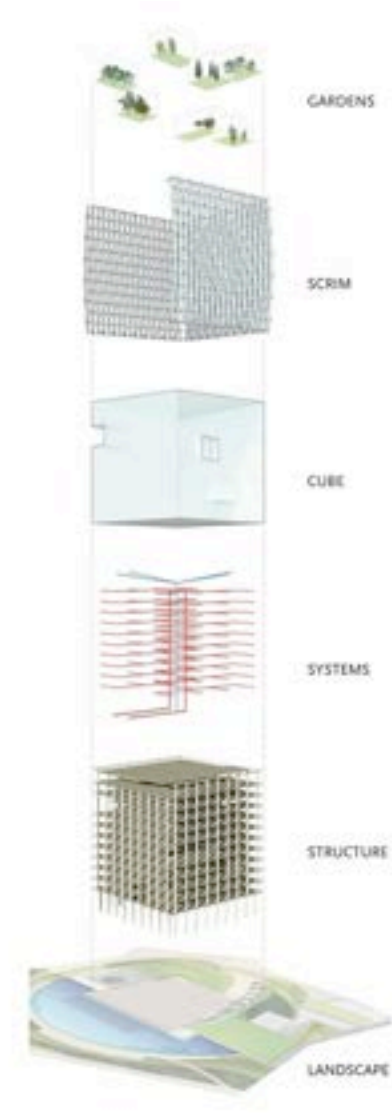


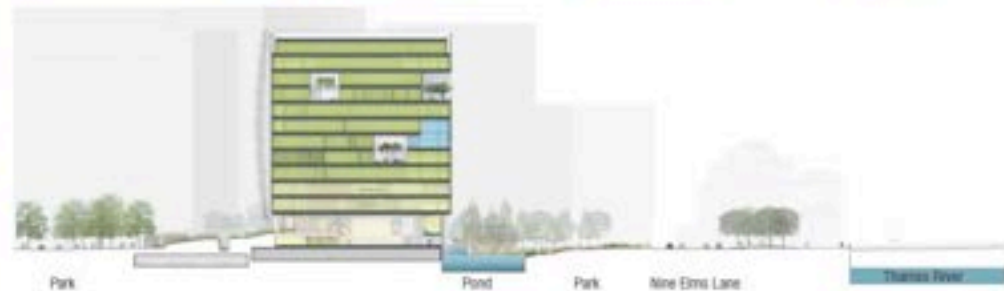


A water rill and two waterfalls greet visitors to the Embassy gardens with calming sounds and provide aeration to encourage water quality and overall pond health.



The Embassy's spiraling form draws pedestrians from the Thames River Walk, Nine Elms Lane and the new Green Mews to the south and is carried up through the building in a series of interior gardens that represent quintessential American landscapes.

- 1 THAMES RIVER
- 2 NINE ELMS LANE
- 3 EMBASSY GARDEN
- 4 EMBASSY PLAZA
- 5 MAIN COURTYARD
- 6 MEADOW
- 7 CONSULAR GARDEN
- 8 EVENT LAWN
- 9 WATER RILL AND WATERFALL
- 10 SERVICE ENTRANCE



The spiral form connects the Embassy to its surrounding context of Nine Elms and back to Pimlico across the Thames. The landscape design anticipates future flood levels and creates a series of landscape experiences to welcome visitors.



As the first Embassy landscape design to include publicly accessible areas, pedestrians from the north are greeted by an engaging garden of native and adapted plantings. Evergreen hedges, typical of English parks and gardens, add structure and contain security bollards.



The pond is a key component of the stormwater management system. The meadow plantings work to infiltrate water in situ and wetland plantings cleanse the water. The pond stores all the water captured on site for reuse as irrigation water.



The site features paving and wall materials with low SRIs that do not increase urban heat levels. Tree plantings improve air quality and provide shade while meadow plantings provide seasonal interest.



Three different matrices of grasses and perennials create swaths of color and texture that further reinforce the “spiral” form that connects the building to its site and encourages pedestrian flow towards the Embassy entrances.



Native and adapted plantings create a woodland walk providing seasonal interest throughout the year. 75% of the landscape is over structure and careful coordination amongst disciplines creates a healthy and durable landscape.





Native and adapted plantings that attract pollinators create a welcoming experience for the employees and staff of the Embassy as well as providing an engaging edge for the public who are passing by or using the adjacent Embassy Plaza beyond.



During special events visitors walk from the Consular Garden through a woodland planting and out to a special Event Lawn, which has views over the pond to the Thames River. Curved paths extend the sense of depth in the landscape.



Native meadow grasses that evoke the American prairie and grasslands create habitat, encourage stormwater infiltration, and provide seasonal interest.



The Consular Garden that surrounds seating areas for those awaiting their appointments is defined by hedges and a perennial border inspired by the English tradition. Works of art are integrated into the landscape experience and welcome visitors.



Interior gardens that represent abstractions of quintessential American landscapes, like the Canyonlands of southwest America and the Pacific Northwest woodlands, provide moments of refreshment, valuable interdepartmental social spaces, and alternative circulation within the building.



The landscape creates a welcoming experience for the more than one thousand daily Embassy visitors and transforms security elements into valuable site amenities. An anti-ram wall provides seating for the public and other visitors at Embassy Plaza.



The Embassy Garden provides moments where visitors are surrounded by native plantings and feel immersed in nature in the midst of the dense urban fabric of Nine Elms in the borough of Wandsworth.