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STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS | 2024-RFP-18

American Legion Facility & Veteran's Memorial Park

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September 9, 2024

City of Joplin
Attn: Tony Robyn, Assistant City Manager
602 South Main Street, 2nd Floor
Joplin, MO 64801

RE: REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL – #2024-RFP-18: Veteran's Memorial Park

Dear Mr. Robyn and Evaluation Committee Members,

I am excited to present our qualifications for your American Legion Facility & Veteran's Memorial Park in Joplin, Missouri. At Garver, we believe that park design is about creating value for people, enhancing their quality of life, and strengthening the communities in which they live. Our approach ensures that we provide a range of activities that activate the space while paying homage to the history and character of the site. Garver's landscape architecture team excels in design leadership, as well as working collaboratively with all stakeholders to ensure that the community's desires are at the forefront of our plans. We lead with expertise, but we also listen carefully. Our goal is to translate your community's vision into a design that resonates and endures.

The Garver Team is composed of regional and national experts, capable of providing comprehensive services in-house. We are pleased to include SFS Architecture on our team due to their deep understanding of the project site and their history of successful collaborations with your community. This partnership, along with our in-house capabilities, translates into significant time and cost savings for you. Our professionals are experts in park design, site design, drainage, and sustainability.

Our design process focuses on creating experiential spaces that come alive, fostering a distinct identity and enhancing the user experience. We take pride in developing environments that truly serve the people who use them. Garver has a working relationship with the Joplin community having completed past projects for the City. With multiple offices in Arkansas, Kansas, and Missouri, we are deeply familiar with the region and are honored to continue our work there. Our team is prepared to begin immediately and are fully committed to delivering your project on time and within budget.

As Garver's Project Manager, I will be your primary contact, ensuring that your project receives the dedicated attention it deserves. We look forward to the opportunity to present our qualifications and ideas in person. Thank you for considering Garver for this significant project.

Sincerely,

Nick Staib

Nick Staib, PLA, ASLA
Project Manager



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Company Profile



Company Profile

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Garver & Morrow (Est. 1922)
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Garver Engineers, LLC (Est. 2002)

Incorporated In:
Arkansas (USA)

Type of Ownership:
Limited Liability
Company (LLC)

Corporate Acquisitions:
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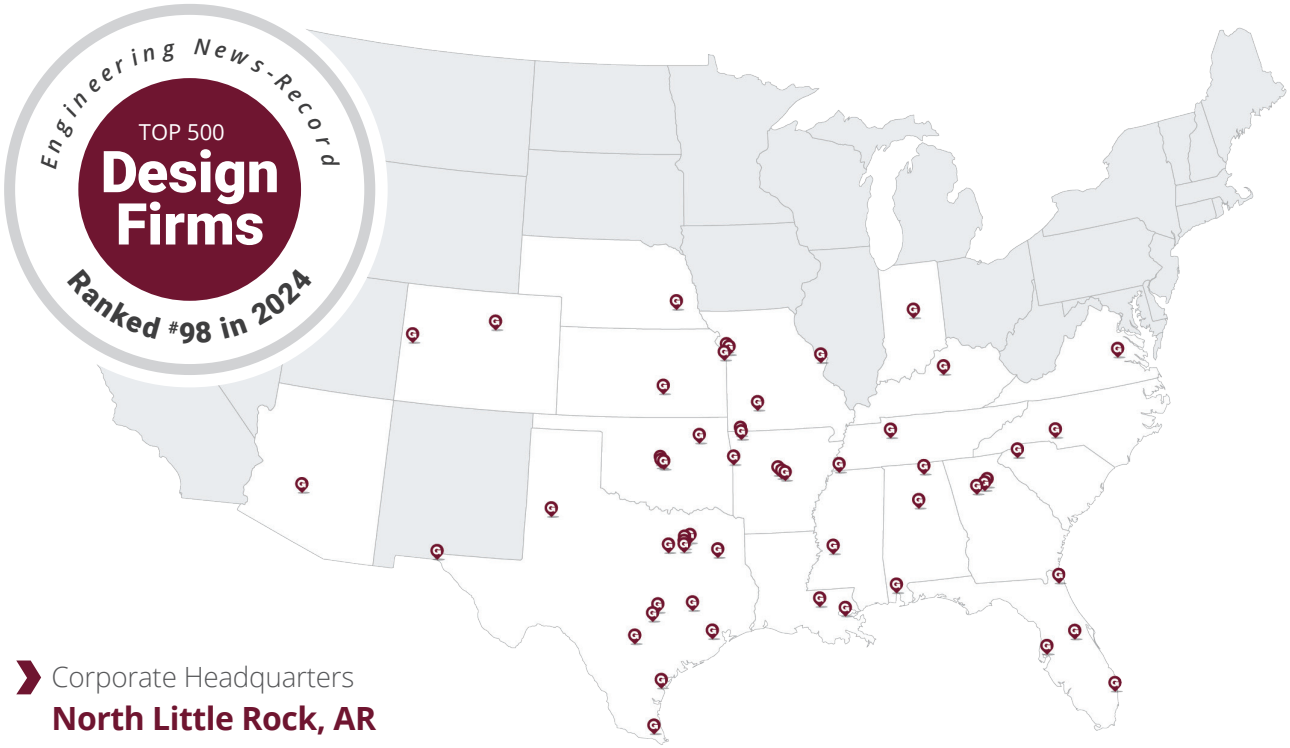
Founded in 1919, Garver is an employee-owned multidisciplined architecture, engineering, planning, and environmental services firm with more than 1,300 employees across the United States. Garver has been a leader in the consulting A-E industry for nearly a century because we serve our clients and team members well. Offering a wide range of services focused on aviation, buildings, construction, enterprise solutions, federal, survey, transportation, and water/wastewater, Garver sits in the top 100 of the *Engineering News-Record*'s prestigious Top 500 Design Firms list and is consistently recognized as a best firm to work for.

Garver pursues progressive design, focusing on creating cost-effective, sound solutions for long-term operational efficiency while maintaining community and environmental responsibility. We take pride in our ability to tailor projects to fit our clients' individual goals and needs through innovation, creative design, and scheduling. Our team delivers high quality, advanced designs that provide sound, long-term solutions to communities. With offices across the US, many of our projects are located in our communities; therefore, our employees take great pride in the work we do because the majority of them and their families ultimately benefit from the services provided.



Corporate Headquarters
North Little Rock, AR



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Mike Shaughnessy, Mike Fickel and Bill Scott founded their namesake architectural firm in downtown Kansas City, Missouri in 1973. Dedicated to the principles of timeless design and exceptional client service, Shaughnessy Fickel and Scott Architects delivered award-winning projects to the academic, civic and state, federal, justice, public safety, recreation, workplace and worship markets. In 2007, the firm rebranded to SFS Architecture with the mission to enrich communities through meaningful collaboration and purposeful design. Operating in eight markets, the firm committed to delivering building projects in both public and private sectors that stimulate community growth through renovation, expansion, adaptive reuse, historic preservation and new construction.

Today, SFS thrives under the leadership of principals Kerry Newman, Marsha Hoffman, Brian Garvey, Kwame Smith, Kelly Edinger-Stindt and Dana Gould. Principal leadership and involvement throughout all projects is a hallmark of the firm's approach to client service. The heart of SFS is its culture and people with a staff of 36 that includes 18 registered architects – many of whom are LEED accredited and WELL certified professionals. SFS has received hundreds of design awards from industry organizations such as the American Institute of Architects, International Interior Design Association and Historic Foundation of Kansas City for excellence in design, craftsmanship and artistry.

In 2021, SFS Architecture completed a feasibility study for the City of Joplin exploring options for the future use of the aging Memorial Hall. The study involved a comprehensive structural analysis of the existing building and a market analysis to determine the community's capacity to support a concert venue considering current plans for a new arts and entertainment complex. The study determined costs to renovate and maintain the facility as a 2,750-seat concert venue, as well as costs to repurpose the facility as a civic center, combined concert hall and civic center, or a memorial park for veterans.

Preliminary drawings were presented to the City to show a variety of ways the facility could provide flexible space, while preserving the historic arena floor in front of the stage. Following the feasibility study, SFS conducted a Costing Analysis in early 2024 which revealed a multitude of fatal issues with the building. In June of 2024, the Joplin City Council recommended the building be demolished and the site be developed as the Joplin Veteran's Memorial Park.

Terracon

Terracon Consultants is an employee-owned consulting engineering firm with over 175 offices nationwide, including five offices in Missouri and one in the City of Joplin. The firm has been providing environmental, geotechnical, facilities and materials services since 1965. Terracon's culture, systems, and structure enables it to excel at both small and large projects for military, federal, commercial, and municipal clients by combining the firm's extensive national resources with specific local expertise.

