

**For Immediate Release**

## Bohlin Cywinski Jackson

Architecture Planning Interior Design

### **BOHLIN CYWINSKI JACKSON DESIGNS HIGH MEADOW DWELLINGS AT FALLINGWATER**

*Collaboration with Western Pennsylvania Conservancy doubles capacity for Institute's residency program*



Photo: Nic Lehoux/Bohlin Cywinski Jackson

**Pittsburgh, PA (February 9, 2017)** – Bohlin Cywinski Jackson has designed four new dwellings at High Meadow, the new home base for Fallin9water Institute's summer residency programs in architecture, art and design. Fallingwater Institute will begin its second season of increased operation this spring.

Located on a historic farm adjacent to Frank Lloyd Wright's renowned Fallingwater residence, High Meadow's original 1960s cabin, with only four bedrooms, lacked square footage needed to meet the Institute's growing demands. After exploring a variety of design options over several years, a decision was made to enlarge the footprint of the existing house, doubling the property's capacity with four new dwellings.

"The building's main entry welcomes visitors into a central screened porch, which joins the new architecture to an existing cabin and serves as the outdoor gathering and dining space," says Bill James, project architect from the firm's Pittsburgh office. "A horizontal screen, made of Norway Spruce harvested and milled on site, extends from the main cabin and continues along the walkway leading to the dwellings."

Described as modest wood portals with framed views of the surrounding hilltops, the dwellings rest above ground on a network of nimble steel columns, imparting minimal disturbance to the site. Each small abode contains a desk, closet storage, full bathroom and two twin beds. Materials and finishes are deliberately minimalistic and durable, lending a sparse elegance to the space.

High Meadow received the 2016 AIA Pennsylvania Silver Medal, the highest honor given by the Institute's Pennsylvania chapter. The jury noted: "The scale and materiality of the building is in great contrast to the beautiful background. The graceful addition to the existing structure successfully provides new public and private amenities."

In addition to High Meadow, Bohlin Cywinski Jackson is responsible for several other notable projects completed for the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, including the 2006 adaptive reuse of the Barn at Fallingwater, originally built in 1870. Entrusted to the Conservancy in a 1963 grant that also included the Fallingwater residence, the Barn was transformed to provide a variety of gathering spaces for exhibitions, lectures, classes and events. The project received an AIA Committee on the Environment Top Ten award for sustainable excellence in 2005.

###

**Bohlin Cywinski Jackson**, founded in Northeastern Pennsylvania in 1965, has offices in Wilkes-Barre, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Seattle and San Francisco. The firm's work is noted for elegant and humane design, ranging from modest houses to large academic, civic, cultural, and corporate buildings. To date, the practice has received more than 650 design awards, including three AIA COTE Top Ten Awards and the AIA Architecture Firm Award. Founding Principal Peter Bohlin also received the AIA Gold Medal, the highest honor an individual architect can receive. The firm is well known for its work with Apple, designing stores such as the iconic Fifth Avenue cube in New York City and flagship stores worldwide. They have also created headquarters for Pixar, Adobe and Square, and city halls in Seattle and Newport Beach, CA. To learn more, visit [BCJ.com](http://BCJ.com).

**The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy** (WPC) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting the region's exceptional natural places. Since its founding in 1932, the organization has conserved more than 254,000 acres in Western Pennsylvania, restored watersheds, and saved wildlife. The WPC maintains and operates Fallingwater, a Frank Lloyd Wright masterwork and a symbol of the harmony between nature and humankind. The organization also operates the Fallingwater Institute, which offers summer residency programs in art, architecture and design for high school and college students and educators.

**Media Contacts:**

Blue Medium, Inc.  
Michelle DiLello  
+1 212.675.1800  
[michelle@bluemedium.com](mailto:michelle@bluemedium.com)

Bohlin Cywinski Jackson  
Shannon Krick  
+1 (415) 989-2100  
[skrick@bcj.com](mailto:skrick@bcj.com)