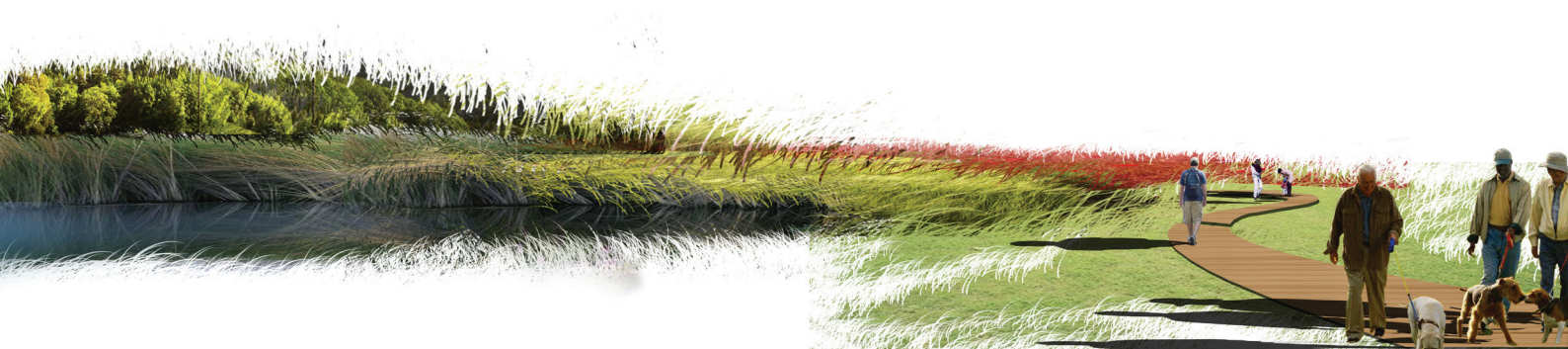


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Landscape Architecture



“I have had the beautiful gift of watching her with pencil in hand, as she pulls energy from the lines on the paper and adds her own lines of intentional energy, intuitively bending lines of force to shape the materials of the earth, creating connective tissue between the city, architecture and the landscape”

Ass.Architect Eric Schall | Skidmore, Owings & Merrill

I believe A STRONG DESIGNER MUST BE ABLE to execute her vision on every scale.

Grown up in the Lombardy Prealps region of Italy, I am the daughter of a land surveyor and a gardener. Since the youngest age I have been exposed to different scale of landscapes and, all my studies, travelling and especially my international work experiences brought me literally around the world, from Europe to America, to the Emirates till Asia.

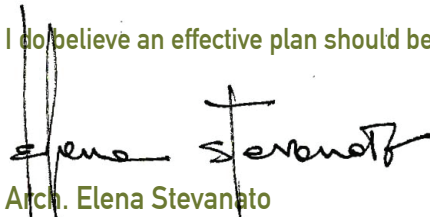
My studies in Architecture with specialization in Urban Planning at the Polytechnic of Milan (Italy) brought me the experience in designing large open spaces, mostly at a regional scale and in different natural habitats. Successively a Master in Landscape Urbanism at the University of Illinois at Chicago (USA) trained me to deal with the landscape at an urban scale, dealing with abandoned industrial areas and urban voids, using landscape as a way to “stitch” damaged or abandoned sites to the rest of the city. Finally a specialization course in Landscape Design and Horticulture at the L’Ecole Nationale Supérieure du Paysage of Versailles (France) added to my already vast training, a better understanding of the smallest scale of projects, the detailing and the real construction, and a particular sensibility to Land Art as form of contemporary landscape architecture.

All my trainings were always side by side to rich and fulfilling professional experiences in Ireland first and then United States of America and France. Being and Associate for the department of Urban Planning at Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, gave me the great opportunity of focusing on the design of entire landscapes for new cities in China and in the Emirates. In many cases it was like designing on “white canvas”, sculpturing the land, creating topography that didn’t exist as much as working with the existing natural conditions. I have also had the chance to collaborate with teams of people specialized of one of the most challenging and important side of my profession: the sustainability in the landscape design.

Another important aspect of my professional experience is that I have always been exposed to the collaborative work with different teams of specialists from diverse disciplines who come together to provide a more complete and solid design for every project. My knowledge of languages, Italian, English and French allows me to communicate and collaborate with designers from all around the world and I consider my self a self standing designer as much as good team member.

