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## HILARY KINDER BERTSCH ELEVATED TO AIA'S COLLEGE OF FELLOWS

*Bertsch's expertise in transforming and revitalizing cities around the country includes Washington, DC's District Wharf*



Hilary Kinder Bertsch FAIA (Credit: Perkins Eastman)

**New York, NY (March 30, 2021)** Perkins Eastman congratulates Hilary Kinder Bertsch on her elevation to the prestigious American Institute of Architects (AIA) College of Fellows. This honor is awarded to members who have achieved a standard of excellence in the profession and have made significant contributions to the industry and society on a national level. Only three percent of AIA members are so distinguished.

Bertsch is an expert in the design of large-scale mixed-use developments, with a special focus on waterfronts and urban campuses. Over the past 30 years, she has demonstrated a commitment to creating memorable environments at all scales and places of lasting value that build upon existing assets and identities and connect to their larger physical, environmental, and cultural context to produce lasting value for communities and clients in both the private and public sectors.

Among Bertsch's most notable projects is the multiple award-winning District Wharf in Washington, DC, a mixed-use destination of 3.2 million sf that has restored the connections between the city and its historic, but forgotten, waterfront—creating an enduring, highly sought-after destination in the Washington Metropolitan Area. More than a decade in planning, Bertsch's leadership delivered the first phase to critical acclaim and she

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continues to serve as Principal-in-Charge on the final phase, construction of which is underway and anticipated to open in 2022.

Other projects of particular note include Canalside in Buffalo, New York, which celebrates the path of the historic Erie Canal as pools for a year-round destination, anchoring the development and recharging the city's waterfront; a master development plan for the Los Angeles Waterfront, one of the U.S.'s busiest and largest ports, that created a transformed, pedestrian-focused waterfront where maritime-related activities coexist with recreational and cultural attractions; and the Mayo Clinic Destination Medical Center, Minnesota's largest development project that is transforming Rochester's downtown skyline and streetscape into a global biotech hub.

Bertsch is a firmwide leader in Perkins Eastman's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion at all scales. She is a member of the Steering Committee for the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee, has been an instrumental part of its Women's Leadership Initiative since its inception, and is Co-Leader of its mentorship program.

In addition to her work across Perkins Eastman, Bertsch is well known for her public advocacy for the advancement and enhancement of design in cities. She continues to be deeply involved in the Urban Land Institute (ULI) and is a part of the Public-Private Partnership Council, as well as having served as an expert and faculty member for several years with the Daniel Rose Fellowship, partnering with local officials across the country on their local land use challenges.

Perkins Eastman announced last month that Bertsch will lead the firm's newly opened office in Austin, Texas.

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