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Education

- M.L.A. Master in Landscape Architecture, Harvard Graduate School of Design, 1994
- B.A. in Public Administration University of Maine, Orono, 1989
Graduation with highest distinction

License and Certifications

- Maryland Licensed Landscape Architect #3734
- Maine Licensed Landscape Architect #4525
- Certified Playground Safety Inspector CPSI #41023-0421
- Certified Maryland Minority Business Enterprise MBE/DBE #11-301

Related Professional Affiliations

- ASLA National, & Maryland, Potomac Chapters
- Nature Play Space Workgroup, Maryland Partnership for Children in Nature
- GWA: Ass'n. of Garden Communicators

Cheryl Corson has designed playground and outdoor learning spaces, and conducted playground safety audits and inspections since 2003.

Selected Playground Project Experience

- Playground safety audits & inspections for institutions including the World Bank, NASA Goddard Child Development Center, Catholic Charities, DC Public Schools, Burgundy Farm Country Day School (Alexandria, VA) and over 25 GSA federal child care centers.
- Nature play space design: U.S. House of Representatives Child Care Center (2008); Silver Spring Day School (2010); Anne Beers Public School Garden, Washington, DC (2010); Earthloom design, Westlawn Elementary School, Falls Church, VA (2014); Beanpole Tipi for GSA/FAA building, Washington, DC (2014); Nature play and playground re-design, Mount Vernon Community School, Alexandria, VA (2014-present), St. Lukes Day School (Alexandria, VA (2017-1018) Lubber Run Community Center, Arlington, VA (2017-2018).
- Presentations: EarthLoom™ design and workshop, MD Nature Play Space Workshop, Brookside Gardens, (2013); EarthLoom™ design/build, workshop, NoVa Outside Early Childhood Conference, Westlawn Elementary School, Falls Church, VA (2014); Design charrette leader, MD Nature Play Space Workshop, Irvine Nature Center (2014).
- Publications: *Sustainable Landscape Maintenance for the Chesapeake Bay Watershed*, (115 pp., 2017); *Earthlooms for Nature Play Spaces*, ASLA, The Field, (2014), *Nature Play Spaces & Safety*, Md. Nature Play Spaces Pattern Book, Md. Dep't. of Natural Resources (2011), *Keep Children with Disabilities in Mind When Building Playgrounds*, Managing School Business, v.12;n.17; *Under the Swings: playground safety surfacing*, Am. School Board Journal, 2005, Grounds for Learning: *Hope for America's Derelict Schoolyards*, Nat. School Boards Association, Learning by Design, 2003; *Planning School Grounds for Outdoor Learning*, National Institute for Building Sciences, (2000).
- Expert Witness on playground safety, 2015-2017, Fairfax, VA; and 2018, Chicago, IL.