My interest in every aspect of the landscape, from the broad circulation patterns among a city’s carefully positioned pocket parks, to the smallest plant specimen in a skyscraper’s interior courtyard, drives my approach and my personal design philosophy. Thus, the first phase of my design process is intensive research. I spend hours at the site, talking notes, photographing, observing, knowing the history of the site, mapping the existing elements on the ground and how it relates to the people within and around its area. I seek to find how everything is interconnected around a site, and to develop a design or plan that further articulates these connections. Often, this drive for connection determines the form a plan takes, at every scale.

I do believe an effective plan should be visible from above and sensible to the man on the ground.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elena Stevanato'. The signature is written in a cursive, fluid style. To the left of the signature, there are three vertical lines of varying lengths, possibly representing a stylized logo or a decorative element.

Arch. Elena Stevanato

# ARCH. ELENA STEVANATO

## Landscape Architecture

## EDUCATION

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, ECOLE NATIONALE SUPERIEURE DU PAYSAGE  
VERSAILLES, FRANCE | 2010  
MASTER IN ARCHITECTURE SPECIALISED IN LANDSCAPE URBANISM, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO  
CHICAGO, USA | 2003  
BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURE POLYTECHNIC OF MILAN  
ITALY | 2000  
HIGH SCHOOL OF ART  
BRESCIA, ITALY | 1993

## PRIZES

PREMIO LAVINIA TAVERNA 2012

## EXIBITIONS

QUI SCANDINAVIA DESIGN, MARCHENO (BS), ITALY | 2013 - ON GOING  
FRANCIACORTA IN FIORE, CAZZAGO SAN MARTINO (BS), ITALY | 2012

## WORK

**ARCH. ELENA STEVANATO | Landscape Architecture**  
GARDONE VAL TROMPIA (BS), ITALY | 2009

**MOENA'S PARKING STRUCTURE, MOENA, ITALY | 2013 | COMPETITION**

A 6 stories parking (9250 m<sup>2</sup>) for the city of Moena, will accommodate 250 cars for residents and tourists. The extension of each parking level will become a flourished terrace on the surrounding landscape. All of the species are local or typical of the mountain habitat and the seasonal blooming will assure colored terraces all year around. A system of small paths will allowed walks through the colored terraces

**PRIVARE TERRACE | 01, BRESCIA, ITALY | 2013**

Design concept for 100 m<sup>2</sup> of a terrace in the city center of Brescia. A system of "3 outdoor rooms" will create space for outdoor dining, relaxing and playing area.

**ORTICOLA GARDEN FESTIVAL 2013, MILAN, ITALY | 2013**

Design for a small garden within the Orticola Garden Festival for the 2013 edition. A small garden designed on the theme of shade, located under the canopies of old trees of the Indro Montanelli Park, in Milan downtown.

**MITIGATION STUDIES, MORBEGNO, ITALY | 2013**

Landscape Consulting on behalf of Policreo Srl for landscape aspect of an area next to the street SS38 in the Valtellina valley. Taking inspiration by the traditional "heroic vineyards" the proposal will transform the existing hillside on a vineyards run by local botanical school and associations for the promotion of ancient and rare grapes. The study also propose a more traditional approach of mitigation with local bushes and trees.

**NEW WATERFRONT OF MARINA DI CARRARA, MARINA DI CARRARA, ITALY | 2012**

Landscape Consulting on behalf of Policreo Srl for the preliminary project for the architectural and landscape redevelopment of the connection between the city and the new waterfront.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY FOR THE NEW CISPADANA HIGHWAY, ITALY | 2012

Landscaper Consulting on behalf of Policreo Srl for the environmental impact of the New Cispadana Highway, 210 ha of green areas next to the new 65 km of the new infrastructure.

## FRANCIACORTA IN FIORE GARDEN FESTIVAL, CAZZAGO SAN MARTINO, ITALY | 2012

A 5X5 m pavillion with a metal frame and entirely ermined by pine wood, a small place for exposing the work of the landscape Architect Elena Stevanato, but easily converted in other uses.

