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Cheri Stringer, a Colorado landscape designer, was honored during the 2019 Association of Professional Landscape Designers (APLD) conference, held July 25-30. The APLD International Landscape Design Awards Program honors excellence in landscape design. Projects in eight different categories were judged on the basis of difficulty, craftsmanship, attention to detail and execution.

A bronze award in the Residential Category was presented to Stringer of TLC Gardens, Longmont, for her Polaris Escape project in Longmont, Colorado. The judges said that the “before and after” was stellar, and they loved the striking site and view within the great landscape. The award is TLC’s sixth APLD award since 2016.

Denver park receives award from Toro

Denver Parks & Recreation’s La Lomita Park was awarded $50,000 for improvements during the Greater & Greener conference.

The Toro Urban Park Innovation Award, sponsored by The Toro Company, recognizes innovation in park management and practices, and was presented in partnership with City Parks Alliance at the conference held July 20-24 in Denver. The funds from the award will be used to establish a learning lab in the park for environmental education. The community and nearby schools will benefit from the interpretive signage the funds will support.

The design and implementation of the La Lomita Park project was a collaborative effort between Denver’s Parks and Recreation and Public Works agencies and has set a new bar for future interagency collaborations. The park provides stormwater management, open spaces for recreation, and a playground that includes nature play elements.

“The theme of Greater & Greener 2019 is Exploring Natural Connections, and the La Lomita project is a great example of how agencies working together can leverage funds and expertise effectively to produce multiple benefits for the community,” said City Parks Alliance Executive Director Catherine Nagel.