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President's Message

This only takes a couple minutes and could really help to benefit our profession and our communities.

An ASLA committee of which I am a member has been working for months on drafting a bill that would provide funding for small community visioning. The Federal Government Affairs Committee and ASLA staff has been successful in finding a congressional sponsor for the bill.

Last week, Congressman Zack Space of Ohio introduced H.R. 3374, the Small Community Visioning Improvement Act. We are now focusing on a full-scale campaign to gain cosponsors for this legislation. Contact your Representative today to cosponsor H.R. 3374.

H.R. 3374 will provide small communities with the tools and resources to compete and thrive in the 21st century. The bill would establish the Small Community Visioning Pilot Initiative within the Department of Agriculture and make \$25,000 visioning grants available for small communities and Indian tribes. H.R. 3374 would provide landscape architects and other design professionals significant opportunities to help small communities identify and achieve their unique goals for community growth and enhancement.

Please act now to urge your member of Congress to cosponsor this important legislation. A sample message is available, but please take a few minutes to personalize it with specific examples of successful community visioning projects you are familiar with or an explanation of how your

Events Calendar

September 3
[Call for Artists](#)

November 1-2
[Design Charrette](#)

November 7
[Practical IPM Strategies](#)

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community could benefit from passage of this legislation. This specific information can really make the difference to show your Representative what this program can achieve back in their district. Several of our Washington Representatives have expressed an interest in the bill and your message could convince them to cosponsor.

For more information on this legislation, including a copy of the bill, visit ASLA's Federal Government Affairs website. Please feel free to contact ASLA Government Affairs Coordinator Dan Lijana at dlijana@asla.org with questions or to follow up on your letter.

*P.S. Congratulations to our esteemed newsletter editor, **Kellye Hilde**, for passing the last LARE and becoming Licensed!*

Announcements

Partnership to Help Small Communities Plan Connections with Trails

WASLA & ORASLA to Support Community Assistance Charrette November 2-3, 2007

Together, the Washington and Oregon chapters will partner with the National Park Service (NPS) Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) program on a community charrette this autumn in southwestern Washington. The NPS-ASLA partnership will assist residents and local agencies in Cowlitz County prepare a conceptual plan for a 12-mile trail loop connecting the City of Castle Rock and unincorporated Lexington, north of Kelso, and link local and visitor recreation areas and activities along the Cowlitz River. Leading the project locally is a coalition of public health, recreation, and transportation organizations and agencies, with the support of a volunteer trail committee. The charrette is scheduled for November 2nd-3rd, 2007, running from Friday afternoon through Saturday afternoon.

The Castle Rock-Lexington trail project grew out of collaborative efforts that resulted in recent adoption of the Cowlitz Regional Trail Plan, and the 2006 "Cowlitz on the Move Strategic Plan". The "Strategic Plan" notes that Cowlitz County's 68% incidence of overweight/obese is higher than the [already high] state average, putting residence at increased risk of many chronic diseases and premature death. Among the plan's goals is to "Increase the number of people who have access to free or low-cost recreational opportunities for physical activity", and development of local- and regional-

scale trail systems are a primary strategy (it is foreseen that the trail will eventually reach Kelso/Longview and Kalama and Woodland on the Columbia River in subsequent phases).

Chapter members always describe the NPS-ASLA partnership charrettes as professionally rewarding and energizing. Complimentary lodging and hospitality will be provided for visiting design professionals and technical experts, as well as round-trip transportation from the Seattle and Portland areas. Please join other WASLA and ORASLA members, NPS, and community leaders in southwest Washington on November 2nd and 3rd for a fun and productive community assistance event. To volunteer, please contact Don Benson at 206.438.2027 or don_benson@URSCorp.com.

The partnership with NPS was launched in 1998 with a charrette in Seattle's International District, and has continued with a joint community assistance event on a nearly annual basis. In 2006, the partnership supported park master planning projects in Washington and Oregon: the Oregon Chapter assisted with Keizer Rapids Park (Keizer, OR), and the Washington Chapter aided Lake Sawyer Park (City of Black Diamond, WA). Information about the RTCA program can be found at www.nps.gov/rtca.

