



ANNUAL REPORT

2020

PERKS

DECONSTRUCTION

YEAR IN REVIEW

WE HAD MORE DECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS THAN EVER DESPITE A UNIQUELY CHALLENGING YEAR.

As we all adjusted to a “new normal,” the local deconstruction industry was hard at work helping to salvage materials like lumber, metals, appliances, and fixtures in Denver, Boulder, and along the Front Range. Together, through collaborations between a network of contractors, clients, and our own purpose-driven business, we have been able to help more homes and businesses save more precious, used resources and save on tax deductions, too. We’re excited and humbled to be catalysts in this local deconstruction movement — the Zero Waste answer to demolition.



PERKS DECONSTRUCTION: 2020 BY THE NUMBERS



34

**DECONSTRUCTION
PROJECTS**

houses, commercial
spaces, garages



\$102K

**GRANT RECEIVED FROM THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT
OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT (CDPHE)**

from the Recycling Resources Economic Opportunity
(RREO) Grant Program, which aims to “develop
recycling infrastructure and promote sustainable
behavior change in communities across Colorado.”



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TRUCKS PURCHASED

with CDPHE RREO Grant
(pickup and a roll-off)



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**CONTRACTORS TO MEET THE CITY OF BOULDER'S
DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS IN 2020**

The Standards are intended to “protect the public
health, safety, and welfare in the provision and
maintenance of public improvements within the
City of Boulder,” and to achieve a waste diversion
rate of 75% or better on a demolition project.



432,910 lbs

REUSABLE & RECYCLABLE MATERIALS DIVERTED FROM THE LANDFILL
or 216 tons

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT: DENVER



TOTAL AMOUNT REUSED AND REPURPOSED: 75%

Location: Cherry Hills Village

Job: Interior gut on an 8,000 sq ft single-family home that was recently remodeled in 2019

Amount Salvaged: 22,995 lbs of material

Materials Salvaged: Hard wood flooring, carpet and carpet padding, baseboards, shower glass, granite countertops, tile, door and door frames, counter tops, cabinets, bath vanities, toilets, utility shelves, pool table, glass french doors, vent hood

Donations made to: National Center for Craftsmanship



PROJECT SPOTLIGHT: BOULDER



TOTAL AMOUNT REUSED AND REPURPOSED: 85%

Location: North Boulder

Job: Full house deconstruction, 1200 sq ft single-family home

Amount salvaged: 65,600 lbs of material

Materials salvaged: Water heater, oak flooring, doors, furnace, kitchen appliances, rain barrels, ceiling fans, light fixtures, plywood, trusses, 2x4s, 2x6s, 2x8s

Donations made to: Salvaged lumber was donated to the National Center for Craftsmanship (NCC) and will be repurposed to build a shed and a pole barn



PERKS DECONSTRUCTION BUZZ



8 Material Women for the 8th

Published on March 7, 2021



Martha Lewis
Head of Materials, Henning Larsen Architects

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It's International Women's Day 2021! This post of admiration on March 8th shines the limelight on 8 women actively working to promote resource conscious and planetary sound solutions within the construction industry. These are women whose day-to-day work directly addresses the greatest challenge of our time: reducing our negative impact on the planet, while providing spaces needed for housing, schooling and businesses, etc. The eight women featured in this article tackle different phases of a building's lifecycle: some are involved in advising, calculating and policy making, some are active in the construction phase, others are providing solutions to minimize waste streams at the end of a building's life. In one way or another, these women are establishing paths to limit carbon emissions and are encouraging a circular loop for building products. Three cheers for all eight!



Anna Perks, owner and founder of **Perks Deconstruction**, a Denver, Colorado based business. Perks' passion for environmental sustainability led her to start her own deconstruction company in 2019. By taking a surgical approach to demolition, Perks' team is able to maximize the salvage and recycle value of building materials. Since starting, her company has diverted nearly one million pounds of materials from the landfill. Perks' goal is to increase the reuse culture among other general contractors, architects, and

demolition companies by demonstrating the feasibility and benefits of deconstruction. In doing this, she aims to move the construction industry closer towards a more circular economy, where buildings are seen as banks of materials, ready to be harvested and reused again. For more information and photos of the disassembly process, see this [article](#) detailing one of Denver's most inspirational stories!

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Anna Perks and her mission to reinvent the construction industry

By [Jenna Thomas](#)

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// Anna Perks, founder of Perks Deconstruction Ltd, cuts underlayment at a job site in Cherry Hills Village where she is finishing deconstruction on March 5. Photo by Polina Saran | polinasaran@gmail.com

Mar 7-14 is Women in Construction Week, which aims to highlight women as a viable component of the construction industry.

Anna Perks couldn't escape the deafening sound of a bulldozer as she walked down Tennyson Street two years ago. A look of horror filled her face, and anger boiled over as a historic home was ripped to shreds and diminished to a pile of bent beams, pipes and broken appliances within a matter of minutes.

"It was just this gut-wrenching feeling that ran through my body," Perks said.

Perks continued to watch as hydraulic excavators loaded up the demolished debris and prepared to dump it at a nearby [landfill](#).

JULY 16, 2019

Meet Anna Perks of Perks Deconstruction in North Denver

Today we'd like to introduce you to Anna Perks.

Thanks for sharing your story with us Anna. So, let's start at the beginning and we can move on from there. In the fall of 2018, I walked past a beautiful 1920's house in my neighborhood being demolished. I asked the man on the bulldozer what was happening to the house, and he told me it was all going to the landfill, including the working appliances inside. I felt frustrated and knew that we could do better in Denver. After that conversation, I began to research, interview, and learn more about the Denver construction and demolition market. After months of investigation, I learned that Denver was a deconstruction desert; no major groups offered deconstruction as their primary service. So, in April 2019, I launched Perks Deconstruction in order to bring a financially viable and environmentally sound solution to the market.

Overall, has it been relatively smooth? If not, what were some of the struggles along the way? One of the biggest struggles in starting a company while still working a 9-5 is to pay the bills. There's always a lot to do, and it's hard to get it all done.

Please tell us about Perks Deconstruction. Perks Deconstruction offers partial to full deconstruction services for residential and commercial buildings. A partial deconstruction project means that we disassemble and remove the most valuable items out of a building (i.e. doors, cabinets, and light fixtures). For a full deconstruction project, we will take the building apart in the reverse order that it was built in order to salvage and donate the materials to non-profits. We aim to divert at least 85% of the building materials from the landfill. We get the material approved by a 3rd party appraisal group, and then the building owner is able to receive tax credit incentives for higher donation. Providing awareness about the tax benefits and helping owners understand their options sets us apart in the Denver market.

I'm extremely proud that we offer an option for owners that allows them to waste less and save money.

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We found newspaper under the flooring in a 1920's home that we salvaged material from. One of the articles talked about how a prisoner escaped in order to find a piece of pie. Dated May 23, 1920



vintage phone found on a site in denver



Antique Underwood Typewriter Found on site at a Denver Residential Deconstruction Site



Our former neighbor and luthier used reclaimed hardwood flooring from one of our projects to trim out his guitar

I'm being deconstructed.

My materials will be salvaged
for reuse.



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