## MAGNOLIA PRIME PHASE 02, PUNE, INDIA | 2012

Located in a new developing area of Pune, the 3000 m<sup>2</sup> garden of a residential development will have to accommodate different functions: a clubhouse that faces the garden through a terrace and a reflection pool that will transform in a waterfall, a 300 m<sup>2</sup> loan framed by small trees in planters, a raised platform that will host special events, a playground for the kids resident in the buildings. The garden is surrounded by a light pergola and a shaded walk for the hot season use of the garden.

## CHANDARA' SRESIDENCE, SATARA, INDIA | 2012

Design concept for a 3000 m<sup>2</sup> private garden. Designed one main path all along the entire propriety, will find 5 different zones, all directly connected with the villa. From the formal one to host parties, to the most proivate one for family gathering.

## PROTECTIVE STRUCTURES FOR CONSTRUCTION SITE OF NIZZA NEW SUBWAY, NIZZA, FRANCE | 2012

Landscaper Consulting on behalf of Policreo Srl: Preliminary design for protective structures for the future construction of the subway in Nice.

## "ARK PARK" FOR THE CITY OF SALO', GARDA LAKE, ITALY | 2012

Master Plan for a 7 kilometers park that will connect the lake front of the city of Salò to the Regional Park of "Alto Garda". The park will be composed by a system of small private parks, all linked by a main public path and a network of small trails.

## PRIVATE GARDEN | 01, BRESCIA, ITALY | 2011

Master Plan of a residential garden of 6000 m<sup>2</sup> located on the hill side of Brescia. On 4 different terraces on a change level of 25 m, the garden has been divided in 9 areas designed for been built one at the time.

## SOLITARE TERRACE, PUNE, INDIA | 2011

Ideas for 60 m<sup>2</sup> of a terrace with double height in a new emerging area of Pune. A shaded area for outdoor dining, a zone for relaxing with presence of water and a system of planters for lush vegetation.

## STORAGE STATION FOR NATURAL GAS, BORDOLANO, ITALY | 2011

Landscaper Consulting on behalf of Policreo Srl: Preliminary design for an intervention of mitigation becomes an opportunity to revise the traditional concept of mitigation in a more contemporary way, assigning to the green buffer also the goal to become a public place for the community of Bordolano.

## ALPINIST'S GRAVESTONE, GARDONE VAL TROMPIA, ITALY | 2011

Design and construction of an alpinist's gravestone landscape. Only one plant picked on the local mountain, will create a green carpet and will bloom in the summer time creating a white cloud made by thousands of small flower.

## PRIVATE GARDEN | 03, GARDONE VAL TROMPIA (BS), ITALY | 2011

Design concept for 100 m<sup>2</sup> of a private garden in the village of Gardone V.T. with the necessity to create more shade on the outdoor dining area. Shade through the use of trees instead of metal shading structures.

## MAGNOLIA PRIME PHASE 01, PUNE, INDIA | 2010 - 2011

Design concept fro a 3000 m<sup>2</sup> private garden for a new development in Pune, India. The garden is composed by a system of four green rooms, that will change from vibrant and active to a contemplative place for the residents.

## SKIDMORE, OWINGS & MERRILL LLP, DIPARTIMENTO DI URBAN PLANNING E URBAN DESIGN CHICAGO, IL, USA | 2004-2009

### TANGGU TRAIN STATION, TANGGU, CHINA | 2009

Master Plan for 17 hectares in the heart of the city of Tangu. The park will surround a new train station for the TGV and Subway. The norther part of the park will be contemplative and natural, and the souther part will be more formal and more urban.

### JUMEIRA GARDENS, DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES | 2009

Master Plan for various amenities oriented towards creating a transportation center for world-class business, neighborhood mixed-use high quality on the islands and a continuous public promenade.

### CHICAGO 2016 OLYMPIC BID MASTER PLAN, CHICAGO, IL, USA | 2009

Coordinating architect and master planner for Chicago's 2016 Bid Committee. The proposed master plan emphasizes an urban, compact, lakefront-centered games, with the majority of competition venues located within 15 minutes of the 77-acre Olympic Village.

### CITY OF NEWARK MASTER PLANNING, NEWARK, NJ, USA | 2008

Master planning services for various communities in Newark for over 30 years. SOM has provided the framework to help transform Newark into a vibrant, cultural center with focus-area action plans for six districts.

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### **MASTER PLAN FOR NEW CITY CENTER OF CHENG DU, CHENGDU, CHINA | 2008**

Ideas for a contemporary landscape around mixed use towers in the city centre of Cheng Du. With separate entrances for Retail and offices, the public ground will be stitched by fluid landscape.

