



ZOÉ EDGECOMB

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Our Mission

The designed landscape is a place where human activity intersects with the sustaining processes of the earth and nature. We work to create spaces that foster this connection. Our designs strive for a beauty that appeals to all the senses while paying careful attention to the forces of time, water, and wind. We consider the landscape to be habitat for the community of nature in the widest sense: a place where people are one element of a complex ecological system.

The Design-build Approach

We believe in the integration of design and making. Beginning with thorough site analysis, we create spatial strategies, plant palettes, and water management systems. Conceptual diagrams and measured plans are brought to a level of detail that is appropriate to each project. Then we return to the field, observing sun paths and microclimates as we shape the ground. Through our involvement in the process of implementing our designs, we are constantly learning in ways that cannot be duplicated in the office.

Our Services

ZEDB is unique in the variety and flexibility of its services.

Design: We can take your landscape project from conceptual design sketches through detailed digital construction drawings, to any extent required.

Build: ZEDB is a licensed Class A contractor. We implement hardscape and plantscape projects of small to moderate scales, and we have partners who collaborate with us on large scale projects such as grading and structural stonework.

Consultation: We offer expertise in sustainable water management strategies, indigenous plants and Piedmont Virginia ecology, and meadow establishment and maintenance.

Visualization and Documentation: We are proficient in AutoCAD and Adobe Creative Suite software and can help with site plans, construction drawings, and as-built drawings for your project.

Who We Are

Zoé Edgecomb: Zoé has spent most of her life in the forests and fields of Central Virginia. She studied sculpture and received a BFA from Virginia Commonwealth University. After building a house, teaching, and making art for ten years, she returned to school, and now holds master's degrees from the University of Virginia in Architecture and Landscape Architecture. While at UVa, she took particular interest in water infrastructure and in landscape representation. She continues to pursue these interests through writing and art.

Katherine Pabody is native to Louisiana and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Architectural Studies and Studio Art from Rice University. She returned to Louisiana after college and there was immersed in painting, the local effort to broaden access to experimental film and studying the northwest Louisiana vernacular landscape. She migrated to Virginia in 2003 and earned a Master of Architecture degree from the University of Virginia. She currently resides in Charlottesville and continues her work in the architecture of the natural and constructed realms.

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