

FIRM PROFILE



GWWO is an award-winning architectural practice focused on client service and design excellence. A full-service firm located in Baltimore, Maryland, we specialize in providing services for cultural and educational facilities with an emphasis on quality design that is both inspirational and evocative. We cultivate and maintain enduring relationships with our clients by providing a broad array of expanded services. Our experience spans forty years and includes many award-winning efforts.

GWWO has completed projects throughout the Eastern United States and the territories. The firm's size – approximately 35 staff, including fifteen registered architects – lends itself to a “hands-on” atmosphere in which the principals are deeply involved in client service and project management.

We offer a broad array of expanded services. GWWO offers services to assist clients from the first conceptual stages of development through final design and construction. Our services, which are tailored to the individual needs of each client, include:

- New Construction, Addition, Renovation & Adaptive Reuse Design
- Site Selection Studies
- Feasibility Studies
- Space Planning and Programming
- Facility Assessments
- Master Planning
- Sustainable Design/LEED Certification
- Preparation of Fundraising Materials
- Construction Administration
- Post-Construction Services

We work in partnership with our clients. GWWO believes that the best designs evolve from a collaboration of user, owner and designer input. We work in partnership with our clients to develop individualized design solutions that respond to each project's unique needs and goals. For us, a project is not successful simply because it wins an award or is praised by architectural critics. Rather, we think that the most successful projects are those that work for the users – in form and function. We strive to embody the mission and spirit of each client's organization in our designs and to create facilities that are equipped to meet user needs today, while being flexible and adaptable to meet future demands.

SUSTAINABLE DESIGN PRACTICES



GWWO is committed to meeting the challenges of the future through design decisions today. The firm has been incorporating environmentally sensitive design strategies into our work since our founding – our focus is on providing for *less* consumption and environmental impact and *more* efficiency, savings and sensitivity. We see the benefits and possibilities of sustainable design as limitless. From enhanced building durability and occupant comfort to energy and water savings and reduced site impacts, opportunities to positively contribute to our environment through design are always present.

Significantly, twelve of the firm's senior personnel are LEED™ Accredited Professionals and we recently designed one of the State of Maryland's pilot projects for green design – the new Gunpowder Falls State Park Hammerman Area Services Building, designed to achieve Silver LEED™ Certification.

Nature Center, Environmental Education & Visitor Center
40 Years of Design Excellence



*Peterson Urban Wildlife
 Refuge Education Center*

Russell W. Peterson Urban Wildlife Refuge, New Education Center, Wilmington, DE. New 13,000-SF Education Center, including indoor and outdoor exhibits, ecology and computer lab, multi-purpose room, resource center, offices and support spaces. Site improvements also include a new pedestrian bridge, boat/canoe storage building and dock.

Irvine Nature Center, Owings Mills, MD. New facilities on a 116-acre wooded site, including a new Nature Center building for educational programs, exhibits, classrooms, administrative spaces and storage, as well as a free-standing pavilion for outdoor activities. Designed to integrate with and respect the surrounding environment, the new facility will incorporate sustainable design elements and indigenous materials.



Irvine Nature Center

Killens Pond Nature Center, Felton, DE. Master planning and design for a new nature center, including exhibition areas, classrooms, conference & meeting facilities, and office & administrative facilities. Sited on an elevated slope overlooking the pond, the facility will incorporate sustainable design elements to the maximum extent possible and will seek Silver LEED Certification.

George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate & Gardens, Mount Vernon, VA. Master planning for George Washington's historic estate, renovations and additions to the Mount Vernon Inn to expand food service and retail facilities and design of a new 30,000-SF Orientation Center and new 40,000-SF Education Center and Museum. All designs are carefully organized so as not to intrude upon the 18th Century character of the historic setting.



*Homestead National
 Monument Heritage Center*

Homestead National Monument of America, Beatrice, NE. Design of new 10,600-SF Heritage Center that will house a museum to tell the Homesteading story, serve as a repository for the Homestead records and preserve agricultural equipment of the Homestead era. The facility will include interpretive exhibits, curator facilities, collections storage, retail facilities, administrative areas and visitor support facilities.

Iron Hill Museum Learning Center, Newark, DE. New facility, including reception and orientation facilities, exhibits, museum/learning labs, classrooms, offices, library and support spaces. Situated within a wooded site adjacent to an old iron mining site, the new facility will be designed to minimize site impact and to reflect the indigenous forms and materials of the region, and will seek Silver LEED Certification.



*Everglades National Park
 Visitor Center*

Everglades National Park, Visitor Center, Homestead, FL. New 8,000-SF visitor center, which serves to orient and educate visitors about the park environment, including an orientation area, theater, presentation room, bookstore and both interior and exterior interpretive exhibits. Keeping with the park setting, the building was designed to integrate with the surrounding environment, including incorporation of indigenous design forms, materials and plantings.

Selected Additional Clients

40 Years of Design Excellence



College & University

- McDaniel College, Westminster, MD
- Bowdoin College, Brunswick, ME
- Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD
- Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD
- Shepherd College, Shepherdstown, WV
- Towson University, Towson, MD
- Washington College, Chestertown, MD
- College of Notre Dame of Maryland, Baltimore, MD.
- Montgomery College, Gaithersburg, MD
- Princeton University, Princeton, NJ
- Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, VA
- University of Maryland System, MD
- Loyola College in Maryland, Baltimore, MD
- Bowie State University, Bowie, MD
- Coppin State University, Baltimore, MD



Primary & Secondary Education

- Baltimore County Public Schools, MD
- Baltimore City Public School System, MD
- Hannah More School, Reisterstown, MD
- Shorehaven School, Elkton, MD
- Garrison Forest School, Brooklandville, MD
- Montgomery County Public Schools, MD
- Calvert County Public Schools, MD
- Harford County Public Schools, MD
- Anne Arundel County Public Schools, MD
- Carroll County Public Schools, MD
- Glenelg Country School, Glenelg, MD
- Wilmington Friends School, Wilmington, MD
- Calvert School, Baltimore, MD



Theater-Arts

- Daniel Z. Gibson Performing Arts Center, Washington College, Chestertown, MD
- Boulevard Theater, Salisbury, MD
- Children's Theater of Maine, Portland, ME
- Hagerstown Visual & Performing Arts Center, Hagerstown, MD
- The Arts Centre, Martinsburg, WV
- Delaware Center for the Performing Arts, Wilmington, DE
- Center Stage, Baltimore, MD
- Performing Arts Center, Montgomery College, Rockville, MD
- Alexander Hall, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