As demonstrated in the firm's current ranking of #24 in *Engineering News-Record*'s list of Top 500 Design Firms, Terracon exceeds its clients expectations for service, solutions, quality, and speed by being responsive, resourceful, and reliable. Terracon's depth of resources, diverse and relevant expertise, and 20-year history of working with Garver and municipalities nationwide will offer a tangible benefit to the City of Joplin. With over 5,500 employee-owners, including 800 geotechnical and 1,100 environmental engineers, laboratory professionals, geologists, industrial hygienists, scientists, and drilling/exploration services staff, Terracon has the specialized experience to successfully support this project.



2 Organizational Structure



Organizational Structure

The Garver Team is composed of regional and national experts who offer a diverse range of knowledge and expertise to your project. Garver will serve as the lead designer and overall project manager. **As a multi-disciplinary firm with over 1,300 employees across 55 offices in 19 states, Garver provides comprehensive in-house services,** including landscape architecture, planning, architecture, civil engineering, mechanical/plumbing engineering, electrical engineering, structural engineering, surveying, and construction management. As a one-stop shop for almost all A-E services, the firm sits in the top 100 of the *Engineering News-Record*'s prestigious Top 500 Design Firms list.

KEY TEAMING PARTNERS

For this project, we have partnered with SFS Architecture to provide architectural services due to the firm's deep understanding of the Memorial Hall building. **Garver and SFS Architecture have a proven collaborative working history and share an office in Kansas City, ensuring seamless communication and coordination.**

In addition, we have partnered with Terracon Consultants to provide geotechnical engineering services. **Garver and Terracon have a proven relationship having performed over 550 projects together since 2004.** As demonstrated in the firm's current ranking of #24 in E*ngineering News-Record*'s list of Top 500 Design Firms, Terracon exceeds its clients expectations for service, solutions, quality, and speed by being responsive, resourceful, and reliable.

Garver's team of professionals brings extensive experience and is eager to collaborate with you to ensure the success of this project.

Team Organization

The Garver Team offers a wealth of resources to meet critical schedules, but our greatest asset is our knowledgeable, experienced, and disciplined team members. The organizational chart shown below lists our team members who will assist the City of Joplin. Led by Project Manager Nick Staib, PLA, ASLA, our team has the experience and skill diversity to tackle the City's needs for the Veteran's Memorial Park project.

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Project Manager
Nick Staib, PLA, ASLA*

Principal in Charge
Wallace Smith, PE

QA/QC
Craig Leone, PE, CQM-C

Landscape Architect
- Brent Thomas, PLA, ASLA, CPSI*
- Bailey Gillespie, LEED GA

Civil Engineer
- Daniel Lamberger, PE*
- Daniel Butler, PE

Mechanical Engineer
- Zac Buckmiller, PE*
- Brad Bradshaw, PE, LEED AP, CxA*

Electrical Engineer
- Wesley Morris, PE, RCDD*
- Josh Joyce, PE, LEED AP BD+C*

Structural Engineer
- Ian Babcock, PE*
- Alex Mukhammadiyev, PE

Land Surveyor
- John Moll, PLS*
- Paul Davis, PLS*

Architect
- Brian Garvey, AIA, LEED AP*
- Derek McMurray

Geotechnical Engineer
- Josh Elson, PG*
- George Tannoury, PhD, PE, F.ASCE

LEGEND

Garver | SFS Architecture | Terracon Consultants

**Denotes team members who are registered in the State of Missouri*

Garver's management team will always be available to the City throughout the project to oversee design solutions, provide feedback, and offer support for resource allocation, as well as work with the design team if issues arise.



3 Key Staff Resumes



Nick Staib, PLA, ASLA

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PROJECT MANAGER

Nick is a licensed Senior Landscape Architect and experienced Project Manager with more than 20 years of landscape architectural experience, specializing in the design of dynamic parks, streetscapes, and comprehensive master plans across the nation.

Throughout his career, he has focused on creating spaces that blend functionality with aesthetic appeal, with a particular emphasis on experiential design. Nick's portfolio includes a wide range of projects, with each being tailored to enhance the user experience and foster a sense of community.

As Project Manager, Nick will manage the Garver Team's efforts on the project through design and construction.

EDUCATION
Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, 2003

REGISTRATION
Professional Landscape Architect: AR, KS, MO, TX

CERTIFICATION
Developer (QSD) & Qualified SWPPP Practitioner (QSP): CA

LEED Green Associate

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE*

Madison Avenue Central Park
Derby, KS

- Madison Avenue Central Park was envisioned as a central hub for the Derby community, designed to host a wide range of year-round events. Spanning 10 acres within a residential urban district, the park offers a variety of amenities that cater to community gatherings and recreational activities. It stands as a vibrant community centerpiece, blending modern amenities with natural beauty, and providing a versatile space for Derby residents and visitors to enjoy throughout the year.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE*

- **Dorner Memorial Park** | *Haysville, KS*
- **Bristow Park Master Plan** | *Bristow, OK*
- **Warren Riverview Park** | *Derby, KS*
- **Living Hope Church Community Park** | *Olathe, KS*
- **Decarsky Park Master Plan** | *Derby, KS*
- **Edwardsville Parks Master Plan** | *Edwardsville, KS*
- **Memorial Park Master Plan** | *Keenesburg, CO*
- **J. Bernard White Park Master Plan** | *Hutchinson, KS*
- **Nature Play Master Plan** | *Hutchinson, KS*
- **Augusta Community Parks Master Plan** | *Augusta, KS*
- **Seven Hills Park Master Plan** | *Hays, KS*
- **Engwiler Park Master Plan** | *Haven, KS*
- **Community Pond & Park Master Plan** | *Rose Hill, KS*
- **Challenger Sports Complex** | *Broken Arrow, OK*
- **Riverfest Park Master Plan** | *De Soto, KS*
- **Ness City Park Master Plan** | *Ness City, KS*
- **Heizer Park Master Plan** | *Great Bend, KS*
- **13th Street Park** | *Andover, KS*

*****Experience gained from projects completed while working at previous firm*



Brent Thomas, PLA, CPSI

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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT

EDUCATION
Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, 1998

REGISTRATION
Professional Landscape Architect: AR, KS, MO, TX

CERTIFICATION
Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI)

American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP)

Brent is a Senior Landscape Architect with 25 years of experience and is passionate about projects that enhance communities through sound planning and quality design. Always looking for ways to better the communities in which he works, Brent enjoys bridging the technical realm of engineering with the physical realm that affects how Users interact with and see a project — a positive combination of art and science.

With past projects in Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas, his experience includes education, retail, office, and medical site planning; land planning; streetscapes; park and recreation facilities; bicycle planning and design; and wayfinding and graphic design. Brent combines his artistic skills with his knowledge of human activity and the natural environment and provides landscape design creating natural and built environments that are aesthetically pleasing as well as practical, in both urban and rural areas. He also coordinates the arrangement of existing and proposed land features and structures.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

MidCity District Redevelopment
Huntsville, AL

- Landscape Architect for the streetscape design of almost 2 miles of new urban roadways in a $2 billion, 100-acre mixed use redevelopment project. Streetscape elements include a plant palette highlighting northern Alabama plant materials in a park-like environment that is comfortable and walkable. Additional scope includes design for two public open spaces and a 5-acre expansion of Apollo Park.

Naftzger Park Redevelopment
Wichita, KS

- Landscape Architect for the design and development plans to replace existing natural grass at Naftzger Park with artificial turf, matching the turf installed in the park previously. Design includes demo and abandonment of an existing turf irrigation system, turf installation details over an existing underground storm water storage vault system, and a plan to work around existing park improvements.

Exploration Place Site Improvements
Wichita, KS

- Landscape Artchitect for the design of the new $1.6 million riverfront amphitheater at Exploration Place, a Moshe Safdie-designed science and discovery center in downtown Wichita. The 2-acre project site reclaims a portion of the existing surface parking lot and reshapes the riverbank to create a new 11,000-SF artificial New riverfront access and connectivity to nearby river pedestrian bridges and new event spaces, including a Dutch-style woonerf.

Kessler Mountain Regional Park
Fayetteville, AR

- Landscape Architect for the design of this master plan for the new park that covers approximately 200 acres and includes tennis courts, soccer fields, baseball fields, softball fields, basketball courts, pavilion, playground, splash pad, amphitheater, passive and active recreation areas, paved and natural surface hiking trails, and road and utility infrastructure.



Daniel Lamberger, PE

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CIVIL ENGINEER

Daniel has 9 years of experience being a Civil Engineer who serves on Garver's Federal Team and specializes in horizontal site development for a variety of military clientele across the county. In addition, he has served as the BUILDER Team Leader providing project management for BUILDER site assessments and implementation for numerous National Guard clients.

