



JILL BETH COHEN

Senior Planner, Landscape Architect & Arborist

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, State University of New York, College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Syracuse, NY

Bachelor of Science, Environmental Studies, Syracuse University, NY

SPECIALIZED PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE

Ms. Cohen is a Registered Landscape Architect (RLA), Certified Planner (AICP), LEED AP and Certified Arborist (ISA) with more than 30 years of professional experience focused on planning, urban design, landscape architecture and sustainable design. Her professional experience includes working closely with municipalities, institutional and private clients on projects involving planning, site planning, landscape architecture, land use, variances, rezoning, platting, processing and permitting, due diligence and documentation. Currently, Ms. Cohen's focus is on sustainability and revitalization projects and providing proactive, responsive and personalized service including attention to detail to provide quality projects. Ms. Cohen is a senior associate with SWC and also has her own consulting business.

Additionally, Ms. Cohen was chair of the Broward USGBC (US Green Building Council), Southeastern Chapter, serving two consecutive terms in this position and two years as the Advocacy Chair. She was instrumental in organizing and providing the leadership for the BROWARD 2030, a group of 60 plus public-private professionals involved in green building and sustainable landscapes which was the forerunner 'seed organization' to the Sustainability Stewards of Broward County.

Currently, Ms. Cohen has been providing guidance and consulting services in the re-writing of the landscape codes for two cities; The City of Miramar and the City of Parkland.

REPRESENTATIVE PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Planner and Landscape Architect, SWC, Hollywood and Miami offices, FL, 2010-present

Conduct land use planning and permitting analyses and prepare site and landscape plans; prepare and process land use permit applications, coordinating with local and State government agencies and officials; supervise other staff and provide quality assurance review; conduct LEED AP reviews; provide landscape, green energy and site inspection services to local governments.

➤ Tree Obstruction Survey, Hollywood-Ft. Lauderdale International Airport, Broward County

In charge of tree obstruction survey and report for entire airport property. Work includes field data collection and preparation of report including a detailed spreadsheet with tree specifications and recommendations for trimming or removal, aerial figures showing all tree locations, and photo exhibits.

President, jbc planning and design, Weston, FL, 2009-present

➤ **City of Parkland Landscape Inspector, Broward County**
Project manager, landscape plans reviewer and inspector for the City of Parkland as a Cost-Recovery Consultant. The City of Parkland is undergoing a large growth spurt with the recently annexed parcels. Hundreds of acres are being developed into residential communities with supporting recreational needs in addition to neighborhood businesses to meet the needs of the residents of this rapidly growing municipality. Landscape Plan Reviews & Landscape Inspections have included single-family, townhomes, project entries, recreational areas, common areas, signage and places of worship. Inspections also include tree removals, relocations and use of green building practices.

➤ **Miramar DRC Plan Review & Inspections**
Project manager, planning and landscape architectural reviewer providing plan review services for City of Miramar as cost-recovery consultant since 1998. Initially, Ms. Cohen began providing development review committee (DRC) reviews for landscape architecture with community services department. Landscape data chart which is still in use today for development reviews was first initiated under this contract. Since that time, City has expanded scope of services to include reviews with Planning & Zoning Department as cost-recovery consultant. These fast-paced tasks included DRC services for residential, commercial and industrial sites throughout City. Working closely with staff to meet quick turnaround times, Ms. Cohen provides the following project reviews to meet needs of this growing municipality—site plan, master plan, platting plan, landscape plan, and traffic plans. Ms. Cohen also is currently providing landscape reviews, Community Appearance Board and landscape inspections for the City.

➤ **City of Marathon US Highway 1 Medians LAP Project**
Preparation of 2-mile US Highway 1 corridor median landscape plans through the City of Marathon in Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Six. There will be no irrigation and the project is designed to be developed as sustainable through use of Best Management Practices (BMPs) incorporating xeriscaping. In addition to preparation of detailed plans and specifications, prepared report, analysis and justification for a variation to FDOT Standard Index 546 for reduction in width of medians at crossings and modifications for viewing for billboards along project.



➤ **Miramar Master Park Plan, Broward County**

Planner for the City of Miramar updated Master Park Plan involving research to update existing data. Existing and future recreational demand and needs through year 2020 were outlined in report, with current update in process through to year 2030. Additional information prepared for this project included demographics, geographic information systems (GIS) maps, agency coordination, public workshops and analysis for park linkage studies.

