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Situated on a sloping site in the Santa Lucia Preserve, an ecological preserve in Carmel Valley, this house is both responsive and respectful towards its environment in a community that emphasizes living in harmony with nature. The eastern side of the house burrows into the hillside while the west cantilevers dramatically over the falling topography below. Monolithic walls of board-form concrete and integrally colored plaster anchor the home to the site, while glass and natural materials such as cedar siding, walnut flooring and ipe decks provide a sense of lightness, serenity, and connectivity to the landscape. The unique shape of the roof is derived from both performance and context. From the exterior, the roof appears to be a simple shed roof. From the interior, however, the bottom of the roof is sculpted in response to the sun and to the quality and scale of interior spaces.

Key Team Members

Architects, Aidlin Darling Design

Principals, Joshua Aidlin, David Darling

Adrienne Swiatocha , Project Architect

Peter Larsen, Kent Chiang, Project Team

Carroll & Strong Builders, Inc., General Contractor

McBride Designs, Interior Designer

Bestor Engineers, Inc, Civil Engineer

Soil Surveys, Inc., Geotechnical Engineer

Daedalus Structural Engineering, Structural Engineer

Bernard Trainor + Associates, Landscape Architect

Eric Johnson Associates, Inc., Lighting Designer

Metro Eighteen, Low Voltage

Maureen Hamb Consulting Arborist, Arborist

Studio Becker, Kitchen Supplier

About the organization

Aidlin Darling Design bridges the demands of artistic endeavor, environmental responsibility, functional pragmatics, and financial considerations. As a multidisciplinary firm, we believe that innovations discovered through the process of design and construction can be applied to projects of any scale, use, or purpose.

Partners Joshua Aidlin and David Darling have cultivated a team that strives to deliver the highest level of project management, service, and design. Our approach is client and site specific, and questions conventional assumptions. A collaborative process with clients, consultants, fabricators, and builders allows an open and impassioned exploration and enables a clear understanding of appropriate solutions. In each project, we seek to uncover an inherent spirit of place and interpret constraints as catalysts for performative design. The individual character of each project emerges through poetic spatial relationships, material richness, and exacting detail.

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WRNS Studio

San Francisco's Tenderloin is the City's densest neighborhood, and most of its residents live below the poverty line in small apartments without access to green space. For decades, Boeddeker Park was riddled with problems. Attempts to address safety concerns had resulted in a maze of fences and visibility across the park was poor. Neighbors called it "Prison Park." In response, The Trust for Public Land, in partnership with the City of San Francisco Recreation and Parks

Department, teamed with WRNS Studio to redesign and completely rebuild the one-acre park and clubhouse to meet the needs of the community. The team conducted extensive community outreach, holding public meetings and forums at the site as well as at nearby youth centers, senior centers, and churches—wherever local people were likely to come. The result is a new landmark park and clubhouse that serves as a model of civic engagement, inspiration, resource conservation, and adaptability.

Key Team Members

Trust for Public Land / San Francisco Recreation and Parks
Department, Client

WRNS Studio, Architect

Daedalus Structural Engineering, Inc, Structural Engineering
Interface Engineering, MEP Engineering, Lighting

Sherwood Design Engineers, Civil Engineering

John Northmore Roberts & Associates, Landscape Architect of Record
Rutherford & Chekene, Geotechnical Engineering

The Trust for Public Land, Project Management, Landscape
Architecture, Cost Estimating

Swinerton Management & Consulting, Construction Manager

CLW Buildings, General Contractor

Matthew Millman, Photography