

Arjay Miller Arboretum at Ford World Headquarters

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

YEAR 2006-2011

SIZE 15 acres

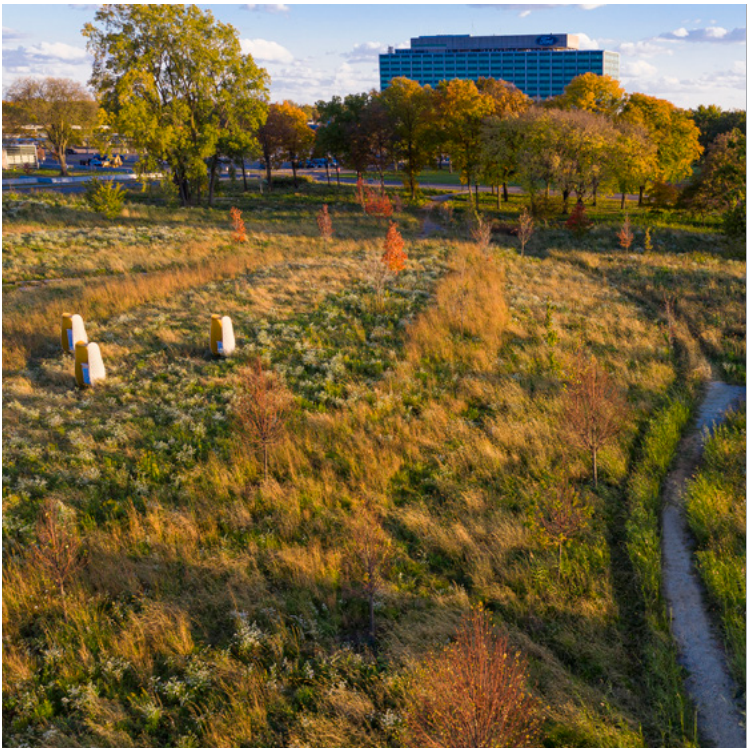
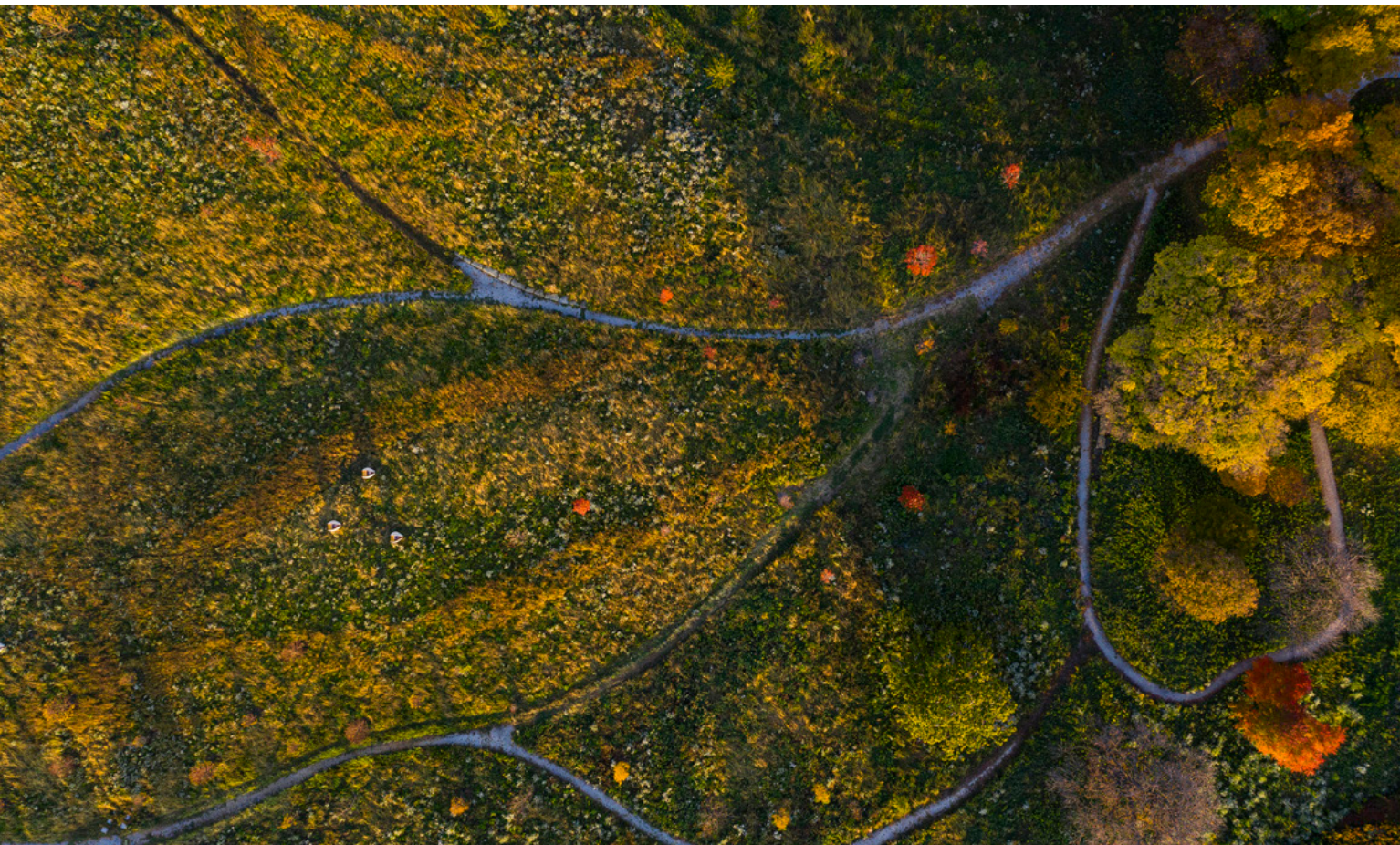
USE Walking paths, bike paths, stormwater
detention ponds, apiaries, meadow

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Celebrate Local Cultures

Regional Capacity

Elevate Sustainability + Resilience



MAJOR AWARDS

- 2022 Boston Society of Landscape Architects
Honor Award
- 2022 Azure Design Awards
Landscape Architecture
- 2021 The Architect's Newspaper
Best of Design, Best Landscape Award

- + Reforested with 280 new trees that reflect the variety of the Midwest region.
- + Understory planting knits together low maintenance meadow grasses and perennials, with new detention ponds to collect stormwater.
- + A quilted pattern of a dozen different seed and plug mixes corresponds to the site's different topographic and ecological conditions.
- + A network of primary paved and secondary aggregate pedestrian paths weaves throughout. A ten-foot-wide multi-use trail allows for two-way pedestrian and bicycle recreation.
- + Apiaries dot the meadows, rebalancing the ecosystem and producing honey.

A 15-acre portion of the existing Arjay Miller Arboretum on Ford's campus was transformed from mowed lawn into a thriving meadow that sequesters carbon, filters stormwater, and provides a home for birds and pollinator species. The genesis of the project was to control stormwater in an area that frequently flooded.