Daniel has participated in six phases of BUILDER condition assessments in Arkansas, three phases of BUILDER condition assessments in Texas, and one phase of BUILDER condition assessments in Iowa. Garver is currently under contract for a fourth phase in Texas, as well as anticipating the contracts for a seventh phase in Arkansas and a second phase in Iow.

He is proficient in AutoCAD, AutoCAD Civil 3D, and ArcReader. In addition to military initiatives, Daniel's project experience includes civil site design of private and residential sites.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering, 2015

REGISTRATION

Professional Engineer: AR, KS, MO

CERTIFICATION

TxDOT 9.3.1: Pedestrian Facility Design

BUILDER Sustainment Management System (SMS)

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Southwest Trail System
Multiple Counties, AR

- Civil Engineer for an Environmental Assessment of a 65-mile multi-use path. Substantial environmental data associated with the proposed project area was collected and assessed for the social, economic, and natural environmental impacts. Multiple alternatives were developed and screened through a very collaborative process to ensure the success of this extensive, multi-county project.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **ARARNG BUILDER SMS Implementation for Standalone Facilities (Phases 1-6)** | *Statewide, AR*
- **TXARNG BUILDER SMS Implementation and Sustainment Program (Phases 1-3)** | *Statewide, TX*
- **IAARNG BUILDER SMS Implementation and Sustainment Program (Phase 1)** | *Statewide, IA*
- **Legends of Arkansas Resort & Casino** | *Russellville, AR*
- **TMD Laredo Readiness Center and Field Maintenance Shop** | *Laredo, TX*
- **Conway Corps New Operations Center Campus** | *Conway, AR*
- **ARARNG New Fort Chaffee Readiness Center** | *Fort Chaffee, AR*
- **Shelter KC Men's Center Addition** | *Kansas City, MO*
- **TMD Camp Bowie Readiness Center Major Maintenance** | *Brownwood, TX*



Zac Buckmiller, PE

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MECHANICAL ENGINEER

Zac is a Mechanical Engineer offers 17 years of experience and Garver's Buildings Kansas City MEP/FP Practice Leader. He has been involved in a wide range of projects including high-rise buildings, healthcare, corporate office buildings, higher education, and sports and recreation facilities.

Zac also has experience with complex building systems, which includes central energy plants (CEPs) controls systems. He understands the importance of leading the discussion for systems within the building and creating a collaborative and educational environment with clients and owners.

EDUCATION

Master of Business Administration, 2015

Bachelor of Science, Architectural Engineering, 2010

REGISTRATION

Professional Engineer: AR, KS, MO

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

NMDMA Belen Readiness Center Renovation
Belen, NM

- Mechanical Engineer for the full renovation of the 29,000-SF Belen Readiness Center. The Army National Guard Readiness Center is composed of the following functional common use areas: assembly hall, classrooms, learning center, kitchen and scullery, administrative spaces, vehicle training bay, toilet/shower/locker area, weapons vaults, and unit storage.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Bluehawk Sports Park*** | *Overland Park, KS*
- **Batesville Community Center*** | *Batesville, AR*
- **ARDOT I-49 Welcome Center & Tourist Information Center** | *Gravette, AR*
- **TMD Laredo Readiness Center and Field Maintenance Shop** | *Laredo, TX*
- **Conway Corps New Operations Center Campus** | *Conway, AR*
- **Lee's Summit Flex Spaces** | *Lee's Summit, MO*
- **Shelter KC Men's Center Renovation** | *Kansas City, MO*
- **Tooele City Flex Spaces** | *Tooele City, UT*
- **TxDOT New Paris District Headquarters (DHQ) Complex Addition** | *Paris, TX*

*****Experience gained from projects completed while working at previous firm*



Wesley Morris, PE, RCDD

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ELECTRICAL ENGINEER

Wesley is an Electrical Engineer and Registered Communications Distribution Designer (RCDD) on Garver's Buildings Team with 10 years of experience. He offers specialized experience in lighting systems, solar power, solar arrays, solar panels, power distribution systems, emergency power generation systems, fire alarm, and security systems design.

Wesley also has experience evaluating electrical needs through energy analyses and audits. He is experienced in contracting, project and construction administration, facility condition assessment, and the design of energy-efficient building systems. His previous experience includes designing electrical systems for new facility construction, renovations and repairs, maintenance, and feasibility assessments.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science, Architectural Engineering, 2014

REGISTRATION

Professional Engineer: KS, MO, TX

CERTIFICATION

Registered Communications Distribution Designer (RCDD)

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Kessler Mountain Regional Park
Fayetteville, AR

- Electrical Engineer for design of this master plan for the new park that covers approximately 200 acres and includes a splash pad, amphitheater, on-site wastewater treatment facilities, maintenance facility, parks and recreation office, paved and natural surface hiking trails, and road and utility infrastructure. The master plan was designed with a strong emphasis on low impact design.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Sea Center Hatchery Improvements** | *Lake Jackson, TX*
- **TMD Laredo Readiness Center and Field Maintenance Shop** | *Laredo, TX*
- **Shelter KC Men's Center Renovation and Addition** | *Kansas City, MO*
- **NMDMA Belen Readiness Center Renovation** | *Belen, NM*
- **Attain at Newton Multi-Family Complex** | *Norfolk, VA*
- **TxDOT Houston District Headquarters (DHQ) System Controls Upgrade** | *Houston, TX*
- **Lee's Summit Flex Spaces** | *Lee's Summit, MO*
- **ARDOT District 6 Headquarters Complex** | *Little Rock, AR*
- **Ebbing ANG New External Storage Area** | *Fort Smith, AR*



Ian Babcock, PE

GARVER

STRUCTURAL ENGINEER

Ian is a Structural Engineer with 18 years of diverse experience in structural design of vertical buildings and non-building structures, including serving as a Project Manager and Structural Engineer-of-Record to produce turn-key projects. His project experience spans a wide array of project types from new facilities to major structural modifications and retrofits using structural steel, concrete, wood, and masonry to meet code required for vertical and lateral loads.

Ian's skills include executing and coordinating structural design and detailing with other design disciplines throughout the design and construction phases. Additionally, he has managed project construction administration processes that included performing field observations, generating field reports, reviewing shop drawings and submittals, responding to RFIs, and attending QA/QC meetings.

EDUCATION

Graduate Studies, Structural Engineering, 2008

Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering (Structural Emphasis), 2006

REGISTRATION

Professional Engineer: AR, KS, MO, TX

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Kessler Mountain Regional Park
Fayetteville, AR

- Structural Engineer for design of this master plan for the new park that covers approximately 200 acres and includes a splash pad, amphitheater, on-site wastewater treatment facilities, maintenance facility, parks and recreation office, paved and natural surface hiking trails, and road and utility infrastructure. The master plan was designed with a strong emphasis on low impact design.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Athletic Fieldhouse Building at Heartland Christian Center (Sunshine Center)** | *Valparaiso, IN*
- **Crossover Community Center** | *Tulsa, OK*
- **ARDOT I-49 Welcome Center & Tourist Information Center** | *Gravette, AR*
- **Big Spring VAMC New Community Center** | *Big Spring, TX*
- **ARARNG New Fort Chaffee Readiness Center** | *Fort Chaffee, AR*
- **Tooele City Flex Spaces** | *Tooele City, UT*
- **TMD Laredo Readiness Center and Field Maintenance Shop** | *Laredo, TX*
- **Conway Corps New Operations Center Campus** | *Conway, AR*
- **Lee's Summit Flex Spaces** | *Lee's Summit, MO*



Brian Garvey, AIA, LEED AP

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ARCHITECT

Brian offers 20+ years of experience spanning all aspects of planning, design and construction. His portfolio of work includes a special emphasis on programming, facility master planning, condition assessments, feasibility studies and design of community parks, recreation and aquatic facilities. Facilities have included park structures, amphitheaters and open space, indoor and outdoor aquatic centers, multipurpose community recreation centers, civic centers, activity centers, and fieldhouses, among other amenities. Brian is accustomed to working with public entities and multi-disciplined teams to execute projects with demanding goals for stakeholder engagement, consensus, program, innovation, value, quality and sustainability.

