



## **Greenway gets glass pavilion**

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A Big Apple architect has won a key commission to design the first public building for downtown Boston's new Greenway park system.

Stephen Yablon took first place with a design for a "shimmering glass box" that will serve as an information center and "gateway" for tourists and others looking to take a ferry to Boston Harbor's island parks.

Yablon will work with the Island Alliance, which is paying to construct the building on a section of the planned Greenway at Long Wharf. The downtown ribbon of greenery is just now starting to take shape with the end of the Big Dig on land where the old elevated Central Artery once stood.

A jury of architects, led by Gary Hack, dean of the University of Pennsylvania School of Design, picked Yablon.

Yablon's proposed glass box includes clear walls that will also function as screens onto which images of various sizes and patterns can be cast. The 2,500-square-foot pavilion will include a cafe, bookstore and public restrooms.

Runners-up include a proposed glass structure shaded by a rectangular screen of recycled steel. There were 65 entries in all, from architects spanning the country and globe.