LARE Study Groups

The multiple choice sections of the LARE are September 18-20. WASLA would like to take this opportunity to invite those who are studying for the exam and looking for a study partner or group to email Brooke Sullivan at BSullivan@esassoc.com. This is a great opportunity for aspiring landscape architects to connect, share study materials, quiz and prepare for the LARE.

WASLA/WRPA GOLF TOURNAMENT - OCTOBER 12, 2007

WASLA/WRPA Golf Scramble Friday, October 12, 2007

Washington American Society of Landscape Architects
and
Washington Recreation and Park Association
Hosting the 2007 Golf Scramble at the
[Auburn Golf Course](#)

Big prizes, Big fun, Good Food, and a winning round of golf.
Come enjoy the day with friends, colleagues, clients, and fellow golfers.

This premier municipal course features over \$1,000,000 in course improvements as well as a new full service clubhouse and restaurant/lounge.

Friday, October 12, 2007
8:00 am @ Auburn Golf Course

If you'd like to be a sponsor for this tournament or have any questions please contact Keith Bates: kbates@jonesandjones.com

New achievements. Lasting commitment.

HBB is pleased to announce the promotion of **Dean W. Koonts** to Senior Associate and welcome him to the ownership team. Mr. Koonts' work encompasses a wide variety of projects including transportation corridors, urban streetscapes, educational facilities, housing facilities, waterfront design and civic planning. With over nine years of experience, he is currently the lead landscape architect for the Mercer Corridor Improvements project in Seattle and the Public Waterfront Access Plan with the Port of Anacortes.



HBB is fortunate to have two of its team members accept appointments to local planning commissions. Colie Hough-Beck, President was recently invited to join the Seattle Planning Commission and Jim Howard, Principal has been appointed to the Kenmore Planning Commission. They bring extensive professional experience and an insight on the sustainable design and multi-modal transportation to their commissions, and look forward to providing valuable input into setting policy.

In addition, HBB would like to recognize the work of Amy Lindemuth in receiving an Honor Award from the American Society of Landscape Architecture, Washington chapter (WASLA) for her thesis work as a Master student at the University of Washington's Department of Landscape Architecture. She presented her work, titled "SOU Courtyard Garden: designing a therapeutic environment for corrections staff and mentally ill offenders," as part of the international Therapeutic Landscapes conference in Genoa, Italy and will publish an article later this year in Journal of Mediterranean Ecology.

Through the success of our team members, HBB continually branches out to clients by allying the creative spirit of our team to further the design of numerous public and private projects in Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, Montana, and Colorado.

Committee Reports and Public Relations

ULI SEATTLE

Save the Date!

Housing Our Workforce: Why Business Leaders Should Care

Ron Terwilliger will address an increasing national crisis: a huge number of fully- employed people, from teachers to hospital workers, are not able to live close to where they work. He will provide a roadmap to change this pattern in a way that benefits both workers and communities.

Speaker: Ron Terwilliger, Chairman and CEO of Trammel Crow Residential, Atlanta

Tuesday, September 18, 2007
7:30 - 9:00 AM
Seattle venue TBD

WASLA DESIGN AWARDS

The leading edge or the bleeding edge?

Your dedicated colleagues are already hard at work on the 2008 WASLA Design Awards. As best we can tell, we are going to try a method never yet used by an ASLA chapter. All submissions for this award will be received and juried electronically. Is this a great idea or a potential disaster? Is it the leading edge, or the bleeding edge? Join the committee and find out!

You have an opportunity to interact with some of the best landscape architects in the nation who will be recruited to serve as the jury for these awards. Liz Birkholz, Chair, and committee members Bob Burnham, Maureen Colaizzi, Sue Jensen, Ryan Lambert and Kristin Levar invite you to join us in September-date to be announced soon-for the next WASLA adventure.