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Biggest Projects of 2014

Communities Enjoy First Year in New School, City Service Center

One of the most unique features of **Isabella Bird Community School** in Stapleton is the cafeteria (*pictured above*). It's also a performance and assembly area, with a stage up front. Acoustic panels overhead have built-in lighting, and the divider between the cafeteria and music room can be pulled back to increase the space. A garage-style door made primarily of glass brings in more light and can be opened to outdoor play areas. The campus itself includes an outdoor amphitheater, picnic areas,



Isabella Bird Media Room

community gardens, sports fields, and places for students to collect rainwater and grow food.

The finished building is 90,000 square feet on 10 acres with generous natural lighting throughout the school. The library, for instance, has extraordinary windows with a panoramic view of the mountains.

The structure of the school, which was designed by **Humphries Poli Architects, P.C.**, is "architectural design through exposed structural components," allowing students to see – and learn from – the workings of the building. The open concept means partial ceilings so that mechanical structures are visible. Exposed vertical steel support beams are connected with diagonal bars (*at left*) that add colorful guides to



help children move through the building safely.

For GTC, this process was both unique and challenging. As Hugh Sigler, Project Superintendent, likes to say, "It's hard to finish an 'unfinished' building."

The recently completed **Loveland Service Center** is a major accomplishment for GTC, the City of Loveland and the Architect, **RNL Design**. Previously, Public Works divisions operated out of different locations around the city. Now most services are unified under one roof. The construction of three new buildings allowed consolidation of personnel, equipment and vehicles for greater efficiency and economy.

The long-awaited expansion means that engineering staff and operational staff are in the same place for the first time in the city's history. Other benefits of the new campus include:

- Support and storage areas, offices, and a meeting space for up to 110 people.
- A new vehicle wash that doubles the capacity of the old one, so city vehicles can get back on the road more quickly during heavy snow and storm days.
- Fueling stations and maintenance areas where garbage trucks – which average 2.5 miles per gallon and make an estimated 1,000 starts and stops each day – and other transportation can fill up before heading into the city.
- A new ranch water fill station with significantly higher capacity than the previous station.

The completed structure is the City's second LEED Certified project, after the Loveland Public Library in 2012.



Loveland Service Center



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Recently Completed Projects



GOLDEN TRIANGLE CONSTRUCTION, INC.



Micron Lab Renovation,
Longmont | *Axiom Design, P.C.*

**Conn's of
Colorado Springs**
*Open Studio
Architecture, LLC*



Victory Prep Academy, Commerce City | *Cunningham Group Architecture, Inc.*



Les Schwab Tire Center, Longmont | *GBD Architects, Inc.*

Other Major Projects (Completed)

Boulder Community Hospital

2014 Renovation Projects | *PEH Architects*
4880 Riverbend | *PEH Architects*

Central Elementary School – 2014 Renovations, Longmont

Cunningham Group Architecture, Inc.

Conn's of Fort Collins

Open Studio Architecture, LLC

Gardens on Havana – Anchor G Ulta Beauty, Aurora

Naos Design Group, LLC

Hindu Temple and Cultural Center of the Rockies, Centennial

Studio DH Architecture

Lake Club, The Lakes at Centerra, Loveland

DTJ DESIGN, Inc.

Loveland Fire Station No. 2

Belford Watkins Group Architects

Maverick Swimming Pool Facilities (Filing 42), Denver

JG Johnson Architects

Platteville Gilcrest Fire Protection District Training Center

Colorado Civil Group, Inc.

Sanborn Elementary School – 2014 Renovations, Longmont

Cunningham Group Architecture, Inc.



Fort Lupton Middle School | *Anderson Hallas Architects, PC*



Now Playing

Work in Progress

First Citizens Bank, Meridian



Davis Partnership Architects



Canyon Center Exterior Remodel, Boulder | Arch11, Inc.

Forest Ridge Senior Living, Woodland Park
Architectural Nexus



Value Plastics Manufacturing Facility, Loveland
Clark & Post Architects, Inc.



Del Mar Park Aquatic Center, Aurora
Ohlson Lavoie Collaborative

Other Major Projects (Current)

- Aurora Sports Park | Barker Rinker Seacat Architecture
- BC Services Call Center, Longmont | Intergroup Architects
- CarMax Loveland | Pieper O'Brien Herr Architects
- Conn's Thornton | Open Studio Architecture, LLC
- Douglas County Fleet Services, Castle Rock | CRP Architects PC
- Fronterra Park, Commerce City | DHM Design
- Gateway Village Phase I Site Development, Golden | Paragon Engineering Consultants, Inc.
- Kechter Farms Clubhouse, Fort Collins | Vaught Frye Larson Architects
- Les Schwab Tire Center, Greeley | Galloway & Company, Inc.
- Pioneer Park Outdoor Leisure Pool, Commerce City | Ohlson Lavoie Collaborative
- Ohana School of Early Learning, Littleton | 3890 Design
- Twin Peaks Charter School Renovations and Athletic Field, Longmont
Axiom Design, P.C.



Aims Community College Public Safety Institute, Windsor
Anderson Mason Dale Architects