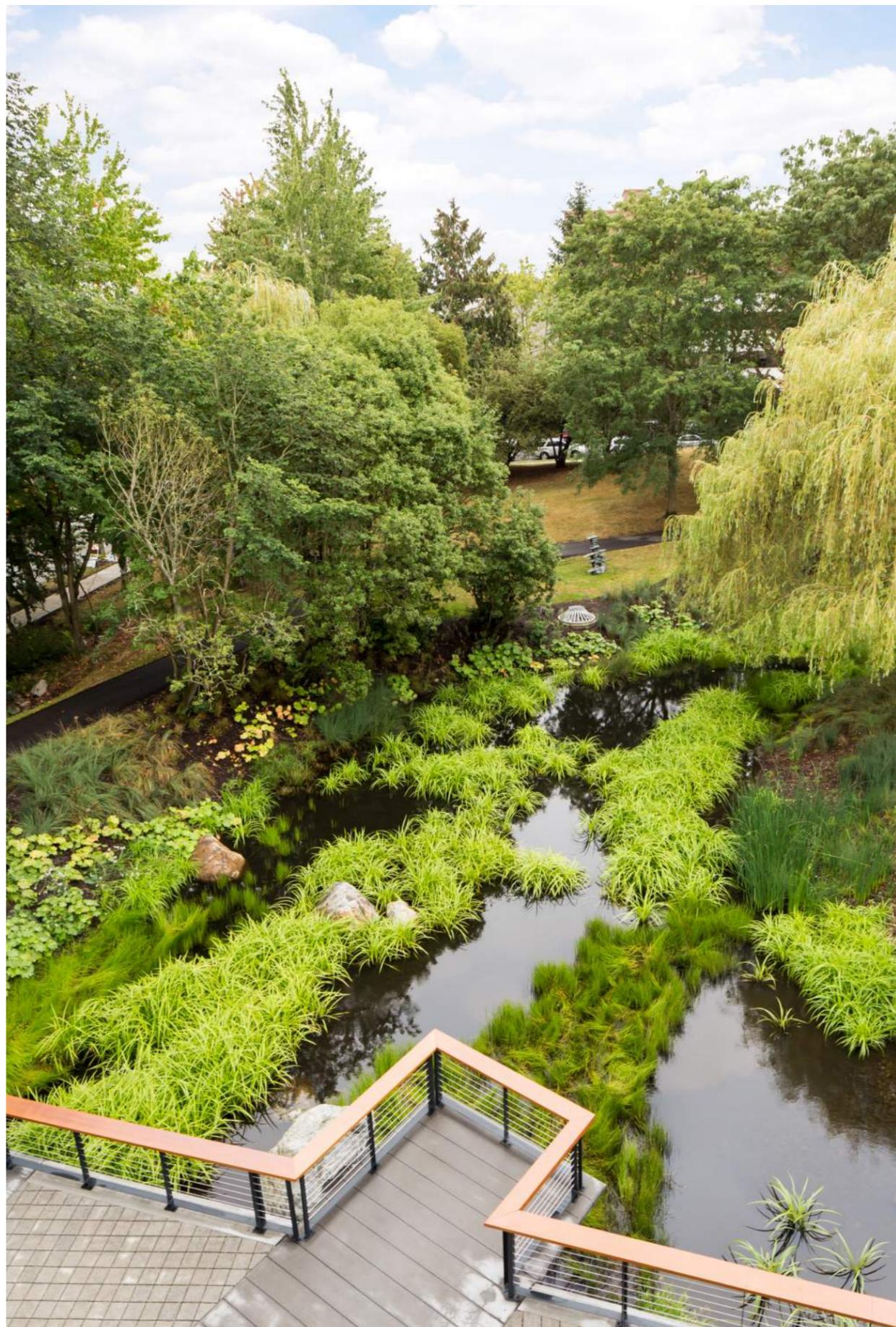




The Meridian Center for Health is located within the Licton Springs neighborhood of Seattle and is thoughtfully sited adjacent to an existing wetland, reinforcing it as a place of healing.



Celebrating the natural and cultural history of the site, the project uses weathering steel to evoke the waters of the local rust-colored springs, while the healing properties of the springs tie into the client's community health care mission.



The restored wetland serves as a central landscape feature, while treating site stormwater and enhancing the site's habitat value.



The project preserved mature trees across the site, helping knit the facility landscape into the adjacent neighborhood park.



A pedestrian loop path connects to the facility through the adjacent park, where neighbors, visitors and staff can find moments of respite.



Seating areas and overlooks throughout the site connect people to the plant-filled landscape.



A network of stormwater swales capture and treat site stormwater, while providing planting opportunities that add beauty and habitat to the landscape.



With its generous landscape, park adjacency and gathering areas, the facility is a welcoming neighborhood amenity with clear pedestrian connections, bus connections and bicycle infrastructure.



Bridges strengthen wayfinding and orient visitors toward the building entry, while protecting sensitive bioretention facilities.



Stone features in the landscape evoke the region's geologic history and relate to materials used in the building interior.



Borrowed views of the park beyond extend the facility's landscape and reinforce the sense of being immersed in a natural setting, despite the surrounding urban neighborhood.



Seating areas throughout the site offer visitors, neighbors and staff a moment of respite, a spot to each lunch or catch up with a friend.



Expansive glazing provides a strong visual connection between interior and exterior, while also bringing sunlight into the building.



Locating parking at the rear of facility allows the landscape to serve as a buffer, while presenting a soft, natural face to the neighborhood at the street frontage.



The interior/exterior relationship is strengthened with the use of natural materials such as stone and natural wood.