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### **ASLA ANNOUNCES 2003 AWARDS**

WASHINGTON, DC, June 25, 2003—The American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) has announced the recipients of its **2003 Professional Awards**, the Community Service Award, and the Landmark Award. Of the 436 entries submitted, the nine-member jury selected 33 projects to receive awards. The awards will be presented during the ASLA Annual Meeting, October 30-November 3, in New Orleans. You may view and download photographs of these projects at [www.asla.org/awards/2003/awards.htm](http://www.asla.org/awards/2003/awards.htm). Additional photos are available upon request.

### **MITHUN IS AWARDED AN ASLA 2003 ANALYSIS AND PLANNING HONOR AWARD FOR THE BLUE RING CENTER CITY OPEN SPACE STRATEGY**

**The Blue Ring: Seattle's Center City Open Space Strategy, Seattle, WA**

**Landscape Architect:** [Mithun](#), Seattle, WA

**Client:** CityDesign, Seattle, WA

Seattle's Center City shows the impact of steady and dense population growth.

The Blue Ring is Seattle's open space strategy for the Center City. Drafted as a 100-year vision and a 10-year implementation strategy, the plan guides the development of a public open space system vital to the quality of life and

economic prospects of a rapidly growing city. The Blue Ring coordinates a large number of plans, private developments, and capital improvement projects in the Center City and shapes a collection of current and future places into a coherent, healthy public realm. Representing years of grass-roots efforts, it fosters an ongoing dialog to shape a public space that is comfortable, sustainable, and teeming with activity.

The Blue Ring strategy seeks to connect Seattle's citizens with the water's edge at Lake Union and Elliott Bay. The plan addresses and anticipates the open space needs of an evolving downtown that lacks usable open space and lags behind other major cities in proportional open space. It links existing, planned, and proposed public and private open spaces and destinations with pedestrian-friendly streets. This strategy supports the linking of urban open spaces by bringing people to the water and highlighting the city's watersheds. In addition, the plan identifies new paradigms in which streets, light, air, and water are treated as open space, and time is identified as the fourth dimension of open space. By employing public resources efficiently, the plan allows for different uses at different times of the day, not only for festivals and parades, but also for the cycle of daily life. For example, a street that carries minimal traffic in the evening could be closed each day for basketball, bicycle riding, and strolling. The plan includes sustainable principles and provides a conceptual framework and art study for Westlake Avenue, a catalyst project for incorporating these strategies into "the world's greenest street." Ultimately, Center City can make a positive contribution to the regional ecosystem by providing a pedestrian-oriented environment and increasing greenery and permeable surfaces.

## **WASLA COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT PRESENTS:**

Landscape Architecture & LEED (continued):

A Dialogue about Strengthening Sustainable Strategies in the Urban Landscape with The Blue Ring: Seattle's Center City Open Space Strategy

Presented by  
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Sr. Associate, Mithun  
Board Member, Cascade United States Green Building Council  
<http://www.usgbc.org/Chapters/Cascadia/default.asp>

Date: Tuesday, July 22  
Time: 6 pm  
Place: Mithun Architects + Designers + Planners  
Pier 56, 1201 Alaskan Way, Ste 200  
*(on Alaskan Way near the Harbor Steps, above Elliot's Café. Enter on N side of bldg.  
Free on-street parking under the viaduct.)*

Cost: \$10 *Tickets available only at the door.*

## **ASLA NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS ON ASLA ONLINE**

ASLA provides professional development opportunities for landscape architects using online learning formats. That means that no matter where you are, day or night if you have access to the internet, you can remain current on the latest developments in landscape architecture. Landscape architects can participate in live Online Desktop seminars, view archived versions of the live seminars or read Landscape Architecture Technical Information Series (LATIS) publications and complete a self-study exam to earn professional develop hours. Online Desktop seminars are worth 1.5 Professional Development Hours and LATIS publications are worth 5 PDHs. Members can access LATIS through the Professional Practice Library of ASLA Online ([www.asla.org](http://www.asla.org))

- make sure to log in as a member)
- and Desktop seminars at:
- [www.asla.org/desktop.htm](http://www.asla.org/desktop.htm) . It is easy to register for a Desktop Seminar.

Just print out the registration form and mail or fax your completed form back to ASLA national.

Currently, there are five LATIS publications on line and 40 Desktop seminars. Topics include Security Design, Context Sensitive Solutions, Stream Restoration and Therapeutic Gardens.

