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Phipps Names Mark D'Amico as Studio Phipps Manager

Mark D'Amico is bringing an abundance of expertise to Studio Phipps.



Pittsburgh, Pa. — [Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens](#) is pleased to announce the hire of Mark D'Amico as manager of [Studio Phipps: Sustainable Design Group](#) – a landscape design group that aims to inspire commercial clients to look at nature differently by considering ways to integrate the natural world into buildings and find feasible solutions to sustainability challenges. Institutions such as hospitals look to use green spaces to improve patient and employee health and overall experiences, and Studio Phipps offers them the latest advancements and research in green infrastructure and biophilia.

D'Amico joined Phipps after working as a landscape architect for Astorino CannonDesign, creating and executing land development projects for various companies such as Department of Energy NETL and Children's Hospital, Pittsburgh. Before that, he worked as a landscape architect for Joseph L. Pellis & Associates Architects, where he singlehandedly planned, designed and managed land development projects for companies ranging from healthcare to recreation to corporate-commercial. D'Amico served in the Navy and was in the Navy Reserves, working as an Engineering Aid in Seabrees, overseeing construction drawings and surveying construction sites. He has a bachelor's degree in Landscape Architecture.

"I seek an uncomplicated approach to design and have a strong focus on plants, particularly native plants," says D'Amico. "Phipps is a dream come true for me. It brings me full circle in my career. I learned to love and appreciate landscape architecture when I visited Christchurch Botanical Gardens while serving in the Navy in New Zealand. I've always wanted to work in a place like that. Now, I've found a place that's even better."

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About Phipps: Founded in 1893, Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens in Pittsburgh, Pa. is a green leader among public gardens with a mission to inspire and educate all with the beauty and importance of plants; to advance sustainability and promote human and environmental well-being through action and research; and to celebrate its historic glasshouse. Learn more: phipps.conservatory.org.

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