In 2021, SFS completed a feasibility study for the City of Joplin exploring options for the future use of the aging Memorial Hall, including an extensive public engagement process. Following the feasibility study, SFS conducted a Costing Analysis in early 2024 which revealed a multitude of fatal issues with the building and resulted in recommendation of demolition.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Architecture, 2003

REGISTRATION

Registered Architect: AR, KS, MO

CERTIFICATION

LEED Accredited Professional

Certified Design-Build Professional (DBIA)

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- **Memorial Hall Future Use Study** | *Joplin, MO*
- **Memorial Hall Costing Analysis** | *Joplin, MO*
- **Joplin Parks Master Plan** | *Joplin, MO*
- **Blue Springs Parks Master Plan** | *Blue Springs, MO*
- **Parks & Recreation Master Plan** | *Kansas City, MO*
- **Parks & Recreation Master Plan** | *Manhattan, KS*
- **Parks & Recreation Master Plan** | *Liberty, MO*
- **Parks & Recreation Master Plan** | *Kirksville, MO*
- **Parks & Recreation Master Plan** | *Crestwood, MO*
- **Parks & Recreation Master Plan** | *Maryville, MO*
- **Parks & Recreation Master Plan** | *Lenexa, KS*
- **New Bietigheim-Bissingen Park** | *Overland Park, KS*
- **Maple Hills Park Improvements** | *Overland Park, KS*
- **Rising Star Park Improvements** | *Platte City, MO*
- **Legacy Park Amphitheatre** | *Lee's Summit, MO*
- **New Wilder Bluff Park** | *Shawnee, KS*
- **Lone Elm Park Improvements** | *Olathe, KS*
- **Strang Park Improvements** | *Overland Park, KS*
- **Shawnee Parks Improvements** | *Shawnee, KS*
- **Prairie Center Park Improvements** | *Olathe, KS*
- **Southeast Park** | *Garden City, KS*
- **Legends Rec Plex** | *Fulton, MO*
- **Heckart Community Center** | *Sedalia, MO*
- **Brewer Community Center** | *Wichita, KS*
- **Anthony Recreation Center** | *Manhattan, KS*
- **Eisenhower Recreation Center** | *Manhattan, KS*
- **Downtown Salina Fieldhouse** | *Salina, KS*
- **Olathe Community Center** | *Olathe, KS*



4 Experience and Qualifications



Experience and Qualifications

Garver provides a wide array of landscape architectural services from conceptual design through construction documentation and field inspection, including site planning, design, preservation and environmental restoration, and rehabilitation of the land and environment. Beyond landscape design, our diverse expertise includes site assessment, site and master planning, irrigation design, urban design, signage and wayfinding, sustainability, visualization, and constructive phase services.

Garver's landscape architects are passionate about your project and improving our communities. Our design professionals collaborate with planners, engineers, and other experts to craft **integrated designs that are compelling, resilient, and become community assets**. We will work closely with you to understand your goals, preferences, and budget, ensuring the final result reflects your needs and requirements. From concept development to project completion, we will guide you through every step of the process, offering **creative solutions and expert advice** along the way.

Garver's landscape architecture areas of specialty include park design and master planning, streetscape pedestrian paving, planting and amenities design; roadway landscape planning and design; sustainable design, LID, and LEED accreditation for site and landscape issues; low maintenance plantings; native and drought tolerant species; paving and plaza design; landscape site development of university, city, and medical and commercial facilities; landscape design for transit and transportation; park and trail planning and design; and wayfinding.

Our project experience is extensive, including parks, open spaces, bike and pedestrian trails, streetscapes, playgrounds, mixed-use, residential, retail, education, and military. With our **national experience and deep-rooted local expertise**, we offer creative and realistic solutions that are memorable additions to communities.

Client: City of Wichita

Naftzger Park Redevelopment

Wichita, KS



Completion
2020 (Construction)
2023 (New Turf)

Cost
$3.7M (Construction)
$170,000 (New Turf)

Garver served as a member of the design team working with the City of Wichita and a local development group on the redevelopment of Naftzger Park in downtown Wichita. Located between the Old Town entertainment district and the City's Intrust Bank Arena, local leaders envisioned the site as a key connection between the two locales and saw an opportunity to create a great outdoor gathering space.

The re-imagined 1.5-acre park abuts a new mixed-use building and features a large public lawn, performance stage, large LED screen, space for food trucks, a dog run, outdoor seating, a fountain, and landscaping. The large open lawn is split between natural grass and more durable artificial turf where more activities will be programmed by the City. Underneath the lawn is a large underground detention basin, which serves as relief for an overtaxed storm sewer system in the adjacent Douglas Avenue and collects a large portion of onsite runoff.

Garver evaluated several options with the City of Wichita before deciding upon a proprietary vault system based on its function, cost, ease of installation and ease of maintenance. Garver's site design scope of work included site grading and drainage, detailing of civil elements including pavements and technical detailing for custom site furnishings and design elements, on-street parking plan, and coordination with adjacent development project and City staff.

In 2022, Garver was hired to develop a plan to replace the park's natural grass with artificial turf, as extensive park use had made maintainnce of the grass an uphill climb. Garver landscape architects worked with park planners and the original designer of record, SWA Balsley, to develop a plan for new landscape and seating areas which respected the original park vision. The project includes 8,500 square feet of new artificial turf, additional shade trees, a new seating node, and detailing of a custom, concealed base for the City's holiday tree.







Client: City of Huntsville

MidCity District Redevelopment

Huntsville, AL

Completion
Ongoing

Cost
$2B (Est.)



At the 100-acre site of a former regional enclosed mall, MidCity is a transformational mixed-use redevelopment project that is turning the site into a dense urban center featuring new restaurants, retail, multi-family housing, open space, and entertainment options. The project is the 12th largest real estate project in the country. Garver is designing all public improvements on the site, including public utilities, the new roadway and trail network, streetscape, and parking facilities for the City of Huntsville. Garver is also contracted with the developer to provide survey and civil engineering services for the development parcels.

A focus of the redevelopment is to create a walkable neighborhood in which users can park their car or bike once and easily walk along comfortably designed streets. Garver designed over two miles of new, 2-lane urban roadways featuring on-street parking, wide sidewalks, bulb-outs, and on-street bike lanes. Garver is also providing design services for a new public parking facility being built to support a large, 8,000-seat entertainment venue planned for the MidCity development. Working with the City and the master developer, Garver prepared a streetscape concept document defining plant materials and planting schemes, paver types and colors, and intersection treatments.

Streetscape elements are themed by street and based on the scale and use of adjacent development blocks, including:

- As the spine of the new neighborhood, MidCity Drive will be lined with street trees in tree wells. MidCity Drive is capable of being closed for events, with the focus being The Point, a triangular public space in the middle of the development.
- Stax Street will be lined with retail and residential uses, while providing a clean and simple streetscape.
- Americana Trail is only one block long, but is an important connection between The Point and a planned community park.
- Makers Way will be lined with residential properties, so it is envisioned as a park-like setting. Lined with street trees in both tree lawns and planted tree wells, segments of the sidewalks meander in locations and become integrated with landscapes planned for adjacent residential development.
- Sanderson Street will be an extension of an existing City street and serve as a major gateway to MidCity. Differing paver colors are used to delineate path of travel for cyclists.







Client: City of Fayetteville

Kessler Mountain Regional Park

Fayetteville, AR



Completion
Phase 1: 2016
Phase 2: 2022

Cost
$13.07M
(Phases 1 & 2)

The master plan for the new City of Fayetteville park covers approximately 200 acres and includes eight tennis courts, eight soccer fields, eight baseball fields, six softball fields, four basketball courts, pavilion, playground, splash pad, amphitheater, parking, on-site wastewater treatment facilities, maintenance facility, parks and recreation office, passive and active recreation areas, paved and natural surface hiking trails, and road and utility infrastructure. The master plan was designed with a strong emphasis on low impact design and includes native plant materials, energy-efficient buildings and lighting systems, and water-efficient irrigation.

Phase I of the new park covers approximately 60 acres and involved site grading, utility and roadway design, environmental permitting, development of six soccer fields and four baseball fields, supporting concession/restroom site amenities, concrete walking trails connecting the new site features, on-site secondary wastewater treatment plant, and six detention ponds and one retention pond to accommodate a 100-year storm event. Garver provided field surveys utilizing radial topography methods; property surveys to determine right of way and easements; environmental permitting; hydrologic analysis of the drainage basins using HEC-HMS; schematic design, design development, and final construction document development for the civil/site, structural, and mechanical/plumbing design; and construction administration and observation for the project.

Phase 2 improvements consist of four new lighted baseball fields with artificial turf infields, along with an 1,800-SF central facility for concessions & restrooms, a 500-SF metal storage building, spectator bleachers with overhead canopies, two sets of 2-lane batting cages, a parking lot with landscaping and lighting, irrigation, and a sanitary sewer plant expansion. Garver also designed wayfinding and monument signage for the entire baseball facility, which was installed as part of Phase 2.







Client: Exploration Place

Exploration Place Site Improvements

Wichita, KS



Completion
Phase 1: 2024
Phase 2: Ongoing

Cost
Phase 1: $1.6M
Phase 2: $25M (Est.)

