We Design Environmental Solutions That Inspire People And Respect Nature.
**ec•o•tone** - a transition area between different landscapes or biospheres.

Variety, contrast, harmony, and fusion are all natural phenomena we find in these transition zones that inspire our design concepts.

WE ARE A LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE FIRM BASED IN PORTLAND, OREGON.

**OUR APPROACH**

We believe the foundation of smart environmental design is a deep understanding of the natural ecology of each site, as well as the unique needs of each client. Our creative process leads us to the intersections of environmental conservation or restoration, community development, aesthetic ambitions, and resource constraints. We are just as excited about the challenges of complex, large-scale landmark developments as the thoughtful designs that make smaller projects shine in surprising ways.

Good collaborative practices are important to us, and we are dedicated to seeing each project through with consistent, personal attention from start to finish. We take advantage of the agility and the opportunities for direct collaborative relationships that come with being a small firm. And, we enjoy interesting conversations about nature, design, and community. If you’d like to start one, or just ask us a question, please contact us.
SERVICES

We envision, assess, plan, create and restore healthy environments. In all areas of our work, we combine time-tested best practices with innovative approaches, and blend creativity with knowledge and experience.

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, SITE PLANNING + DESIGN

• Low-Impact Site Planning + Design
• Master Planning and Land Management Planning
• Landscape Design and Planting Plans
• Streetscapes and Green Streets
• Custom Construction Detailing and Specifications
• Green Roofs and Green Walls
• Feasibility and Cost Benefit Analysis Studies
• Plan, Section, Elevation Rendering
• CAD Drafting and Presentation Graphics
• 3D Modeling and Digital Perspective Rendering
• Photo-Simulations and Visual Studies
• Construction Documents and Permit Drawings

PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING

• LEED Certification
• Stormwater Management
• Ecologically Sensitive Land Management
• Highly Efficient Irrigation and Rainwater Harvesting
• Site Assessments
• Custom Outdoor Structures
• Landscape and Planting Design
• Green Roof and Green Wall Design

LANDSCAPE CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION

We are licensed and bonded landscape contractors with over 20 years of combined experience in the field. We offer our construction and construction administration services to select private residential clients where we have been involved with the design and/or construction detailing process.

“It was way beyond what we were expecting and we’re both very excited for the final design.”

“Their construction knowledge and experience are an asset rarely found in the design field.”

“You couldn’t find a nicer or more genuine group in the industry.”
PROJECTS

- AFFORDABLE HOUSING
- PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL
- ENVIRONMENTAL
- EDUCATION
- COMMERCIAL / MIXED USE
- GREEN ROOFS
Sellwood Center, owned by Homeforward and located in the Sellwood neighborhood of Portland Oregon, was renovated to include new landscaped areas throughout the site. Residents participated in community design charrettes which helped ensure that the design was responsive to their needs. An intriguing entryway includes terraced raised planters and a spill-out patio which interfaces with the central community room. An inviting shared community space, with community gardens and a dining courtyard with custom barbecue and permeable paving, sits at the back of the property. Throughout the site, native and drought tolerant plantings provide shade and a naturalized environment in which to enjoy nature.
This Yakima Valley residence is surrounded by sagebrush covered hills and looks down into the lush green river basin below. The house is situated to embrace the views of the valley with large south facing windows and a cabana with pool terrace designed on the south side of the residence.

The objective for this residential landscape design was to fulfill the client’s outdoor needs and had the lowest possible impact on the surrounding environment. This translated into a wide use of native plants; deciduous trees to provide passive solar opportunities for the house; a fescue lawn mix to reduce water consumption; and using local materials for pathways and stonework.
Working with Pacific Habitat Services, Ecotone provided on-site assistance during the site inventory and assessment and led the graphic development of the mitigation plan for the floodplain. A presentation board was designed to provide the client with a clear understanding of the proposed enhancements to the floodplain.

Existing Reed Canary Grass dominates the floodplain by outcompeting plant communities that are native to the area, which has created a monoculture with little habitat value. Enhancement of wetland hydrology and restoration of native plant communities will improve habitat for sensitive species, increase detention of floodwaters, and reduce habitat fragmentation within this riparian corridor.
The New Bridge High School project is targeting LEED Gold and has been designed for at-risk youth. The landscape design for this 9 acre site prioritized native and drought-tolerant plant species to provide habitat and to conserve water use as much as possible. Large oak trees were preserved during construction and the majority of the site’s open space was seeded with a native upland savannah seed mix. Site amenities include an outdoor classroom/amphitheater and athletic field, allowing the students an opportunity to learn in an outdoor environment.
Located on Swan Island, this beverage distribution campus was renovated to include more parking and outdoor amenities for the growing business. A mixture of columnar trees, low growing shrubs and grasses were provided in order to create a lush environment and reduce site maintenance. Working closely with the project architect, we created a design for a semi-private outdoor beer garden for clients and employees to enjoy. An acid etched raised planter with a semi-transparent metal fence and trellis enclosed the garden on two sides and a wood tongue and groove wall, which extended to the inside of the building, enclosed the garden on the third side. Long tables, a linear fire pit, movable wood block seats, beam benches, string lights and a hop trellis were included in the design. A custom thirty foot high green screen was designed near the entryway and evergreen vines were planted to reach a similar height.
Francis Court is a unique addition to Dayton, Oregon which is situated in the middle of the Willamette Valley wine country. The project won the 2016 DeMuro Award for exemplifying excellence in preservation, adaptive reuse, and community revitalization. Ecotone designed a two-tiered courtyard between a renovated church, which houses a restaurant, and a new mixed-use development with retail shops specializing in wine. Half of the courtyard was designed for outdoor restaurant seating and the other half served as a promenade along the ground floor retail shops. The focal point, which divides the courtyard, is a contemporary water wall integrated into a board-formed raised planter. Custom hardwood seating, hardwood platform decks and trellises provide intermittent nodes for sitting and enjoying the surrounding atmosphere.
GREEN ROOFS

