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Firm Profile

Brusseau Design Group, LLC is a well-established company that is headed up by Joseph Brusseau, RLA. With over 20 years of experience in park and recreation design, he brings a wealth of knowledge to your projects. Recently, BDG formed a professional partnership with W-T Engineering, Inc., a professional engineering firm specializing in Civil and

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John Comerio, CPRP, has recently joined the Brusseau Design Group, LLC team as principal. John has more than 30 years experience in state government as a senior level executive involved in conservation, environment and natural resource programs and policies.

During his career, John has won numerous awards, including the Fellow Award from the National Association of State Outdoor Recreation Liaison Officers in 1994 and the William Penn Mott Jr.

Award for Excellence from the National Society of Park Resources in 1997. We are thrilled to have John on our team as we continue to move forward.

Spotlight:
Timber Trails Park - Western Springs Park District



Timber Trails Park is a 5.18 acre park site located in the new Timber Trails subdivision in Western Springs, Illinois. The subdivision is currently under development. When completed, the park will include many amenities and facilities sorely needed by the Western Springs Park District.

Structural Engineering, Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing Engineering, Surveying, Aquatic Design and Engineering and Cellular Communications Infrastructure Design and Engineering.

The new partnership provides our clients with seamless consulting services for all aspects of park planning, design and development.

2007 IAPD/IPRA Conference

Brusseau Design Group, LLC would like to thank everyone for visiting us at the 2007 IAPD/IPRA Conference. We had a great weekend at the Hyatt Regency-Chicago and hope that we can be a part of your agency "Soaring to New Heights" in 2007.

Thank you from Booth 425!

Did You Know...

- During the second half of the 19th century, Frederick Law Olmsted completed a series of parks that continue to influence landscape architecture today. These parks include **Central Park** in New York City, **Prospect Park** in Brooklyn and the **Emerald Necklace park system** in Boston.
- The *US World and News Report* listed landscape architecture as one of the "Best Jobs to Have in 2006."
- The term 'landscape architecture' was first used by the Scotsman Gilbert Laing Meason in the title of his book, *The Landscape Architecture of the Great Painters of Italy* (London, 1828).



Proposed facilities designed by the Brusseau Design Group, LLC include a pavilion with restrooms and storage for park activities, summer camps and user groups; a multi-aged handicapped accessible playground; a native prairie observation area with interpretive signage; a game table area for chess and checkers play; a baseball field with a 60' base path and 210' radius outfield; a multi purpose athletic field for soccer, football and other fields games; a walk path system; a 25 space parking lot and landscape plantings.

Many community groups and organizations will directly benefit from this park development. The park will be completed in the Fall of 2007.

Prairie View Park - Morton Grove Park District



Prairie View Park is a community park and the location of the Administrative Offices of the Morton Grove Park District, as well as the Maine Niles Association of Special Recreation (MNASR). The Brusseau Design Group, LLC was hired to complete a

renovation of the existing playground that would not only serve residents of the area, but provide play opportunities and challenges for the children served by MNASR.

In addition to swing areas and several play structures, an area was designed to challenge and provide unique play opportunities for children with all abilities. An interactive sound bollard was incorporated in the design, which plays a variety of sounds when sensors in the rubber play surfacing are depressed. Play surfacing was a combination of engineered wood fiber and cast-in-place rubber surfacing, which was used to provide wheelchair access and to create a colorful theme with shapes and symbols.

Veterans Park - Skokie Park District



Veterans Park is a .28 acre urban park located along Lincoln Avenue in the downtown area of Skokie. The Skokie Park District envisioned the park as a passive space and also a gateway into the downtown area of Skokie.

Park improvements designed by the Brusseau Design Group, LLC included a central plaza area with an elevated arbor, seating areas and a sculpture. Low block walls with columns create entry points along Lincoln Avenue. Extensive landscape development was included in the project, as well as an irrigation system to maintain the landscape

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and floral displays. Landscape and accent lighting was included in the project to provide illumination for night time use and to accent the amenities and features of the park.

Veterans Park is enjoyed by the residents of the area and was dedicated as a tribute to Veterans and members of the armed forces.

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