Garver has worked with Exploration Place since 2020 on a new vision for the site of the 20-acre riverfront science center in downtown Wichita. Early collaboration included work on the strategic planning committee to develop a roadmap and goals through 2026, the year after the facility's 25th anniversary. Site-specific elements of the strategic plan sought to re-imagine the site to take better advantage of its riverfront location; provide stronger connectivity to the surrounding neighborhoods; and utilize creative placemaking to create new spaces for adventure play, learning, and socializing on the site, all while ensuring the Moshe Safdie-designed building still takes center stage.

Garver was engaged by Exploration Place in 2021 to lead site visioning efforts. Garver conducted an all-day workshop with staff to discuss the project vision, explore peer and aspirational sites nationwide, and solicit input on the needs and wishes for various areas of daily operation. With staff direction, Garver documented current operational and maintenance challenges, neighborhood changes around the site, and opportunities for new visitor experiences. Using input from the workshop, Garver landscape architects prepared two site concepts for redevelopment, focusing on four main areas: reclaiming portions of an existing surface parking lot for riverfront open space opportunities, activating an underutilized plaza and event space, providing a better connection to the Arkansas River and surrounding neighborhood, and creating a destination playscape to replace an underutilized playground. Garver also worked with Exploration Place leadership to begin to develop the scale and scope of future destination playscape elements and opportunities to extend education programming outdoors.

In 2022, Garver worked with Exploration Place staff to select a playground vendor for the future destination playscape, and provided technical assistance on attaining a $1.5M grant from the Economic Development Agency for Phase 1 improvements. Garver is currently leading a multidisciplinary team on the development of Phase 1 plans, which includes the design of a new 11,000-SF riverfront amphitheater, a woonerf, pre-event space, improved connectivity to the riverfront and nearby attractions, and extensive landscaping to create an immersive natural environment for the community.







Client: City of Derby

Madison Avenue Central Park

Derby, KS

Completion*
2016

Cost
$7M



Madison Avenue Central Park was envisioned as a central hub for the Derby community, designed to host a wide range of year-round events, including the City's Christmas Tree lighting, local farmers markets, craft shows, and more. Spanning 10 acres within a residential urban district, the park offers a variety of amenities that cater to community gatherings and recreational activities.

Key Features

- **The Venue:** A 300-seat rentable 10,000-SF facility.
- **The Pavilion:** A 150-seat rentable space.
- **Splash Pad:** A water play area with a creative design and lighting.
- **ADA/Inclusive Playground:** Accessible play equipment with large artist component.
- **Amphitheater:** For live performances and events.
- **Pedestrian Bridges, Water Wall, and Walking Trails:** Enhancing the park's aesthetic and usability.

The park site is historically significant, having been the location of a former church and school. One of the existing buildings was repurposed into a multi-purpose facility that now serves as a wedding venue and community rental space.

Key Amenities

- **Play and Recreational Areas:** Including spray grounds, play equipment, park shelters, walking paths, and open fields.
- **Naturalization of Existing Features:** A previously unsightly drainage ditch was transformed into a natural creek environment through native plantings, footbridges, and outdoor classroom areas, evoking nostalgic memories of childhood adventures.
- **Parking:** The park features a 200-space parking lot designed with pedestrian safety in mind. Runoff from the lot is managed through a central bioswale that filters and cleanses the water before it is released into the park's intermittent stream.

Madison Avenue Central Park stands as a vibrant community centerpiece, blending modern amenities with natural beauty, and providing a versatile space for Derby residents and visitors to enjoy throughout the year.

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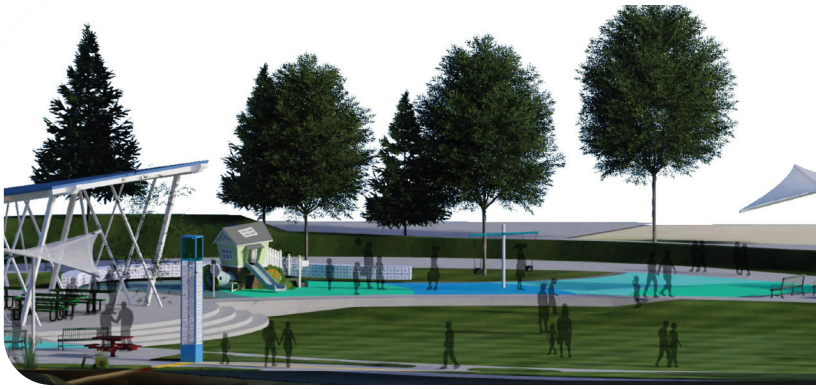
Client: City of Hutchinson

Grace Arbor Park

Hutchinson, KS



Completion*
2024 (Master Plan)

Cost
$1M (Est.)

The Grace Arbor Park project involved the redevelopment of a former high school site into a community park. This initiative was a collaborative effort between the City of Hutchinson, the adjacent Salvation Army, and the local Grace Arbor neighborhood. The design honors the history of the site and its significance to the community by marking the corners of the former school building with markers that feature descriptions of notable individuals who attended or were connected to the school. Additionally, colored concrete ribbons trace the paths where the building's walls once stood.

Key Features

- **Community Lawn:** A large, open lawn area designed for various community activities.
- **Multipurpose Shaded Structure:** A covered seating area that can also serve as a stage for events.
- **Playground Areas:** Two distinct playgrounds catering to different age groups.
- **Food Truck Parking:** Designated parking space for food trucks to enhance community events.
- **Strategically Designed Berms:** Berms are positioned to create windbreaks and offer privacy, while ensuring safety and visibility for law enforcement.
- **Walking Trail:** A walking trail encircles the park, promoting outdoor activity.
- **Stormwater Management:** Bioswales are integrated into the eastern side of the site to treat stormwater before it enters the storm sewer system.

This thoughtfully designed park serves as a vibrant community space, preserving the history of the site while providing modern amenities for residents and visitors.

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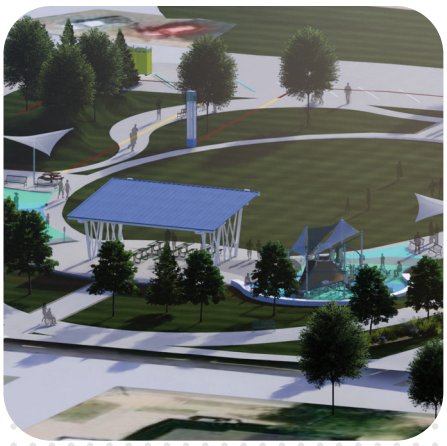

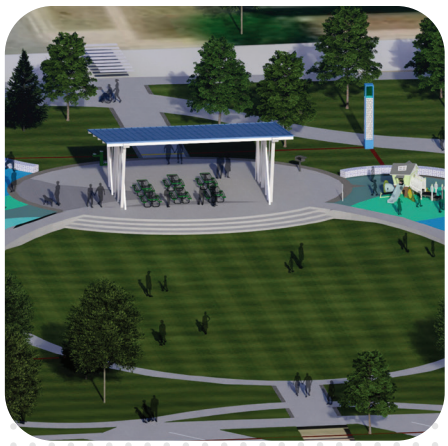



Client: City of Derby

Warren Riverview Park

Derby, KS

Completion*
2017

Cost
$4.1M



Warren Riverview Park is a distinctive 5-acre recreational site situated along the Arkansas River. The park features a rustic conceptual design and holds historical significance as former cattle crossing point for the community. Previously a public works site, the area required extensive soil remediation to address contamination issues before development.

As a key gateway for visitors entering Derby from the west, the park has undergone significant land transformation. The existing 16-foot cliff terraces have been reshaped to enhance river views and provide direct access to recreational amenities. The park's adventure playground boasts a custom ropes course, boulder climbing walls, and a towering pinnacle climbing structure reaching nearly 30 feet in height.

The park's lodge offers panoramic views of the Arkansas River, ideal for wildlife observation, and accommodates seating for approximately 100 people.

Awards and Recognitions

Warren Riverview Park has garnered recognition for its design excellence, including the APWA National Award for Small Cities Project of the Year in 2018 and the Prairie Gateway American Society of Landscape Architects Award in 2020. It was also featured in the January 2020 issue of Landscape Architecture Magazine.

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Client: City of Andover

Andover 13th Street Park

Andover, KS

Completion*
2024

Cost
$11M



The Andover 13th Street Park project involved providing comprehensive design and construction administration services for the development of a new park in Andover, Kansas. The scope included the complete reimagining and reconstruction of the park, with all original facilities and structures being replaced.

