ECOLOGY AND BEAUTY, FORM, AND FUNCTION: The Work of InSite Design Studio *Ann Arbor, MI*

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Established in 1994, InSite Design Studio is a landscape architecture firm devoted to the creation of spaces that are at once beautiful and functional, thereby enhancing connections between people, place, and environment. InSite offers creative solutions to diverse challenges through client engagement, strong technical skills, environmental sensitivity, and a keen eye for beauty.

InSite Design thrives in spaces where architecture, art, engineering, and garden intertwine. Stone, water, metal, earth, and plants become mediums for weaving story and meaning into landscapes of all scales. Principal Shannan Gibb-Randall approaches every project with an exploratory, adaptive design process that ensures a holistic understanding of client, site, community, and context. Deeply rooted in care for people and place, InSite's passion for landscape is carried with them from the early stages of inventory and analysis, through to construction and ongoing management—all in service to the achievement of good design.



Pittsfield Branch Library

The most popular part of the building hovers over the stormwater area, floating above the prairie. The naturalized areas are in high contrast to the surrounding carefully tended lawn where the sidewalks are located, allowing the inherent 'messiness' of the native planting via seed establishment to feel digestible.









Residential design showcases water management with native plants as a central feature, but orderly beds, fencing, stonework and careful native plant height management cue that the site is highly cared-for.



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