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## **2021 Pro Bono Publico Recipients Award in Design Excellence:**

### **Design Synergies Architecture for the Birdhouse Cabins at Camp Seven Hills**

Design Synergies Architecture (DSA), led by Roxanne D. Button, has won the Pro Bono Publico Award in Design Excellence for the Birdhouse Cabins at Camp Seven Hills in Holland, New York for Girl Scouts of Western New York (GSWNY).

A not-for-profit organization, GSWNY serves nearly 14,000 girls through the efforts of 6,000 adult volunteers. Camp Seven Hills has been welcoming campers since 1930, allowing Girl Scouts to enjoy outdoor programs and learn new skills, while building courage, confidence, and character.

Working in collaboration with the project team of Frandina Engineering & Land Surveying and Lehigh Construction Group, Roxanne — a former Girl Guides of Canada camper — designed and oversaw the construction of five comfortable, durable cabins. Sited within a grove of mature trees, the modern rustic cabins connect campers to nature using large windows, skylights, and porches. With one accessible unit and the others adaptable, the Birdhouse Cabins are the first wheelchair-accessible campsite at Camp Seven Hills. The unit also can accommodate twice the typical number of campers.

The Birdhouse Cabins exemplify DSA's core principles of creativity, collaboration, and sustainability. Alison Wilcox, GSWNY CEO, noted, "Roxanne's contribution of pro bono services in the design of our new cabin unit has provided a unique, beautiful, and creative space for girls to enjoy the outdoors...the enjoyment our girls have expressed in their feedback after camping in these units in 2021 has also strongly influenced GSWNY's overall commitment to design and aesthetics for all four of our camp properties for years to come."

### **"Commitment to Excellence Award" by the Girl Scouts of Western New York.**

**Frandina Engineering and Land Surveying, PC** was awarded the "Commitment to Excellence Award" by the Girl Scouts of Western New York. Rosanne Frandina is a longtime Girl Scout leader and volunteer and her Hertel Ave. based company donated land surveying services at Seven Hills in Holland, NY. A new campsite named Tally Ho was built to provide accessible cabins and new facilities for the campers.

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