



Biophilic Visions

The Conceptual Works of Ward | Blake Architects

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- **Biophilic Visions: The Conceptual Works of Ward | Blake Architects** explores 24 projects that the firm identifies as some of its best work, even though they remain unbuilt
- The project typologies emphasize residential architecture, with a broad selection of homes, and also include town planning, mixed use, community, and hotel
- The featured projects showcase innovative design, resilient materials, and biophilic solutions. They also reveal how Ward | Blake's ideas about biophilic design are not limited by region but can be employed successfully in any location
- **Biophilic Visions** demonstrates Ward | Blake Architects' wealth of knowledge and expertise, and its ability to utilize Mother Nature to achieve sustainable solutions without compromising architectural integrity

Biophilic Visions: The Conceptual Works of Ward | Blake Architects represents a large cross-section of the firm's work, from its beginnings to the present day. While most monographs showcase built work, *Biophilic Visions* explores Ward | Blake Architects' unbuilt projects, giving them a new life in print. These 24 projects are testament to the quest architects face in pursuing designs to fruition and keeping the concepts alive in the face of economic, sociocultural, and architectural adversity.

Based in Wyoming, Ward | Blake Architects works across the United States and beyond. Each of its projects are carefully designed for its location, rich in materials and detail, and embedded with the firm's approach to biophilic design. Paying attention to views, natural daylighting, healthy materials, and mechanical systems, the architects create buildings and spaces that are not only respectful toward nature and their extraordinary settings, but also to the health and wellness of their occupants.

Biophilic Visions is an invaluable source of thought and creative ideas for those who appreciate modernist design, biophilic solutions, and ingenuity. Illustrated with architectural renders, elevations, and plans, each project is accompanied by an insightful description of the design process and solutions, and the architects' reevaluation of the unbuilt work.

Ward | Blake Architects was founded in April 1996 by Thomas E. Ward, AIA and Mitchell T. Blake, AIA. Located in Jackson, Wyoming, the firm creates buildings and spaces for their particular site and region, while embracing cutting-edge construction materials and techniques and biophilic design solutions. The firm is dedicated to biophilic design solutions where its projects fit naturally within their respective environments and provide wellness to the occupants. The architects pay attention to views, natural daylighting, healthy materials and healthy mechanical systems, and to creating superior building envelopes that help reduce the need for mechanical systems to control the indoor environment. This bioclimatic approach results in buildings that make the occupants feel good without complicated or expensive technology. Ward | Blake Architects has received numerous regional, national, and international awards, and its work has been seen in numerous of publications.

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