➤ **Monterra Developments, Broward County**

Landscape architect and planner for several single-family, multi-family, recreational and commercial parcels within the Monterra Community in Cooper City. These include Phase I Model Homes and Sales Trailer, Jefferson at Monterra, Pods 2D, 2E and Pod 2G, the recreational parcel and several roadway buffers throughout the community, including detailed landscape and site planning submittals and processing through City of Cooper City.

Associate, Planning Supervisor and Project Manager, Miller Legg, Pembroke Pines, FL, 1997-2009

Residential, commercial, and redevelopment projects. Cost-recovery Development Review Committee (DRC) consultant for planning, platting and landscaping; Planner; Landscape Architect; LEED AP and company 'Champion' for Redevelopment and Sustainable Design.

➤ **Monterra Development (Waldrep Parcel)**

Prior to preparing detailed neighborhood design for the parcels, Ms. Cohen was project landscape architect and planner for this 526-acre parcel which is one of last large remaining tracts of vacant unincorporated land in southwest Broward County. Project involved development of residential community including multi-family, townhomes, and single family units, commercial parcels and associated project amenities. Planning services included preparation of design guidelines for development, rezoning, platting, plat note amendment and delegation requests, site plan preparation, submittal and processing.

➤ **Town of Davie Planning/Development Review Committee (DRC) Reviews, Broward County**

Development Review Committee (DRC) reviews for planning and landscape architecture with Development Services Department as a Cost Recovery consultant. Fast-paced tasks included DRC services for residential, commercial and industrial sites throughout Town of Davie. Working closely with staff to meet quick turnaround times, Ms. Cohen provided following project reviews to meet needs of this growing municipality—site plan, master plan, platting plan and landscape plan.

➤ **Coral Springs DRC Consultant**

Cost Recovery Consultant reviewer providing landscape architecture DRC reviews and landscape field inspections including review, administering of and approval of City Grants from Community Development Department for Street Tree Replacement for residential homeowners post Hurricane Wilma.

➤ **Miramar Landscape Corridor Planning, Broward County**

Preparation of landscape corridor guidelines consisting of 15 corridors for City of Miramar beginning with defining of scope of services to eventual final costing and assistance in enacting ordinances to effectuate proposed design. Increased pressures of development on City of Miramar necessitated Landscape Corridor Guidelines to be established to provide unification and overall design theme for citywide corridors to guide and keep pace with increased growth. Working closely with City's engineering staff on development of typical roadway sections, provided direction on roadway section designs to allow for optimum landscaping of corridors, particularly in applying sight distance clear zones and landscaping per FDOT standard indexes 545, 546 and 700.

➤ **Dade-Collier Cypress Recreation Area**

Served as project manager, landscape architect and planner for 1,600-acre passive/active park located on southern portion of Dade-Collier Training and Transition (TNT) Airport which is managed by Aviation Department. Proposed 1.600-acre site owned by Miami-Dade County is located in Collier County and client for project was the Miami-Dade Parks & Recreation Department. First phase included a Land Use Plan amendment through Collier County for conservation and outdoor recreation park to balance preservation of existing natural resources such as cypress heads, tree islands, and prairies with recreational amenities such as trails for hiking, mountain biking and riding OHVs (Off-Highway Vehicles). Extensive research, justification and coordination for environmentally sensitive areas provided balance with proposed site active uses within the flight patterns on TNT Airport.

➤ **American Corporate Executive Offices, Broward County**

Project designer, landscape architect and project manager for revitalization project for former Levitz Furniture building in Plantation to facilitate government use; building reuse, note amendment, site plan, landscape plan and conditional use approval. *Award: Broward Beautiful Beautification Award, First Place for Large Office Buildings, Broward County, 2004.*

➤ **Marina Mile Park of Commerce, Broward County**

Project planner and designer for 18-acre industrial/office project that included planning, site planning, platting and landscape architecture design services. FAA, State and federal review and processing for location within flight pattern of Fort Lauderdale Airport, as well as non-vehicular line (NVAL) and Plat Note Amendments and Vacationing of Easements. Site was originally designed for office building and warehouses and received site plan approval in 2005. In 2007, decision was made to design project to achieve LEED Certification. In keeping with this sustainable practice, project included showcase of created wetlands and series of naturalized habitats which was tied into the plaza design in front of new building. Initial design intent was to conceptually represent State of Florida, as viewed from fourth floor of corporate offices. The project was designed as showcase anticipating Gold LEED Certification.