The Mead Building
Portland, OR

This 5,743 square foot green roof is located on a Multnomah County Building and was designed to accommodate a maximum saturated weight of 13 pounds per square foot. After much research, an extensive mat system by Green Living Technologies was chosen as the ideal system for the project. The soil profile is 2.5” deep and a bio-fertilization pump is utilized to enhance the health of the limited plant palette. Only 8 species of succulents were chosen as these species had proven to withstand extreme drought on other test green roofs.

Central Library Green Roof
Portland, OR

This 7,188 square foot green roof was designed as an educational exhibit and is toured regularly by the people of Portland. The Central Library green roof was designed by using a tray system by Columbia Green Technologies. An efficient, weather smart irrigation system was installed and a palette of drought tolerant sedums, grasses, and other perennials, were used to create colorful meandering patterns that changed with the seasons.
THE TEAM

BRYAN BAILEY

Bryan is a Registered Landscape Architect in Oregon and Washington and is a LEED Accredited Professional. His expertise includes contemporary, low impact design, wetland mitigation, land restoration and enhancement. Over the past decade, Bryan has worked on projects in the Pacific Northwest and abroad ranging from private residences and green roofs to public parks, schools, wetland enhancement, green streets and land management plans.

Bryan’s work has been featured in the Pacific Northwest edition of Luxe Magazine and he is a traveling member of the International Ecotourism Society. His passion is for creating healthy, vibrant communities that embrace, benefit and give back to the natural ecosystems around them.

DAN EDWARDS

Daniel’s passion for environmental preservation, an undying curiosity of the built environment and a sincere appreciation for design are integral to his contributions as one of the firm’s co-founders. His 15 years of landscape architecture experience allows him to confidently communicate with clientele and stakeholders, thoroughly execute the design process and effectively coordinate details with contractors.

He is a registered landscape architect, licensed landscape contractor, LEED Accredited Professional and an expert in sustainable design. Projects he has designed include affordable housing, community development, schools, medical campus planning, healing garden design, hospitality, riparian enhancement and greenroofs. When Daniel is not busy creating new environments you can find him on a paddle board or backpacking in one of our pristine preserved Pacific Northwest wilderness areas.

MELANIE BOWERMAN

Melanie joined Ecotone in 2018 after completing her master’s in landscape architecture at The University of Georgia. Over the last 12 years, her love for community-based work and landscape design has led her to opportunities as an Environmental Educator for youth in inner city Los Angeles, a graywater systems installer and edible garden designer. In Georgia, she worked with local communities as a project coordinator for a community land trust and facilitated public service design projects.

Now, at Ecotone, Melanie can put her creative energy into projects that mean a lot to her including affordable housing communities, school yards and play spaces. When not in the Ecotone office, Melanie is usually getting dirty in the ceramics studio, hiking in the woods or making a mess in the kitchen.

LICENSES + MEMBERSHIPS

- Oregon Registered Landscape Architecture Company, L406
- Washington State Registered Landscape Architect, L1408
- Oregon Landscape Contractor License, OLCB #9087
- Council of Landscape Architects Registration Board, CLARB #29805
- Emerging Small Business, MWESB #8633
- LEED Accredited Professionals

PRESENTATIONS + SPEAKING EVENTS

- Ecoroofs And Their Economic and Environmental Benefits
  - Greenroofs For Healthy Cities Conference, Atlanta, Georgia
- Sustainable Landscape Practices And Outdoor Water Conservation
  - Sustainable Building Advisors Program, Mount Hood Community College
- Sustainable Landscapes, Photosynthesis, and Sustainable Principle
  - SPROUT Sustainable Landscape Design Program, Chemeketa College, Salem, OR

PUBLICATIONS + AWARDS

- “Filling in the Gaps”, Portrait of Portland Magazine, January 2018
- Readers’ Choice Award - Preservation Category, Affordable Housing Finance Magazine, Fall 2017
- “Overcoming Rising Rents”, Affordable Housing News Magazine, Spring 2017
- DeMuro Award 2016 - Francis Court, Dayton OR
- Oregonian - Homes & Gardens, May 2016
- Oregon Main Street Award 2016 - Francis Court, Dayton OR
- Best of Houzz 2014 - Client Satisfaction