Key Features

- **Five New Ballfields:** Equipped with natural grass outfields, shale infields, netted backstops, and 250-foot outfields, all fully lit with advanced sports field lighting.
- **Walking Trails:** Over one mile of trails encircling the property.
- **Turf Conversion:** Transformation of traditional mowed turf areas into native turf landscapes.
- **New Concession/Restroom Facility:** Centrally located for convenience.
- **Dog Park:** A dedicated area for pet recreation.
- **Playground and Splash Pad:** The playground features a 40-foot tall custom central climber and offers a variety of play styles, including spinning, swinging, sliding, and climbing. The inclusive design ensures accessibility for children of all ages and abilities. The adjacent splash pad includes both flush-grade and above-grade water features, along with a large water-dumping bucket for added excitement.
- **Parking:** A new parking lot accommodating up to 200 vehicles.

The park serves as a community hub, catering to residents of all ages. The ballfields are designed primarily for recreational league play, while the integrated playground and splash pad provide year-round entertainment, with the splash pad transitioning to dry play during colder months.

The playground's design is enhanced by custom leaf-shaped shade structures, undulating turf berms, and vibrant ground patterns that unify the space.

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Client: City of Maize

Clair Donnelly Amphitheater

Maize, KS

Completion*
2023

Cost
$1.5M



The Clair Donnelly Amphitheater is a significant expansion of the existing City Park in Maize, Kansas. This project included the development of a new amphitheater, a flexible gathering space, audience and visitor amenities, and a memorial dedicated to former Mayor Clair Donnelly. The amphitheater was designed to be a versatile venue, accommodating a wide range of events from small gatherings and school band concerts to ballet performances and food truck rallies.

Key Features

- **Amphitheater:** A cost-effective, outdoor structure tailored to fit within the surrounding academy arts district, reflecting the district's creative spirit. The stage design is inspired by an outdoor cathedral, featuring translucent panels for creative lighting effects. The stage includes two wings that can be curtained off for side-stage preparation areas.
- **Amenities:** The site includes a separate green room with restrooms and storage, along with power pedestals to accommodate up to five food trucks.
- **Landscaping:** Two ponds were created both as aesthetic features and to provide the necessary earthwork for proper site elevation. Native grasses were used to complement the design and reduce maintenance requirements.
- **Capacity:** The site can accommodate up to 1,500 people for events.
- **Technical Specifications:** The project includes integrated theatrical lighting, a sound system, and aesthetic lighting throughout the site.

Awards

The Clair Donnelly Amphitheater project received the 2023 Project of the Year Award from the American Public Works Association in the small communities category.

****Project was completed by Project Manager Nick Staib at his previous firm***







Client: City of Derby

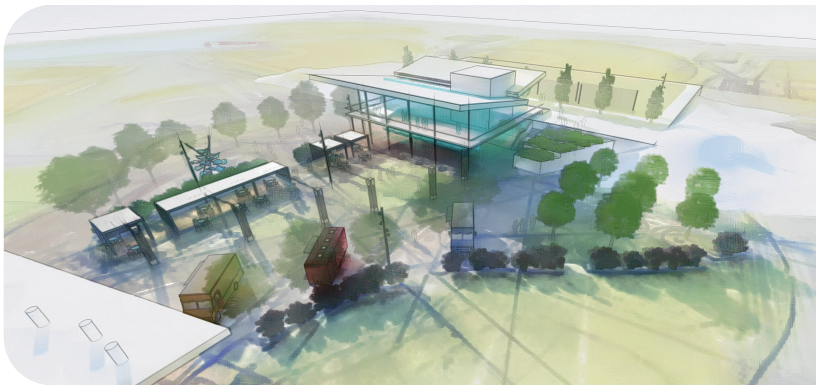
Decarsky Sports Park Complex

Derby, KS

Completion*
Phase 1: 2022
Phase 2: Ongoing

Cost
$27M (Est.)





The Decarsky Sports Park Complex is a premier recreational facility located on a 63-acre site west of Rock Road, midway between Chet Smith Avenue and 95th Street South in Derby, Kansas. The park's design includes eight state-of-the-art baseball and softball fields, a 3-acre dog park, and essential amenities such as parking, concessions, and restroom facilities.

A key feature of the park is the strategic field orientation, which maximizes sun exposure, enhancing the playing experience for athletes. Additionally, the design includes a central open space plaza, perfect for hosting various community events.



The project was implemented in phases, with Phase 1 completed and Phase 2 currently under design. A significant component of the project was community engagement, which involved public open houses and an active social media campaign to gather input and keep the public informed.

**Phase 1 was completed by Project Manager Nick Staib at his previous firm*









5 Methodology



Methodology

The following is an overview of Garver's design approach and methodology based on our understanding of the project scope of services provided in the RFQ and our professional experience. The final scope of work and schedule will be determined through discussion with the City of Joplin and the Garver Team to ensure this process meets the goals and expectations of the City.

Our collaborative approach is organized into five (5) phases, each with a milestone deliverable and/or approval to end the phase and benchmark deliverables or meetings throughout.

COLLABORATIVE DESIGN

At Garver, we employ a collaborative design approach, ensuring that experts from various disciplines are actively involved throughout the project. We believe in including all identified stakeholders in the design process, ensuring that the final product reflects the collective vision and needs of the community.

PHASE 1: Kickoff and Concept Confirmation

The concept design phase is pivotal in shaping the project's success. During this phase, key issues are discussed, and decisions are made that will significantly influence the project's functionality, quality, cost, and ultimate success. Our efforts in this phase will establish a critical path for the successful implementation of the project.

This project is unique due to its historic significance, with notable figures such as Johnny Cash having performed on-site, and its role as a memorial for those who made the ultimate sacrifice. While we have provided an initial design concept, it serves as a starting point. Our approach is to use this concept design as a starting point for a collaborative design process. Based on feedback from your stakeholder group and community, we will ensure that the design aligns with your recreational and budgetary needs. We believe it is essential to test multiple concepts, gather input from stakeholders, and reach a consensus on the best design approach for the park's expansion.

We propose that the kickoff meeting includes a review of the current concept plan, discussion of your needs, and an evaluation of the budget. During this meeting, we will validate the plan with you and prioritize elements based on your highest priorities, considering the final design and costs. Understanding your needs early is crucial; if value engineering, phasing, or adjustments are needed, we will integrate these into our design and material selections.

The end of this phase will result in a design report and a concept plan. This report will document the process and any revisions to the program. It will include details such as the total capacity, gross square footage of mixed-use space, architectural elevations, and site plans. Additionally, the report will feature a conceptual schedule, design and operational criteria, and a preliminary opinion of probable costs, culminating in a final recommendation.

PHASE 2: Schematic Design (30%)

In the schematic design phase, we will further develop the approved concept design, conduct additional site investigations, and refine the restroom building and site plans. Key activities will include:

- **Geotechnical investigations, including soil borings.**
- **Architectural services to develop façade elevations and options for the American Legion building.**
- **Structural design services for retaining walls, Memorial Hall façade upgrades, and a potential rentable pavilion.**
- **Mechanical and electrical design, addressing energy load requirements, conservation, heating and ventilation of the American Legion building, plumbing, drainage, and site lighting.**
- **Preparation of the final schematic design package for City of Joplin review and approval.** This package will include existing conditions, overall site plans, schematic utility and landscape plans, restroom architectural plans, MEP plans, and an opinion of probable costs.

PHASE 3: Design Development Phase (60%)

In this phase, we will continue to develop the schematic design documents, refining specifications and materials lists. We will:

- **Prepare detailed design development drawings, outline specifications, and descriptions for all required disciplines.** These will be submitted to the City for review and comment, and we will incorporate feedback into the documents.
- **Refine the project budget and schedule as needed.**
- **Attend and support the City at all relevant meetings with the community and council.**
- **Obtain City comments and incorporate them before progressing to the next phase.**

PHASE 4: Construction Contract Documents (90% and 100% Issued for Bid)

This phase involves documenting the final design solution approved during the design development phase. Detailed dimensions, material specifications, and systems will be outlined to produce documents suitable for regulatory review, bidding, and use as contract documents during construction.

QUALITY ASSURANCE / QUALITY CONTROL

Quality is integral to our process. Our Quality Control Policy guides the development of a formal Quality Control Plan (QCP) for all projects. The QCP includes internal procedures, schedule milestones, anticipated problem areas, and check-off lists. Nick Staib, our Project Manager, will personally oversee the QCP for this project.

For the Joplin Veterans Memorial Park project, Craig Leone, PE, CQM-C, will lead QA/QC efforts. Craig's extensive experience in leading multi-disciplinary site design for federal projects ensures thorough review processes, minimizing risks and ensuring complete construction documents for bidders.

PHASE 5: Bidding and Construction

This final phase marks the transition from design to project implementation. The public bid process will identify and select a general contractor, with the design team providing construction observation services and assisting the City in managing this phase. Key elements will include:

- **Bidding Process:** We will prepare and issue bid documents, participate in the pre-bid meeting, respond to bidder questions, assist in bid opening and review, and prepare bid tabulations.

