

Earth Day PARKing Zone

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In recognition of Earth Day, Wednesday April 22nd, the staff of Peckham & Wright Architects, Inc. (PWA) installed a temporary PARKing Zone just outside their downtown office at 15. S. Tenth Street.

The firm invited the public to take time out of their hectic day and join them in the PARKing Zone. Visitors were encouraged to kick off their shoes, stroll through the grass, and relax a few minutes among the trees, park bench, mulch, and potted flowers.



The event, which was held for the first time last year, was inspired by a similar annual event conceived by REBAR, a San Francisco-based art collective. PARK(ing) Day is a one-day, global event centered in San Francisco where artists, activists, and citizens collaborate to temporarily transform parking spots into “PARK(ing)” spaces: temporary public parks.

“With assistance from Wilson’s Garden Center, PWA did this again this year because it’s a fun way to inspire others to rethink about the way we use our public spaces,” said Erik Miller, a principal of the firm.

At 5 p.m. the PARKing Zone returned to its original purpose. “Too often the best things are short-lived, so we encouraged everyone to enjoy it while they can,” said Nick Peckham, a senior principal of the firm. At the end of the day, though, all materials used for the park were removed and reused in a landscape somewhere in and around Columbia.

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