

Byron G. Rogers U.S. Courthouse, Denver, CO



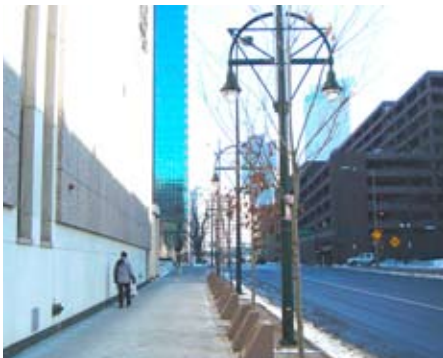
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The renovation of the grounds of the Byron G. Rogers U.S. Courthouse had three program challenges. The first hurdle was to meet the U.S. Marshall's strict security and antiterrorism criteria. The second was to select xeric plants so the landscape could contribute to the LEED rating system. Finally, the planting plan for three sides of the block needed to compliment the existing streetscape of the Justice District.

The final design meets all three changes. Plants used are below 18" in height so as not to conceal any small packages. Xeric plants were selected to reduce the water use. The new irrigation system is designed to minimize water loss and meet the specific needs of the xeric plantings. New trees were planted in the right of way on three sides of block. These trees complement the existing streetscape design and work in concert with other site elements which include new security bollards.

The Champa Street side of the project was designated as a 1% for art installation. Lime Green Design worked with an artist to select plant material for the raised planters that enhanced his glass cube sculptures.

The project received a LEED-Existing Building Gold rating in 2006.