

NIAGARA FALLS STATE PARK

location: Niagara Falls, NY

owner: NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation



Niagara Falls State Park, an icon of the American landscape and an international destination, had been neglected for decades. In an effort to restore the park to its appropriate status, the New York State Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation conducted a national search in 2000 for a team to redesign the central core of the park. The team of Hardy-Holzman-Pfieffer Architects, Trowbridge & Wolf Landscape Architects and Erdman Anthony Engineers was selected to redesign the observation tower and the surrounding Olmsted designed Prospect Park. Important components of the project included restoring the historic vision of the Olmsted and Vaux landscape plan, clarifying circulation, and establishing a vocabulary of site furnishings within the context of an historically significant landscape that experiences intensive use.

TWLA has continued a productive relationship with the Niagara Falls State Parks. Most recently, TWLA has been contracted to develop a master plan for incorporating sustainability strategies into the design and management of the park.