## **WASLA TEAMING WITH NPS FOR DESIGN CHARETTE**

WASLA will participate again with the National Parks Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program(RTCA) on a joint charette planned for the weekend of October 4, 2003. The charette, the fourth undertaken with RTCA, will focus on creating a recreational trail master plan for the City of Moses Lake, Washington.

Planned in consultation with the State

Department of Health, the charette will emphasize the connections between successful regional recreational trail systems and the actual physical health of individuals in the community, which the Department of Health has been researching.

WASLA is calling for volunteers from the Chapter as well as students at UW and WSU to participate in this charette in Moses Lake. Please contact Don Benson at (206) 438-2027 or [don\\_benson@urscorp.com](mailto:don_benson@urscorp.com) for further details and if you are interested in being a part of this worthy event.

For more information on the National Parks Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program (RTCA) visit [www.nps.gov/ccso/rtca](http://www.nps.gov/ccso/rtca)

## **SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING**

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION SOCIETY  
58th Annual Conference  
Spokane Convention Center. Spokane, Washington  
July 26 - 30, 2003

Check out their website at: <http://www.swcs.org/>

Professional development will be prime on the agenda at this year's conference with four-topic focuses-integrated watershed and basin management; water supplies for ecology and economy; grazingland health for sustainable production and biological diversity; and air quality for public health and economic vitality. Professional training sessions of interest to landscape architects include:

**Wastewater management: A poplar solution--**The technology of using fast-growing trees, such as hybrid poplars, for wastewater management is developing into an attractive alternative for communities needing to dispose of excess wastewater. The session will also focus on establishing successful hybrid poplar plantations that utilize wastewater.

**Vegetative considerations for streambank soil bioengineering—**Streambank soil bioengineering treatments involve the use of live tree and shrub cuttings to stabilize streambanks. This workshop will describe riparian planting zones and the appropriate places to plant various riparian plant species. Streambank bioengineering techniques such as pole planting, fascines, tree revetment, brush mattresses, vertical bundles, brush layering, brush trenches, brush box barbs, and others will be described in detail.

**Establishing a discharge station for recording streamflow: A technical training workshop-**  
- Participants will learn to: . Install water level recording instruments, staff gages, crest gages, and survey benchmarks for discharge gaging sites. Use techniques in making discharge measurements at gaging stations, and evaluate stream reaches for longterm data collection. .

Establish stream channel reference sites, Check survey data in the field during the survey to ensure that all numbers are correct.

The workshop will cover some basic hydrology principles that will assist in the calculation of stream flow.

# APA SUMMER '03 BROWN BAG SCHEDULE

The Brown Bag Series of Continuing Education is the free lunch-time program of the Puget Sound Section of the American Planning Association. You needn't be an APA member to attend.

The following events will occur on Wednesdays from July 23 through August 27. To learn more open the attached schedule.

- **Matching *the Real* Housing Demand to *the Real* Land Supply**
- **Transportation Choices: How Would You Spend \$14 Billion?**
- **LiDAR-Generated Elevation Models**
- **Urban Design / Transportation Tradeoffs – City of Bellevue**
- **Urban Design and the Seattle Waterfront**
- **Suburban “Placemaking”**

See recaps of past brown bags at [www.washington-apa.org](http://www.washington-apa.org).

Come to the FREE session you need to do your job better. All events go until about 1:15. RSVP Steve Ladd at [ladds@ci.bonney-lake.wa.us](mailto:ladds@ci.bonney-lake.wa.us) or (253) 862-8602 ext. 516.

**Great speakers! –**

Topic	Time	Place	Speakers
<b>Matching <i>the Real</i> Housing Demand to <i>the Real</i> Land Supply.</b> The theoretical land capacity is one thing. What consumers want and what builders can build is something else. A new analysis of the King County housing market shows a sharply changing demand that will be tough to meet given current anti-small-lot zoning.	Noon, Wed., July 23	Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce, Rainier Tower, 24 <sup>th</sup> Floor (1301 Fifth Avenue)	Michael Luis, consultant to the Economic Development Council of Seattle and King County
<b>Transportation Choices: How Would You Spend \$14 Billion?</b> Electeds in King, Snohomish, and Pierce Counties plan to send a tax measure to the voters in 2004 that would build hundreds of road projects. How will this affect your community? Can you still shape the package?	Noon, Wed., July 30	Renton City Hall, 7 <sup>th</sup> floor (see below)	Peter Hurley, Executive Director, and Kevin Shively, Policy Director, Transportation Choices Coalition
<b>LiDAR-Generated Elevation Models</b> LiDAR uses airborne laser/GPS technology to create high-resolution	Noon, Wed., Aug.	Renton City Hall, 7 <sup>th</sup> floor	Dave Brown, Regional Manager,

