, impacting millions of residents while serving as an example for cities around the world. Resilience, therefore, is more than risk management. It is the ability to protect what matters most while continuing to grow, evolve and thrive.

Future-proofing the DMV requires integrating architecture, planning, engineering and asset advisory solutions to transform places and projects, improving quality of life for generations to come. At Arcadis, we connect these disciplines deliberately. Our teams draw on global expertise from coastal defense in the Netherlands to post-disaster recovery in the U.S. and apply it in community-rooted actions responsive to the unique conditions of the DMV.

From creating critical coastline resilience to preparing for drought conditions or long-range planning for cities around the world, we keep each community and ecosystem at the heart of every idea on projects.



Photograph of the Tidal Basin in Washington, D.C.
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Arcadis' story began back in 1888 in the Netherlands, developing unusable land into livable places. These Dutch roots put resilience at the core of our values and motivations; we strive to empower human ingenuity in the face of daring conditions.

Ohio Creek Watershed Project
Norfolk, Virginia

Through a partnership with the City of Norfolk, Arcadis helped secure $120.5 million in funding through the National Disaster Resilience Competition to transform the Ohio Creek Watershed, advancing a model for more resilient coastal communities — an approach increasingly relevant across the DMV. By integrating program management, design and environmental permitting with early and continued stakeholder engagement, the team developed innovative, long-term strategies that move beyond traditional infrastructure. This systems-based approach to resilience offers a blueprint for future-ready cities.
Photographer: Arcadis Employee



NW Battery City Project
New York, New York

The Battery Park City North/West Resiliency Project safeguards Lower Manhattan's waterfront and surrounding communities while enhancing public access along the Hudson River. Delivered by a collaborative team including Arcadis, Bjarke Ingels Group (BIG), SCAPE Landscape Architects and the Turner–SPC Construction joint venture, the project integrates flood protection, drainage and landscape strategies into a continuous, resilient system extending from First Place to North Moore Street. Featuring approximately 1.5 miles of floodwalls and deployable barriers, alongside pump stations, rain gardens and expanded public spaces, the design moves beyond traditional infrastructure, layering protection with access, habitat and community benefit to create a more adaptable and connected urban waterfront.

Climate Risk Protection Through Vitality and Wellness

Across our global experience with environmental risk planning, three principles consistently define resilience: anticipate long-term threats, design within existing constraints and build flexibility into infrastructure systems.

New York City offers one of the clearest examples. After Hurricane Sandy exposed Lower Manhattan's vulnerability to coastal flooding, the City partnered with the federal government through HUD's Rebuild by Design initiative to identify long-term solutions. That effort produced The Big U, a 10-mile vision for protecting Lower Manhattan through a network of flood-protection measures integrated into the public realm.

The first major implementation segment, East Side Coastal Resiliency (ESCR), combines floodwalls, gates, raised parkland and drainage improvements with significant enhancements to public space. Additional projects under the Lower Manhattan Coastal Resiliency program have reimagined the waterfront at Battery Park City and advanced the Financial District and Seaport Climate Resilience Master Plan, which explores extending portions of the shoreline to better withstand future storms and rising seas.

Arcadis helped advance several of these initiatives, serving as a lead engineer for ESCR, a lead designer and engineer for the North/West Battery Park City Resiliency Project, and project and engineering lead for the Financial District and Seaport Climate Resilience Master Plan. In addition, Arcadis is working with USACE to develop a Coastal Storm Risk Management Section 203 study for the FiDi FORGE project, which addresses the one-mile shoreline between the Brooklyn Bridge and the Battery.

What makes these projects notable is not simply their scale, but their approach. Flood protection is integrated into parks, waterfronts and public spaces, demonstrating that resilient infrastructure can strengthen communities rather than exist separately from them.



Arcadis designed the intake and pumping station that enables water to be withdrawn from the Potomac River and sent to Loudon Water's Water Treatment Plant, where it is stored when river conditions are favorable. During droughts or periods of reduced water quality, those reserves can be treated and distributed instead of drawing directly from the river. The project demonstrates how adaptive infrastructure can strengthen water security while preparing communities for increasingly unpredictable environmental conditions.

In the DMV, resilience is not only about coastal risk; it is equally about securing essential systems like water under increasingly volatile conditions.

Arcadis brought that same philosophy to Loudoun County, Virginia, where one of the nation's fastest-growing communities faces increasing pressure to secure reliable drinking water supplies.

Residents across Loudoun County and much of the broader DMV depend on the Potomac River for drinking water. To prepare for droughts, severe weather and changing water quality, Loudoun Water partnered with Arcadis to transform a former quarry into a strategic water reserve.

The Potomac River Water Supply Program for Loudoun Water
Loudoun County, Virginia

Renderings illustrate the transformation of a former quarry into a secure water storage reserve for the Potomac River Water Supply Program for Loudoun Water. The new system includes a 300-foot-deep pump shaft and three withdrawal tunnels at varying elevations to optimize water quality. As lead engineering partner, Arcadis is reimagining existing infrastructure as part of a resilient, systems-based approach to regional water security.

