

CLIMATE CRISIS – LOCAL LANDSCAPES

FINAL PROJECT IN
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
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Silvers's architectural and urban design background provides her with a broad understanding of complex built environments, systems, and structures, and of the influences that shape them. She is uniquely skilled at the coordination of multiple design teams and their diverse needs in MVVA's large urban design projects.

Elizabeth has led design and planning teams for projects including Hudson Park and Boulevard in New York City, Jacob Javits Plaza in NYC, Princeton University's 2026 Campus Framework Plan, the 300-acre Lower Don Lands Urban Estuary in Toronto, and the Trinity River Park in Dallas, TX.

In addition to her project leadership, Elizabeth has lectured on MVVA's multifaceted planning and design work at the Harvard Graduate School of Design, the Ontario College of Art and Design in Toronto, and The

City College of New York. In 2014, she was the keynote speaker at the ISALA Annual Conference in Beer Sheva, Israel, and in 2015 she lectured on MVVA's Corktown Common project at the Cultural Landscape Foundation in Toronto, Canada.

Elizabeth has shared her experience in large scale planning and design as an ongoing participant in the emerging Great Lakes Project, "Greatness", hosted by The Honorable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.

Prior to joining MVVA, Elizabeth practiced as an architectural designer at the Los Angeles-based firm of R.L. Binder, FAIA Architecture & Planning. Elizabeth received her Bachelor of Arts in Fine Art from Yale University and her Master of Architecture from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Elizabeth joined MVVA in 2006.