elevation models even in heavily vegetated areas. How to get the data (some is free from the Puget Sound LiDAR Consortium) and use it in conjunction with digital photography.	6	(see below)	Triathlon Inc.
<b>Urban Design / Transportation Tradeoffs</b> How has Bellevue dealt with tradeoffs between transportation and urban design in its downtown? City staff discuss the challenges of making this post-war downtown a great urban place.	Noon, Wed., Aug. 13	Bellevue City Hall, 11511 Main Street	Dan Stroh & Emil King, Bellevue Planning, Kris Liljeblad, Bellevue Transportation
<b>Urban Design and the Seattle Waterfront</b> Seattle's urban design office is leading an effort to create a new plan for the Central Waterfront, taking advantage of the potential removal of the Alaskan Way Viaduct. Plus an overview of CityDesign's work.	Noon, Wed., Aug. 20	Key Tower, 40 <sup>th</sup> floor (700 Fifth Ave., at Columbia)	John Rahaim, Executive Director, Seattle Design Commission and CityDesign
<b>Suburban "Placemaking"</b> Some communities never had a center. Others did but it's old, lost in a sea of malls. Still others are too new to have formed a heart. All can get one now. Taking part in a corporate-wide brainstorm, Seattle EDAW presents its version of The Evolution of Suburban Retail.	Noon, Wed., Aug. 27	Renton City Hall, 7 <sup>th</sup> floor (see below)	Jill Sterrett, EDAW, and Lisa Verner, Commercial Development Solutions

**Directions to Renton City Hall from I-405:** Take the downtown/SR167 exit, go north on Rainier Ave. to Grady Way, go east on Grady 1/2 mile to the new 7-story City Hall on the right, at 1055 S. Grady Way. Drive up to the free parking terrace.

## **ALPS-TO-ARBORETUM BIKE TOUR, SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2003**

This biking event celebrates the centennial of the Olmstead brothers park plan for

Seattle and the ongoing work of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust in leading the establishment of a 100-mile scenic and recreation walking and riding

corridor linking the Cascades to Puget Sound. The event is sponsored by the Bicycle Alliance of Washington and the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust.

The 18-mile tour -- one way -- is half on trails and half on roadways, with a few short hills. The ride begins in Issaquah and traverses the I-90 corridor, passing Lake Sammamish State Park, passing through the Bellevue Community College campus, follows a trail segment through the I-90/I-405 interchange (possibly the only trail passing through a four-level freeway-to-freeway interchange in the nation), traverses Bellevue's Mercer Slough Nature Park, affords good views from two of the area's longer bridges (I-90 East Channel and floating bridges across Lake Washington), winds along Mercer Island parklands built on lands over I-90, and follows several handsome Olmstead-designed roadways along Lake Washington to the Arboretum.

Riders will experience a variety of bikeway and walkway/trail facilities, corridors, and some of the challenging alternatives and interesting opportunities for completing missing links in the Greenway in Issaquah and Bellevue. Most of the route is on links in the Cascade Bicycle Club led draft Regional Bicycle Route System Project.

The ride begins at 9 a.m. with King County Executive Ron Sims near Lake Sammamish State Park in Issaquah. The ride ends at noon at the Washington Park Arboretum visitor center with a welcome by Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels. Lunches will be provided (why not a picnic in the arboretum?!). Each tour participant will receive a Greenway Trust T-shirt sponsored by REI, and drinking water courtesy of Talking Rain. Return transportation to Issaquah will depart at 1:00 p.m.

**Registration**      Advanced registration required; deadline July 8.  
Riders must be 12 years or older, with urban bicycling experience and capacity  
for an 18-mile leisurely-paced ride.  
Riders under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.  
**Helmets are required.**  
**Please have your bike in good working order.**

**Tour Fee**            \$25 -- including lunch and return transportation to the start point in Issaquah.  
                             \$15 -- tour and lunch only, no return transportation.

**For Registration and more Information, contact Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust or  
see sign-up on the MTSGT website: [www.mtsgreenway.org](http://www.mtsgreenway.org)     *Sign-up deadline is July 8***

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Hope to see you there!

Dennis Neuzil, chair  
Regional Bicycle Route System Project