### **NORTH BUND JINGANG PLAZA SHANGHAI, SHANGHAI, CHINA | 2008**

Generate a "window to the city". The iconic development at Jingang Square linked with the Riverfront Park and Cruise Ship terminal development will become the focal point of the emerging North Bund district. The Central plaza and the roof garden will function as a node providing access and connections between the retail shops, offices and hotels.

### **ABU DHABI NEW FINANCIAL CENTER, ABU DHABI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES | 2008**

City of a new island outside the Abu Dhabi city centre. In the southern side of the island the development will provide a business and university core connected to a transit hub for a high speed rail. Residential and leisure will be located on the northern side of the island. The island is designed maintaining and restoring an existing mangroves area.

### **VALENCIA DEL MAR, VALENCIA, SPAIN | 2007**

Valencia Del Mar, Design competition for planning of facilities and their surrounding area for the 32nd annual America's Cup.

### **MASTER PLAN FOR THE NEW CITY CENTER OF SHAOXING DI DANG, SHAOXING, CHINA | 2007**

Master plan for a new city center for the city of Shaoxing. The project proposes a new dynamic, functional and easy to access commercial center: the new project will link the old part of the city of Shaoxing to the new commercial hub.

### **BAHRAIN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PARK, BAHRAIN, KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN | 2007**

A Master Plan for a place of invention, innovation and advancement. The parc is organized around district neighborhoods. Neighborhoods are grouped to form "the nuclei" that are based on reasonable and comfortable walking distances in a desert environment. The nuclei are then grouped to form a larger park.

### **HUDSON EXCHANGE DEVELOPMENT, JERSEY CITY, NJ, USA | 2007**

A vision for a residential tower's deck on the waterfront of Hudson River. The deck will provide a landscaped area for the residents with and a swimming pool maximizing the views of the skylight of Manhattan.

### **MASTER PLAN OF WUHAN WANGJIADUN, WUHAN, CHINA | 2006**

Master plan of 7 square kilometer in the city center of the neighborhood of Hankou, Wuhan. The area will become the new commercial center of the city. The plan will merge the natural elements of the park and the dynamic aspect of a commercial center.

### **NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, CHICAGO, IL, USA | 2006**

Idea for a green roof over an underground car parking (500 cars) in the heart of the Campus of Northwestern University. The new park and simple elements in the landscape will create but a gathering place for students and faculty members.

### **INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTER OF PING AN, SHENZHEN, CHINA | 2006**

The landscape of the site combines the concept of the pedestrian path through the project and the local agricultural tradition. The result is a tapestry of colors and textures that embraces and enhances the movement of people making the site dynamic within the city.

### **GENOME LAB BUILDING, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, NC, USA | 2006**

Idea for a roof garden of one of the new buildings of the university Chapel hill. The roof will host a green house and a prairie of native grasses. Not open to the public, will be become a refuge for native birds.

### **LOS ANGELES RIVER, LOS ANGELES, CA, USA | 2005**

Competition entry for a master plan project that looks to create an urban plan for the redevelopment of a series of sites along Grand Ave in downtown Los Angeles.

The project includes planning for retail, cultural, and residential uses, and includes the revitalization of the large Civic park.

### **GREEN CORRIDOR ALONG CHONG QI HIGHWAY, SHANGHAI, CHINA | 2005**

Landscape and conceptual design for the 30 kilometers Highway of Chong Qi and the ecological area crossing the island of Chongming. The Highway will have to be completed in 2010 for the World exposition. The green corridor will link the island with the city of Shanghai through a tunnel and the Yangtze bridge.

### **VISION FOR NORTHERLY ISLAND, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS USA | 2005**

In April 2005 engineers, architects, and park representatives formed an expert panel to create a master plan for Northerly Island on Lake Michigan. . Creating two distinct island environments, this master plan proposed natural lake shore dunes and wetlands on the south region, and active public uses on the north region. Los Angeles River, Competition entry for a master plan project that looks to create an urban plan for the redevelopment of a series of sites along Grand Ave in downtown of LA. The project includes planning for retail, cultural, and residential uses, and includes the revitalization of the large Civic park.

