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Kunshan, PRC

**CLIENT**  
City of Kunshan

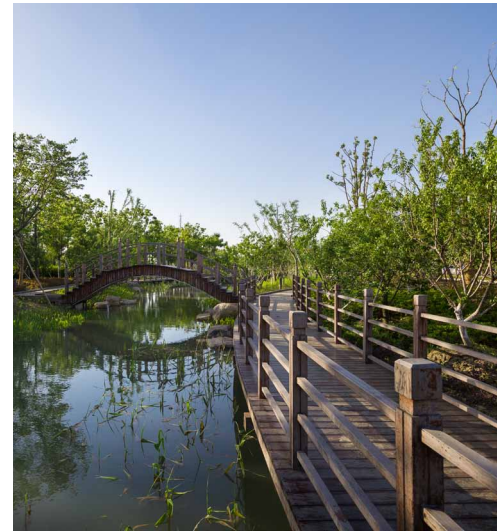
**MARKET**  
Campus

## DUKE KUNSHAN UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

Top-ranked Duke University is developing a 200-acre global campus in Kunshan. Through an intensive international design competition, LandDesign was selected to provide landscape architecture and civil engineering, in collaboration with Gensler, for the 30-acre Phase I. LandDesign has incorporated local agriculture and watertown culture into the landscape, where water and nature play a pivotal role in public space design.

With a four-acre water ecosystem as the central landscape element, the campus is also organized around flexible public spaces, ecological design, and spatial character that responds to seasonal changes. Primary gathering spaces are designed to facilitate movable benches, planters, and sculptures, accommodating large events, art installations, and social/learning space. The lake's design includes submerged plazas that will reveal and become usable during lower rainfall periods, which coincide with peak student attendance and space demand.





*Underneath the aesthetic and functional design of these spaces lies a complex and balanced storm water management system that includes point source water filtration, roof gardens, rain gardens, living water gardens, gray water capture, and aquatic habitat creation. The entire water filtration system serves as an ecological education lab with a flowing water garden located at the end. The design also addresses scalable energy alternatives to correspond with the American College & University President's Climate Commitment for carbon neutrality.*

