



## Fact Sheet

- Landscape Structures Inc., was founded in 1971 by Barbara and Steve King. It is headquartered in Delano, Minn.
- Landscape Structures, the premier provider of innovative park and playground equipment, is committed to creating inspiring play experiences for children while honoring the environment. The company has designed, manufactured, installed more than 75,000 playgrounds worldwide.
- Landscape Structures offers six playsystem lines: PlayBooster<sup>®</sup>, the original post and clamp system for children ages 5 to 12; PlayShaper<sup>®</sup>, for children ages 2 to 5; Evos<sup>®</sup>, the arched playsystem that changed the shape of play for ages 5 to 12; Weevos<sup>®</sup>, a playsystem for ages 2 to 5; PlaySense<sup>®</sup>, the best value on the playground for ages 2 to 12; and Smart Play<sup>®</sup>, smart designs for children 6 months to 12 years.
- Landscape Structures is the only playground equipment manufacturer to perform all of our design, engineering and manufacturing in-house with our team of expert designer, engineers and artists.
- Landscape Structures design innovation has been the driving force behind of a long history of exceptional iconic play environments, nature-inspired playgrounds and inclusive playgrounds where kids of all ages and abilities can play together.
- While its original equipment was manufactured of wood, Landscape Structures now primarily utilizes steel, aluminum, polyethylene and cable while continuing to develop products using recycled or reclaimed industrial and post-consumer waste.
- Steve King, who serves as chairman of the board at Landscape Structures, is a registered landscape architect and Fellow of ASLA. He was the originator of the “continuous play” concept, which involves combining traditional playground equipment, such as slides, ladders and climbing equipment into an endless stream of activities that stimulate a child’s physical, social and intellectual capabilities.
- In 1992, Barb and Steve King were named Minnesota’s Entrepreneur(s) of the Year by Ernst and Young, *Inc.* magazine and the law firm of Gray Plant Mooty. They also were recognized with a national honorable mention in the manufacturing category. As a result of this award, Barb and Steve were inducted into the National Institute of Entrepreneurs.
- In 1993, Steve King was appointed to the Federal Access Board’s Recreation Access Advisory Committee. He was the sole playground equipment manufacturer to be named to that committee.
- In 1994, Barb King, who served as president, was selected as the Small Business Administration’s “Small Business Person of the Year” for the six-state Midwest region.
- Landscape Structures’ Delano, Minn. facility received its certification to the ISO 9001:1994 standard in 1996, updated to the ISO 9001:2008 standard in 2009 and ISO 9001:2015 in 2017. In 1998, the company received certification to and updated to ISO 14001:2004 in 2005 and ISO 14001:2015 in 2017. Landscape Structures was the first playground equipment manufacturer in North America to achieve both certifications and the third company in the state of Minnesota to achieve ISO 14001:1996 certification.
- Landscape Structures was awarded 2004 Manufacturing Company of the Year by the Minnesota Association of Manufacturers.
- In 2004, Steve King was named a Fellow in the American Society of Landscape Architects (FASLA). The designation of Fellow is conferred on individuals in recognition of exceptional work of professional excellence and outstanding accomplishment over a sustained period of time.

- In May 2005, Barb King was inducted as a Honorary Member of the ASLA. In 2015, Pat Faust received the distinct honor of also being inducted as an Honorary Member. The Honorary Membership title is awarded to non landscape architects whose achievements of national or international significance or influence have provided notable service to the profession of landscape architecture. Barb had the distinction of being the first spouse of an ASLA member to be inducted as an Honorary Member.
- In August 2007, Landscape Structures received Active Workplaces Funding from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota for its healthy living initiative.
- The King Pavilion at Iowa State University's College of Design was named for Barb and Steve in October 2007. The facility was dedicated on Aug. 24, 2009 and achieved Platinum LEED® certification in March of 2010.
- In January 2008, Landscape Structures was recognized with a Minnesota Work-Life Champions™ Award for championing healthy work-life balance for employees.
- Barb King passed away in 2008 from cancer, but her passion lives on through the unique company culture of Landscape Structures as well as the after school programs created by her personal foundation, which was acquired by CampFire® in 2013.
- In 2008, Pat Faust was named president of the company. He has been with Landscape Structures since 1996 and was previously vice president of operations.
- In November 2008, Landscape Structures was honored with the Tekne Green Award for its commitment to manufacturing environmentally-preferable playgrounds. The Tekne Awards honor superior technology advancement and leadership in Minnesota.
- In 2008, Landscape Structures developed a Learning Academy for parks and recreation professionals and landscape architects to gain valuable information and continuing education credits.
- Annually since 2009, NPRA has awarded the Barb King Environmental Stewardship Awards to a deserving park and recreation agency and individual for their environmental leadership.
- For four consecutive years from 2010 to 2013, Landscape Structures was named to *Star Tribune's* Top Workplaces in the Twin Cities Metro Area.
- In 2012, Landscape Structures acquired Pebble-Flex LLC to expand company's footprint in soft surfacing for playgrounds and water play. Landscape Structures partnered with Surface America in 2015 to provide industry-best surfacing operations and installation excellence to all customers.
- In 2015, Landscape Structures acquired Aquatic Recreation Company (ARC) and Commercial Aquatic Engineering (CAE) to bring water and splash play to customers for a one-stop solution. In 2016, ARC was rebranded as Aquatix by Landscape Structures.®
- In 2016, Landscape Structures launched SkyWays® division bringing shade structures anywhere large amounts of shade coverage is needed.
- Today, Landscape Structures is one of the leading park and playground equipment manufacturers in the world, employing more than 400 people who produce the company's products within their nearly 400,000 square feet of manufacturing and distribution space in Delano, Minn.; Eden Prairie, Minn.; and Dallas, Texas. Landscape Structures park and playground equipment is sold by a network of more than 50 independent representative organizations around the world.

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