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## 13 Winners Announced in 2026 AIANY + ASLA-NY Transportation + Infrastructure Design Excellence Awards



Best in Competition winner East Side Coastal Resiliency (ESCR). Photo: Barrett Doherty.

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**NEW YORK, NY, May 7, 2026** — AIA New York and ASLA-NY, alongside AIA Austin, AIA Miami, AIA Los Angeles, and ASLA Illinois, are thrilled to announce the winners of the 2026 AIANY + ASLA-NY Transportation + Infrastructure Design Excellence Awards. Thirteen projects were selected by an independent jury of architects, landscape architects, and planners, with the Best



in Competition honor awarded to the East Side Coastal Resiliency (ESCR) project by Bjarke Ingels Group, Mathews Nielsen Landscape Architecture, Office for the Next Environment, and ONE Architecture & Urbanism.

The selected projects represent exceptional transportation and infrastructure work designed by registered architects, landscape architects, planners, and students. Each project was evaluated based on its commitment to sustainability, community engagement, and civic architecture.

“The jury chose to award Best in Competition to the ESCR project in acknowledgement of the transformational nature of the work,” said jury member Nicholas Pettinati, RLA, “and the significant impact it has had on Lower Manhattan communities as well as on the resilience planning and construction landscape in New York City and the region.”

This year, architects and landscape architects submitted 56 entries across five categories: Open Space, Planning, Projects, Structures, and Student Work; awards were conferred in all categories. Entries within those categories were eligible for recognition as Honors (the highest level of achievement), Merits (distinguished achievement), or Citations (exemplary achievement on specific project aspects).

Seattle’s Waterfront Park by Field Operations, LMN, Miller Hull Partnership, and Schemata Workshop earned the Honor award in the Open Space category for the expansive collaboration that took place over its 15-year creation process. “Set within the really breathtaking vista, across the bay with Mount Rainier [in the front] and the city [in the rear], this is really Seattle’s new front porch, supporting public access, civic programs, biodiverse habitat, and unique experiences,” said jury member Lee Altman, AIA, LEED AP. “Within this complex, and I’m sure very challenging process, the project team still emphasized the importance of working with local Indigenous communities to inform the design. They developed a mode of cultural storytelling to celebrate art as part of the public realm and reuse or reclaim materials that harken back to the maritime and industrial core of Seattle.”

In the Student category, Carnegie Mellon University Master of Architecture students Andrew Long, Ella Maxwell, and Rupal Singh won an Honor award for their Eco Scaffold: The Future of JFK proposal. “By establishing clear and ambitious parameters, the project was able to look beyond today’s technological realities and envision a truly inspiring and creative future for JFK airport,” said Pettinati. “Using a range of visualization techniques and supported by thorough ecological research, the project paints an irresistible picture of an innovative transportation future grounded in a restored and productive landscape.”

Award recipients were announced and celebrated at the Winners’ Event on Tuesday, May 5 via Zoom.



## JURY

**Lee Altman, AIA, LEED AP**, Principal, SCAPE Landscape Architecture DPC

**Cristina Ungureanu, AICP**, Mobility Corridors, LA Metro

**Jennifer McConney-Gayoso, AIA**, Principal, Studio Mc+G Studio Architecture Inc.

**Nicholas Pettinati, RLA**, Deputy Director of Urban Design, NYC Department of Transportation

**Lisa Storer, Assoc. AIA, LEED AP BD+C, SITES AP, ENV SP**, Senior Vice President,  
Architecture and Design, Austin Transit Partnership

## WINNERS

### Best in Competition

#### **East Side Coastal Resiliency**

Location: New York, NY

Designer: BIG—Bjarke Ingels Group

Landscape Architect: Mathews Nielsen Landscape Architecture

Architect of Record: Office for the Next Environment

Designer: ONE Architecture & Urbanism

### Open Space

#### **Honor**

#### **Seattle's Waterfront Park**

Location: Seattle, WA

Design Lead, Landscape Architecture, Urban Design: Field Operations

Restroom Architect: Hoshide Wanzer Architects + Interiors

Seattle Aquarium Ocean Pavilion, Architect: LMN

Café Pavilion on Overlook Walk, Architect: Miller Hull Partnership

Union Street Pedestrian Bridge, Architect: Schemata Workshop

#### **Merit**

#### **Presidio Tunnel Top**

Location: San Francisco, CA

Architecture and Facilities: EHDD

Design Lead, Landscape Architecture, Urban Design: Field Operations

## **Citation**

### **P.S. 306/M.S. 331 Climate-Adaptive Schoolyard**

Location: Bronx, New York

Landscape Architect: Studio HIP Landscape Architecture

## **Student Award**

### **Honor**

#### **Eco Scaffold: The Future of JFK**

Location: Queens, New York

Master of Architecture Candidates, Carnegie Mellon University: Andrew Long, Ella Maxwell, Rupal Singh

### **Merit**

#### **Re: Reasonable Modification Request**

Location: New York, NY

Master of Architecture Candidate, Yale University: Caroline Ho

## **Structures**

### **Honor**

#### **Penn Station East End Gateway and Long Island Rail Road Concourse Renovation**

Location: New York, NY

Architect: Skidmore, Owings & Merrill

Project Management, Communications, Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing, Structural Engineer

Below Grade, Vertical Transportation, Designer of Record: AECOM

Civil Engineer and Architect (Back-of-House): HNTB

Architect (NYCT Areas): Sowinski Sullivan

#### **Line 5 Eglinton**

Location: Toronto, Canada

Line-wide Architectural Lead: Arcadis

Associate Architect: Daoust Lestage Lizotte Stecker Benech

Associate Architect: DIALOG

Associate Architect: NORR



## **Citation**

### **Renfrew Bridge**

Location: Renfrewshire, Scotland

Lead Designer for the Movable Bridge: Hardesty & Hanover

## **Planning**

### **Merit**

### **Repairing the Innerbelt: A Playbook for Highway Removal in Post-Industrial Cities**

Location: Akron, Ohio

Planning and Urban Design (Local Partner): City Architecture

Planning and Urban Design: Sasaki

## **Citation**

### **Flatiron and NoMad District Plan: Linking Parks, Transit, and People**

Location: New York, NY

Planning and Urban Design: OSD (Office of Strategy + Design)

## **Projects**

### **Honor**

### **KlimaKover: An Adaptable, Autonomous Cooling Shelter to Mitigate Urban Heat**

Location: New York, NY

Architect and Sustainability Consultant: Henning Larsen

### **Memory Landscapes: Three Speculative Proposals for the Transformation of Japanese Tsunami Infrastructure to Public Space**

Location: Japan

Architect: Robert Hutchison Architecture

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