### **GRAND AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, USA | 2005**

A master plan project that looks to create an urban plan for the redevelopment of a series of sites along Grand Ave in downtown Los Angeles. The project includes planning for retail, cultural, and residential uses, and includes the revitalization of the large Civic park.

### **SHAOXING DI DANG NEW TOWN MASTER PLAN, CHENGDU, CHINA | 2004**

Master plan for commercially vibrant, functionally efficient, easily accessible and environmentally comfortable urban center, connecting the old and new city of Shaoxing.

### **PLAN DE DESIGN URBAIN DU QUARTIER DE NINGBO JIANG DONG, NINGBO, CHINA | 2004**

Master Plan for the redevelopment of 22 hectares the downtown core of Ningbo, encompassing 6 million square feet of mixed use development centered around a dynamic new park.

### **MASTER PLAN DE NANMEN LU, SUZHOU, CHINA | 2004**

Master Plan for a new district along Suzhou's ring canal that will provide new housing and commercial development opportunities. The plan suggests a system of green neighborhoods park and canal side green corridors.

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**CAPA, CHICAGO ASSOCIATES PLANNERS AND ARCHITECTS**  
CHICAGO, IL | 2003 -2004

**GRAHAM FOUNDATION, COMPETITION FOR LINCOLN PARK NORTH SIDE, CHICAGO, USA | 2003**

Completing the 30 miles of public waterfront of the city of Chicago with the construction of 3 Islands in the Michigan Lake. Project selected for exposition and publication.

**TRYON FARM, INDIANA, USA | 2003**

Director for landscape projects within a 170 Acres of a conservation community next to Michigan City. Responsible of design, managing the natural resources of the propriety and restoration of natural prairies.

**XAVIER VENDRELL STUDIO**  
CHICAGO, IL, USA | 2003

**VENDRELL STUDIO+GAROFALO ARCHITECTS, CHICAGO, USA | 2003**

Design concept for two terraces covered by trees in the heart of Millennium Park.

**VENDRELL STUDIO+WHEELER KEARNS ARCHITECT, CHICAGO, USA | 2003**

Construction of six models for the landscape design of a private residential garden.

**RURAL STUDIO EXHIBITION, BARCELONA, SPAIN | 2003**

Design of the exposition's layout.

**VENDRELL STUDIO "SPECULATIVE CHICAGO" PLACE MIRÒ, CHICAGO, USA | 2003**

Creation of 6 models in plaster for the design competition.

**CHICAGO CITY HALL, DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING PERMISSION**  
CHICAGO, USA | 2003

Internship in the archives of the Building Permission Department.

**COLUM O'BROIN & PARTNERS- BRAY**  
CO. WICKLOW, IRLANDE | 2001-2002

Master plan for a new city center for the village of Bettystown, Irland. The new center will host a mixed of residential, retail and public facilities all linked by a public plaza.

**POLITECNIC OF MILAN, DEPARTMENT OF URBAN PLANNING**  
MILAN, ITALY | 2001

**MONZA MASTER PLAN PROJECT MONZA, ITALY | 2003**

Rendering and posters for the Master Plan of the new cultural Center of Monza.

**MANTOVA PLANNING DOCUMENT MANTOVA, ITALY | 2003**

Urban Designer for the Mantova new Master Plan.

**WORKSHOP AT CASCIAGO WITH PLANNING GRADUATE STUDENTS, VARESE, ITALY | 2003**

Assistant for the presentation to the Casciago community.

**REDESIGNING OF LOMBARDY LANE, MONZA, ITALY | 2003**

Graphical representation for the street design of a new mayor road of the city of Monza.

**ACHITRACCIA ASSOCIATES , TURIN, ITALY | 2003**

Competition of a school project. Responsible for the graphical representation.

**TECMA S.R.L.**  
BRESCIA, ITALY | 2001

**MILAN - BERGAMO MOTORWAY**

AutoCAD draftman

**COUNTY OF TRAVAGLIATO - BRESCIA**

AutoCAD draftman

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## SKILLS

AutoCAD, Rhino, Illustrator, In Design, Photoshop, Hand Rendering, Model Fabrication.

## LANGUAGES

Fluent in Italian and English.  
Intermediate French

## INTERESTS

Landscape, Photography, Horse Trekking, Farming, Food, Flower Arrangement, Travelling, Illustration for Children Books.

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