Alexandria, Virginia, is a low-lying, highly urbanized city along the Potomac River that experiences frequent flooding due to aging stormwater infrastructure, extensive impervious surfaces and increasingly intense rainfall. Arcadis is supporting the City of Alexandria on major flood mitigation efforts, including design of large-capacity stormwater conveyance systems such as the Hooffs Run Culvert Bypass to improve system performance during extreme events.

The work integrates advanced hydrologic and hydraulic analysis with infrastructure design to address both watershed-scale and neighborhood-specific flooding challenges. The resulting solutions increase conveyance capacity, reduce flood impacts to homes and businesses, and improve overall system resilience. This supports Alexandria's broader citywide program to deliver long-term, capital-focused flood mitigation and climate adaptation outcomes.



Potomac River
Alexandria, Virginia

Arcadis is supporting the City of Alexandria on flood mitigation efforts, including the Hooffs Run Culvert Bypass to help reduce flooding events in Old Town Alexandria (pictured). Photographer: steheap, Adobe Stock Images



Watts Branch Flood Resilience Strategy
Stream Restoration
Washington, D.C.

Arcadis is supporting the District of Columbia's Department of Energy and Environment on the Watts Branch Flood Resilience Strategy, using watershed-scale modeling to address runoff, erosion and neighborhood flood risk. The plan integrates blue, green and gray infrastructure into a coordinated system: reducing peak flows while strengthening community resilience. Photographer: Arcadis Employee

Also highly urbanized, Watts Branch is a tributary of the Anacostia River in Washington, D.C., where dense development has driven severe stormwater runoff, erosion and neighborhood flood risk. Arcadis is supporting the District of Columbia Department of Energy and Environment with watershed-scale flood modeling and analytics to assess current and future risk across the corridor.

We are also developing a coordinated network of blue (water-based systems and features), green (plant and soil systems) and gray (traditional engineered systems) infrastructure solutions to manage stormwater and reduce peak flows. This work translates technical analysis into a prioritized, implementable portfolio of resilience projects. The result is a system-level approach that reduces flood risk, improves water quality, and enhances community resilience and public realm outcomes.

Economic Development Rooted in Data and People

Today, challenges to strategic resilience extend beyond climate risk. Shifting economic conditions, investment uncertainty and persistent inequality demand a more creative, agile approach.

Arcadis' capital planning services help both public and private clients prioritize and optimize assets from network infrastructure to vehicles, buildings and underutilized land. This awareness of assets' health and reliability, in turn, drives informed decision-making.

In 2021, Arcadis began working with the DC Government to deploy Enterprise Decision Analytics (EDA), a predictive asset investment planning platform that enables leaders to assess asset conditions, model future scenarios, and understand the impacts of deterioration, underutilization and other risk factors. By identifying where investments can have the greatest effect on reliability, cost and risk, agencies can shift from reactive maintenance to more proactive decision-making.

This parametric approach strengthened the District's financial and operational position, helping support one of the highest bond ratings among U.S. state and local governments even through changing economic environments.

Cleveland & Detroit Parametric Development Strategy
Detroit, MI

Arcadis (as IBI Group) used computational design and parametric modelling to reimagine underutilized waterfront districts in Cleveland and Detroit in support of Bedrock Detroit's goal to revamp both riverfront districts. We tested social, economic and climate-driven scenarios in real time, using a data-driven approach to define the optimal mix of housing, amenities, services and infrastructure, supporting walkable, mixed-use communities designed to evolve with future needs.

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Going farther afield, Arcadis worked with cities outside the United States to bolster economic resiliency. The Our Future City Framework for Birmingham, UK, examined the city's future by considering its commitment to sustainable regeneration, densification and sustained economic growth. This master planning framework offers over a thousand investable, market-ready opportunities aligned to key strategic regeneration programs, drives inclusive growth, identifies a step-change route to becoming Zero Carbon, provides rationale for a city-wide planning policy, and identifies market-facing catalyst sites and quick wins for a phased delivery plan.

Our Future City Framework
Birmingham, UK

Arcadis developed the Our Future City Framework for Birmingham through a series of charrettes, shaping a vision for sustainable regeneration, densification and long-term economic growth.

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Planning for lasting resilience in the DMV isn't just a discussion about probability or a menu of technical solutions; it is a coordinated approach centered on people and their need for equal access to a safe and healthy future.

The DMV is actively prioritizing climate readiness, equitable growth, clean energy, and safe, smart mobility as foundations for quality of life.

The opportunity — and responsibility — is to lead by investing in systems that are adaptive, equitable and built to deliver long-term value. As the nation's capital region, the DMV has a unique chance to demonstrate how resilience can move beyond protection and become a catalyst for prosperity, innovation and community well-being.

East River Park
New York, New York

As part of the East Side Coastal Resiliency project team, Arcadis serves as a core engineering and design partner on a 2.4-mile system extending from Montgomery Street to East 25th Street. The design integrates a layered network of flood protection, including 18 strategically placed roller and swing floodgates, paired with elevated, resilient park spaces, working together as a continuous system that provides protection while enhancing the public realm. Photographer: Iwan Baan



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