

Firm Profile

Mia Lehrer + Associates is a full service, international landscape architecture practice located in Los Angeles, California. Partners Mia Lehrer and Esther Margulies lead a team of talented designers and technically skilled professionals on a wide variety of exciting projects ranging from inspirational gardens, to urban parks, to master plans for highly complex and controversial sites.

ML+A is exploring the changing role of landscape in our contemporary urban environments. Currently, we are seeing a shift in public attitude toward the importance of open space, and the desire of communities and governmental agencies to create natural landmarks such as parks, lakes, and rivers. We have involved ourselves in many of the programs and projects that help to propel the movement forward.

ML+A has a special interest in **master plan** projects where an ambitious, innovative design can enhance the lives of many people, reflect a community identity, and preserve open space and natural habitats. In order to provide the most comprehensive services, ML+A collaborates with highly experienced, multi-disciplinary teams, facilitating a synergistic project vision, developing sustainable design strategies and programming goals, and fostering lasting community bonds. For each project we apply the same level of commitment and approach all with an intense desire to create a meaningful and sustainable place to be.



For San Pedro's "**Bridge to Breakwater**" Waterfront and Promenade Master Plan, the firm worked closely with the community and local stakeholders to produce a regional open space study for a population historically underserved and ignored by public agencies. The resulting plan connects the port community to the waterfront, establishing a promenade and scenic parkway that creates connections to regional transit, incorporating restoration strategies and educational programs developed in consultation with the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium. The firm was a consultant for the **Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan**, leading efforts to identify and plan a comprehensive open space network that interfaces with channel restoration and urbanism. The plan, bringing together a diverse group of stakeholders and community members, represents the largest, most ambitious project the city has undertaken in decades.

We do not begin any of our projects with a preconceived notion. Instead we ask questions of ourselves, our client, and our team that will help guide us through design and development. Our diverse slate of clients helps us maintain our comprehensive approach, and at times challenges us to push even further. No matter the scale or level of complexity, we have found that every project gains from the collective energy of collaboration, and that innovative landscape design has the power to enhance the livability of a community and heal the land.