- **Construction Observation:** We will conduct Owner, Architect, and Contractor (OAC) meetings weekly during construction, reviewing progress, schedule, and any contractor concerns. Regular inspections will coincide with these meetings, with our project manager or representative on-site for most of them. We will also review pay applications, submittals, and material mock-ups, and provide regular written construction progress updates.

- **Project Closeout:** We will perform a punch list walkthrough with the City and contractor post-substantial completion to verify compliance. Contractor-supplied documentation (warranties, care instructions, etc.) will be compiled and submitted to the City, and we will perform warranty inspections.

Primary construction administration tasks will be led by Project Manager Nick Staib, with support from designers of record for each project element. For instance, Daniel Lamberger, PE, our project civil engineer, will inspect site items such as grading and pavements, while our architectural team will inspect restroom building elements.

STAFFING

To address the project's fluctuating needs, we provide reliable resources and streamlined processes. We will meet with City staff to review the contractor's schedule, develop a preliminary staffing plan, and determine an initial scope of services for scheduling personnel. We will monitor the schedule and progress to identify when additional on-site resources are needed for oversight.

Garver is committed to providing inspectors and resources whenever necessary. Our inspectors, familiar with the plans and specifications and the contractor's approach, will be prepared to perform their tasks efficiently.

CONSTRUCTION QUALITY ASSURANCE

Maintaining a culture of quality is crucial for project success. Our internal Quality Control Plan (QCP) equips our inspectors with the necessary information and processes to address any issue. Pre-activity meetings will precede each critical work item, allowing us to communicate work plans, testing requirements, and safety issues, and promote value engineering options.

The contractor will hire a third party for compaction and materials testing, with results reviewed by the City and our project manager. Non-compliant work will be reported and remedied immediately.

SAFETY

Project safety is our top priority, and we will implement a traffic control plan in accordance with the MUTCD to maintain safety for all involved. On-site inspections will ensure compliance with contract plans and specifications, and we will anticipate and address potential issues early.

Community Engagement

GUIDING THE DESIGN

Public engagement is integral to the success of park projects. We provide our clients with the expertise, tools, and strategies to effectively communicate with constituents, stakeholders, and the public, ensuring the design reflects the community's input.

Our approach to community engagement is strategic and integrated into the design process, building trust within the community. We have extensive experience in engaging communities for park planning and design projects and will work with your staff and stakeholders to develop a custom engagement process that meets the project's needs and goals.

We understand the importance of listening to the community to ensure successful projects. Our philosophy for engagement is to build trust—in the people, the project, and the process. Promoting participation in public meetings may require strategic promotion, including website postings, social media campaigns, email blasts, and press releases.

This structured approach will ensure a thorough, responsive design process that meets the needs of the City of Joplin and its community while maintaining the highest standards of quality and safety throughout the project's lifecycle.

Funding Research and Support

IN-HOUSE EXPERTISE

Our in-house funding specialists are dedicated to helping you identify and secure the financial resources needed to bring your project to life. We assist in locating, evaluating, and pursuing grant opportunities across federal, state, local, and private sectors. This specialized knowledge is a key component of our full-service approach, ensuring that your vision can become a reality.

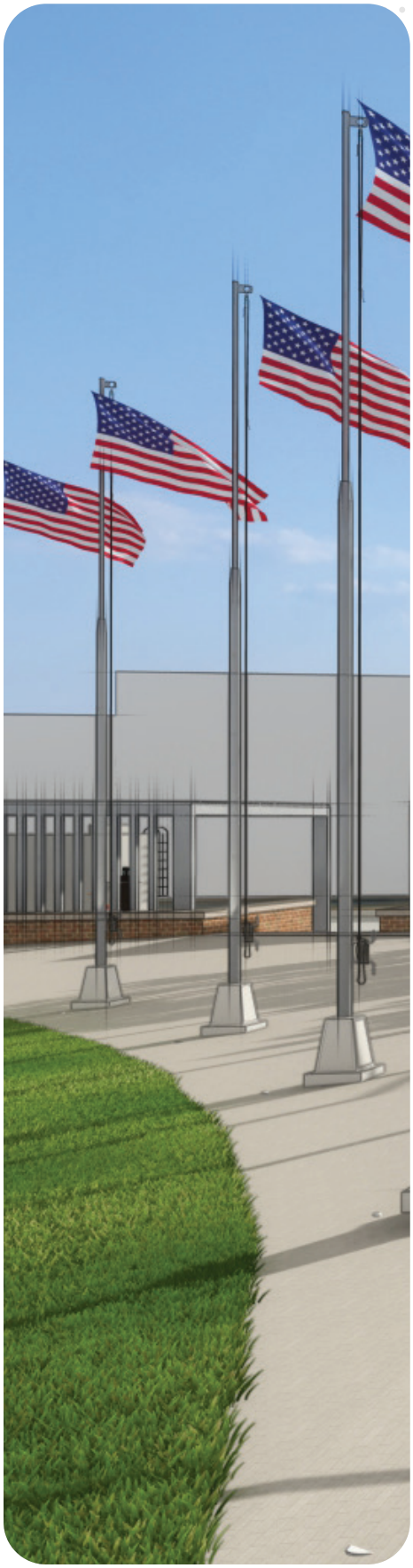
Park Design

INSPIRING LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

Imagine a park that not only meets the needs of your community but also inspires and uplifts. Great landscape architecture is about more than just creating spaces—it's about crafting environments that foster connection, evoke emotion, and reflect the unique character of the community. At Garver, we believe in the transformative power of well-designed parks. Our approach goes beyond simple aesthetics; we design parks that serve as vibrant community hubs, integrating natural beauty with functionality.

DESIGN LEADERSHIP

Envision turning your community park into a living, breathing space that brings people together. Designing such a park requires not only creativity and a keen understanding of the land but also deep listening to the community's needs and aspirations. At Garver, we pride ourselves on our comprehensive, in-house expertise in community development, planning, and site design. Our landscape architects, designers, and engineers work collaboratively throughout the entire design process, ensuring that every detail contributes to a cohesive and inspiring environment tailored to your community.



Project Vision and Approach

We are excited to present a concept design for your park, inspired by the rich history of the site and your vision to honor that legacy, particularly through the creation of a veterans memorial. **This proposal is not intended as the final solution but as a starting point for a collaborative design process.** Our goal is to engage in a dialogue, explore possibilities, and refine the design together.Whether certain elements resonate with you or the concept evolves into something new, the ultimate objective is to create a park that reflects the unique identity of your community and instills a sense of pride and ownership in its residents. This space will enhance quality of life, serve as a visual landmark for Joplin, and attract visitors from the surrounding region.The following description outlines our vision for the park, designed to help you understand our creative process. At the heart of our work is crafting meaningful experiences through design.



FLEXIBLE AND SCALABLE DESIGN

Understanding the importance of budget constraints, we offer a scalable plan that can be adapted to fit your financial framework. Whether implemented in phases or as a single project, we believe that good design does not have to come at a premium. This initial vision serves as a starting point; we look forward to working closely with you and engaging in public outreach to refine the park's design to best serve your community's needs.

SITE DESIGN OVERVIEW

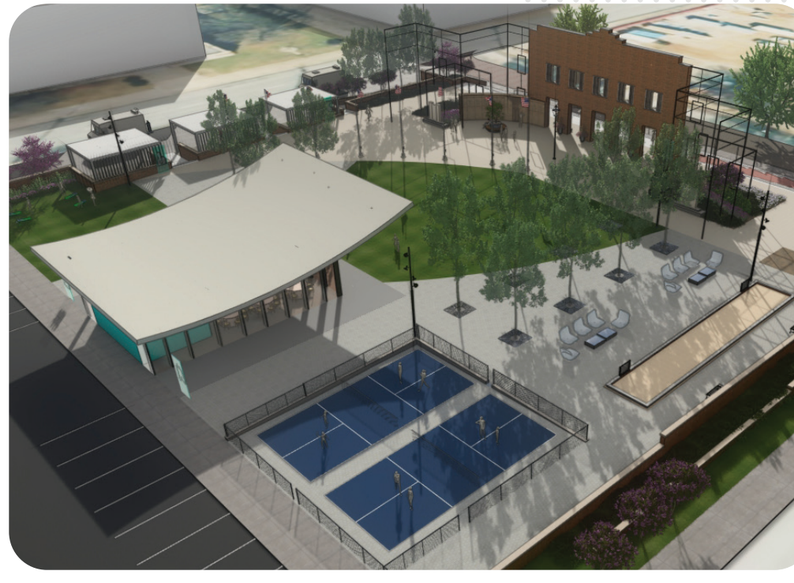
This concept design is divided into distinct zones, each serving different functions:

- **Pavilion/Events Lawn:** A versatile area for large events, such as military parades, while also catering to smaller groups.
- **Yard Games/Park Amenities:** Spaces designed for recreational activities.
- **Veteran's Memorial:** A solemn area separated from noisier activities to ensure a respectful environment.

