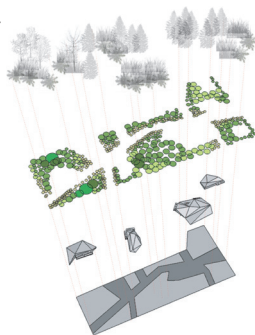




Gloria Perez and Jessica Gafic were the winners of the Ontario Tire Stewardship competition held January 19th at the Evergreen Brickworks in Toronto. Gloria and Jessica, both 4th year Interior Design students beat out competing teams from U of T, Ryerson, Guelph & Waterloo Universities to capture the coveted first place design.

The design philosophy behind the landscaping of this Brick Work's site is defined by the prominent waterways of the Don River Valley, including wetlands, streams and ravines. The natural effect of the landscape, featuring ornamental grasses amongst the saturated yellow of the perennial flowers, is juxtaposed amongst the geometrical ridged formed seating and play pods.

The architectural elements represent the riverbanks, which in nature are places that children, adults and animals can play, drink, eat and relax. This installation provides opportunities for children to climb and roam amongst the landscaping, while their parents can relax under the shade of a red maple.



The incorporated benching system features a perforated wood seat, allowing water to drip through to the concrete water collection troughs. This creates the effect of dry seating even in wet climates. The water troughs are designed to collect rainwater and propel it into the drainage system under the soil bed, directing it to the catch basins.

The combination of the ridged architectural forms against the natural backdrop is indicative of the existing Evergreen Brick Works site consisting of the industrial buildings contrasting the natural landscape. The drastic variations in topography are represented in the varying heights of the pods.

This space is meant to act as a gateway to the Brick Works' Pavilions and site as it is a natural extension of the existing site, using native plants and contrasting architectural forms. This area will now serve as a destination point, a meeting place, and a play zone for adults and children alike.