➤ **Memorial Hospital Miramar, Broward County**
Project planner for 124-acre site located in City of Miramar. Campus-style project included medical office buildings, maintenance facilities and outparcels development. Services provided for both on-site and related off-site improvements included site planning, platting, and landscape architecture. *Award: 2006 Project of the Year, Florida Section, American Society of Civil Engineers; 2006 Project of the Year, Broward County Branch, American Society of Civil Engineers; Best of 2005 Award of Merit Health Care, Southeast Construction, 2005.*

➤ **Miramar Recreation Redevelopment Plan**
As a result of rapid growth and expansion, numerous city-owned properties became outdated and no longer could support increased population of City of Miramar. Ms. Cohen prepared conceptual plans for reuse of these facilities, with improvements ranging from active parks including ball fields and playgrounds, to athletic indoor facilities and senior, after school and early development centers.

➤ **Lauderhill Municipal Complex**
Project manager and landscape architect for 14-acre governmental complex designed for Broward County library, municipal public facility for relocated City of Lauderhill Police Department, passive walkway along lakefront, and future two-acre parcel intended for use as civic park owned by City of Lauderhill. Site is part of 30-acre master planned tract which includes neighborhood retail complex to support civic facilities as well as nearby residents. Neighboring retail complex includes supermarket, retail stores, outparcels and wetland habitat area which continues open space and passive walkway elements on adjacent civic parcel. Civic, municipal portion of project was completed as 'design/build' project and includes one-story 13,000-SF Broward County library, a two-story, 26,000-SF Public Safety Building with associated parking, signage, fountain entries, expansive buffering along major roadway corridor with pedestrian access, and is sited to afford viewing of adjacent lake setting. Library ground includes artwork as part of Broward County Art in Public Places Program.

Landscape Architect and Project Manager, Greenhorne & O'Mara, Inc., Greenbelt, MD and Palm Beach, FL, 1994-1997
Variety of project types and sizes, multi-disciplinary integration and support between planning, engineering and environmental departments.

Jill B. Cohen, RLA, Gaithersburg, MA, 1990-1994
Site engineering, land planning and landscape architect for several clients including Chisholm-Weber Associates.

MK Enterprises, Chesapeake Division, Bowie, MA, 1988-1990
Supervisor of site planning responsible for all phases of project design and development; processing and approval for concept, preliminary, final, specific and detailed site plans. Liaison between private, public and quasi-public sectors facilitating project processing and approvals.

MCI Consulting Engineers, Huntsville, AL, 1986-1988
Project Manager & Landscape Architect on a broad range of Land Planning projects from design inception to approval and implementation.

New York City Dept. of Parks and Recreation, Flushing Meadows, New York, NY, 1985-1986
Project coordinator liaison between City agencies, Borough Commissioners, community boards, and private consultants on redevelopment of city parklands (Prospect Park, Henry Hudson Park, Central Park Zoo).

PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATIONS/AFFILIATIONS/CERTIFICATIONS

- American Institute of Certified Planners, (AICP), since 1999
- Registered Landscape Architect, (RLA), State of Florida, since 1997
- Certified Arborist, (ISA), 2014
- Certified Landscape Inspector, (LIAF), 2012
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design, (CPTED), State of Florida, 1998
- Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design, (LEED AP), since 2008
- Board Member, U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), South Florida Chapter
- Past Chair of Broward Branch, USGBC, South Florida Chapter, Broward
- Past Chair, Broward 2030, USGBC, South Florida Chapter, Broward Branch
- Member, American Planning Association, (APA)
- Member, American Society of Landscape Architects, (ASLA)
- Member ISA & LIAF
- Member, SmartGrowth
- Member, Broward League of Cities (BLOC) Blue (Water) & Green (Sustainability) Committee
- Member, Broward Days
- Member Leadership Broward, Class XXV, won best Community Project Award
- Member, Broward County Climate Change Task Force (CCTF)
- Participant, Visioning Broward, Broward County Redevelopment & Affordable Housing initiatives, and Partners in Education
- Instructor, Broward Sheriff's Office & State Attorney's Office for *Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design* (CPTED) certification programs
- Speaker, Broward 2030 and related presentations on LEED and Sustainable Design
- Publication; *Broward 2030, A Roadmap Empowering South Florida Leaders*, October 2009