Additionally, 8th Street can be closed during events at the Spiva Center for the Arts, creating a safe and inviting pedestrian connection between the two sites. The design also accommodates up to four food trucks and includes several shaded picnic pavilions.









LEGEND

1- RENTABLE VENUE/ AMERICAN LEGION FACILITY
2- OPEN AIR PICNIC SHELTER
3- EVENTS LAWN
4- PARKING FOR +-22 CARS
5- DELIVERY/ CATERING DROP-OFF AREA
6- FOOD TRUCK PARKING
7- CONNECTION TO CENTER FOR THE ARTS
8- “FACES” MEMORIALS
9- MEMORIAL HALL FACADE
10- GRAND STAIRCASE
11- RAMP ACCESS UP GRAND STAIRCASE
12- PARADE GROUNDS
13- ETERNAL FLAME
14- MEMORIAL WALL
15- KOREAN AND VIETNAM MEMORIAL
16- WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL
17- WALK OF FLAGS
18- FUTURE GULF WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL OR OTHER
19- PICKLE BALL COURTS
20- BOCCE BALL
21- LOUNGE STYLE SEATING AREA
22- CORN HOLE LAWN/ EVENTS LAWN

Pavilion Design

The pavilion is designed to serve dual purposes: as a rentable space for citizens and as a venue for the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). Key features include:

- Seating capacity for 70-80 people at tables.
- Storage space for American Legion materials and public restrooms.
- Glass windows with optional curtains for event privacy.
- Architectural elements inspired by the Memorial Hall stage, located where the original stage once stood.
- The pavilion can be phased in as funding allows.

Events Lawn

A large artificial turf lawn serves as both an activity and reflection area. It can also function as a parade ground for events such as Memorial Day and Flag Day.

Memorial Features

The memorial design pays tribute to the individuals who have graced the property over the years. Existing memorials currently inside Memorial Hall will be relocated to a new exterior memorial wall. Salvaged brick from the building will be used for retaining walls around the site. The pavilion's design and location honor the history of the Memorial Hall, including a wireframe representation of the original north-facing elevation.

CONNECTION AND DEVELOPMENT

The park is designed to connect with surrounding businesses and serve as a catalyst for development in the area. Shutting down 8th Street between Wall Avenue and Joplin Avenue during large events will enhance the connection between the park and the Spiva Center for the Arts.

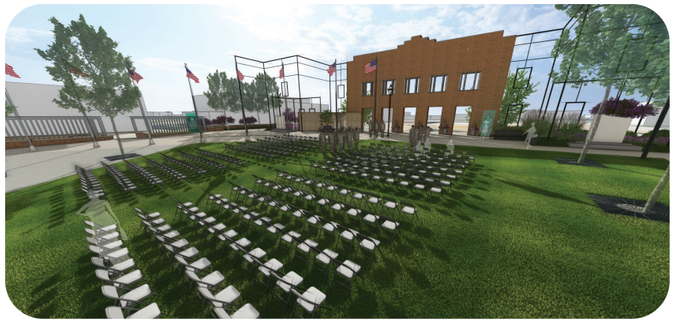
GOALS

Our primary objectives for this concept design include:

- Designing a park that honors the historical significance of the site.
- Creating an active, inviting space that draws people to the site and connects with surrounding businesses.
- Educating the public about the sacrifices made by veterans and others in the community.

We are eager to discuss this project in greater detail and work together to realize your vision for a park that will serve as a cherished community landmark.












6 References



References

As a client-oriented firm, Garver focuses its time and energy on delivering cost-effective services and customer care. We place an emphasis on customer service, and our attention to detail and strong work ethic results in exceptional projects and lasting relationships. Our staff works hard to maintain its reputation and strives for excellence.

In addition to Garver's project specific references, our Project Manager has provided references for his work. Our team encourages you to contact any of our references listed below to verify the quality of our work and our ability to coordinate and deliver your Veteran's Memorial Park project on time and within budget.



"MidCity District is a **significant addition to the urban fabric** of Huntsville and a notable project in the Southeast. RCP Companies have worked with Garver for over 5 years to **help us implement our vision** of a vibrant, walkable district for live, work, and play. Their landscape architecture team has **delivered time and again**, taking our concepts and ideas and translating them into **memorable outdoor spaces and streetscapes** that set MidCity apart and that people want to be a part of."

Phil Amthor, Development Manager

RCP Companies

REFERENCES FOR GARVER'S PROJECTS

Client: RCP Companies
PHIL AMTHOR, DEVELOPMENT MANAGER
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Project: MidCity District Redevelopment — Artemis Building, Huntsville, AL
At this 120-acre redevelopment project, Garver has worked on multiple urban parks and opens spaces for both RCP Companies and the City of Huntsville, ranging from 1/4 acre to 5 acres in size. The parks include detailed planting plans, outdoor seating nodes, specialized pavements, custom site furnishings and structures, outdoor lighting, and water features. One of the projects, Artemis Building, is a re-creation of a mill building ruin and will feature an open-air brick structure with reclaimed steel trusses which will be used for outdoor events and art displays. ***Phil Amthor served as the client's project manager for the entirety of the project.***

Client: Exploration Place
ADAM SMITH, PRESIDENT AND CEO
316-660-0660 | a.smith@exploration.org
Project: Exploration Place Site Improvements (EP2 Initiative), Wichita, KS
In 2020, Exploration Place began an ambitious plan to reimagine their 20-acre site and greatly enhance outdoor spaces. The Garver-led Phase 1 site improvements included design of a 1.5-acre riverfront amphitheater featuring a sloped artificial turf lawn, grand stairway, new lighting, and landscape. Phase 2, for which Garver is a subconsultant, involves the design of a 6.5-acre destination playscape, with multiple custom designed play areas, water features, landscaping, and other visitor amenities. Garver also provided grant writing assistance for a $1.2 million Economic Development Administration grant received for Phase 1. ***Victoria Mitchell served as the client's project manager for the entirety of the project.***

Client: City of Wichita, KS
TIM KELLAMS, PRINCIPAL PARK PLANNER
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Project: Naftzger Park Redevelopment (Phases 2-3), Wichita, KS
Naftzger Park is a 1-acre urban park in downtown Wichita, featuring an event lawn, stage, new landscape, a dog run, splash pad, and ample seating. Garver has worked on multiple projects at this location. Phase 1 was the reconstruction of the park to modernize it and make the space usable. Garver served as a subconsultant and provided civil engineering and assistance with detailing of custom site furnishings and pavements on site. Phase 2 included Garver-led design of an 8,000-SF expansion of the event lawn with artificial turf, design of additional seating areas with chess tables, and added shade trees. The current third phase of work includes Garver-led design of site improvements to accommodate a prefabricated restroom building adjacent to the existing dog run. ***Tim Kellams served as the client's project manager for the entirety of the project.***





REFERENCES FOR GARVER'S PROJECT MANAGER

Client: City of Derby, KS
STEVE WHITE, DIRECTOR OF PARKS
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Project: Madison Avenue Central Park, Derby, KS
This urban park project, set in a residential and commercial area, features a splash pad, amphitheater, inclusive playground, walking trails, and two rentable venues. The site holds historical significance as a former family farm and Catholic parish, with two preserved original trees as part of the design. Public outreach was a major component and influence in the design process. ***Robert Mendoza served as the client's original project manager. Steve White then served as the client's project manager for the second half of the project.***

Client: City of Hutchinson, KS
JUSTIN COMBS, DIRECTOR OF PARKS
620-899-3198 | justin.combs@hutchgov.com
Project: Grace Arbor Park, Hutchinson, KS
This project, located one block off Main Street in an urban setting, honors the site's history by marking the corners of the former school building with markers featuring descriptions of the many individuals that walked the property and attend the school. This project included several public outreach sessions to gain feedback from the community. ***Justin Combs served as the client's project manager for the entirety of the project.***

Client: City of Andover, KS
RICK LANZRATH, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES
316-733-1303 x416 | rlanzrath@andoverks.com
Project: Andover 13th Street Park, Andover, KS
This park serves as a community hub, catering to residents of all ages. The scope included the complete reimagining and reconstruction of the park, with all original facilities and structures being replaced. ***Rick Lanzrath served as the client's project manager for the entirety of the project.***

Client: Living Hope Church
JOHN MARRA, LEAD PASTOR
3913-592-5050 | pastorjohn@livinghopekc.org
Project: Living Hope Church Park, Olathe, KS
This privately funded and operated park in Olathe, Kansas features a range of amenities for all ages, including pickleball courts, a playground, splash pad, events lawn, walking trails, and a restroom facility. ***John Marra served as the client's project manager for the entirety of the project.***





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