



Nelson Atkins Museum of Art Expansion Kansas City, Missouri

The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art selected American architect Steven Holl to design a \$100 million addition to the original 1933 museum building. Holl's plan places a series of new galleries underground on the east side of the existing building, along Rock-hill Road, in a slender triangle widening from north to south. Seven above-ground lanterns, clad in transparent and translucent glass project into the landscape fabric, beckoning the visitor to discover the treasures to be found within.

It was fundamental that the expanded site retain the natural feeling of the Henry Moore Sculpture Garden designed by Dan Kiley in 1992. The majority of the new structure is below ground, therefore the design required an innovative approach to resolving the rooftop into the landscape fabric. Working closely with landscape architects Olin Partnership of Philadelphia, JBC engineered a narrow 6 inch profile of lightweight soil supporting turf panels that provided context and contrast for the striking architecture.

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