Few fields are as vital to our future health and welfare as the diverse fields of environmental planning and design. With advances in environmental sciences, better understanding of human impacts on the environment, and the challenge of ever increasing population growth and energy consumption, planners and landscape architects have a special obligation to provide responsible environmental solutions to human needs. As a profession we must be prepared to lead the way to a new design ethic, guided by reducing our carbon footprint. To lead, however we have to know the way. We must develop the knowledge and skills required to bring new innovations and technologies into our projects. We must be positioned to give our clients the financial and functional benefits of sustainable design solutions that will allow them to prosper in this new energy economy. With the rapid pace of change in the principles and methods of landscape architectural practice, are we prepared?

- How do Landscape Architects and Planners incorporate the benefits of carbon offsets and certification of LEED for Neighborhood Development into their projects?
- In a world where “green building” has become a buzzword, how do we claim ownership for a long history of innovation in environmentally sound planning practices?
- Which professional practices will bring the most value to clients who are committed to adopting sustainable design solutions?

We will be tackling these questions this September and need the participation of every Landscape Architect and Planner in Colorado and Wyoming to arrive at the best answers. These important goals led to the dedication this conference to a renewed commitment to environmental design ethics.... 2008 ASLA Colorado Conference, “Paths to Sustainability”.
June 1, 2008

As 2008 rolls on the Chapter has been hard at work. The Executive Committee has been working on a number of initiatives and we have had assistance from an unprecedented number of member volunteers participating in Chapter projects across the board. This is something that we are quite proud of and I would like to thank everyone who has stepped up to help the organization and the profession in Colorado this year.

Our signature event this year will be the 2008 Design and Planning Conference coming up in Breckenridge, Colorado. Mark your calendars for September 10 - 13, 2008. We are excited about our partnership with APA – Colorado. This conference is bringing our two allied organizations closer together with a great program and events. Plan on attending this conference; it looks to be one of our best ever. We’ll see you in Breck!

Colorado had a strong contingent of four members in Washington DC this year for National Lobby Day on May 8, 2008. We attended appointments with staffers from Senators Allard and Salazar’s offices and Congressional Representatives DeGette, Lamborn, Perlmutter, and Udall. ASLA is currently supporting several important bills revolving around climate change, reduction of greenhouse gases, energy efficiency and sustainable building and development practices. These pieces will most likely continue into next year and beyond. The wheels move slowly but they do move. ASLA - Colorado has done well this year meeting with our senators and representatives in Washington as well as in their local in-district offices. Making these face to face contacts on a regular basis has vastly improved our legislator’s (and their staff’s) knowledge of the landscape architecture profession. I would encourage all interested members to get to know the legislators and register with the ASLA Advocacy Network at asla.org.

The Chapter Presidents Council (CPC) met on in Washington DC on March 9 and 10. Kim Douglas, President Elect and I attended the meetings with over 70 other Chapter leaders from across the country. This is a great time to share experiences and information and to talk to the ASLA staff to relay comments and concerns regarding the organization and practice. The program included leadership training, as well as updates on national initiatives including: the sustainable sites initiative, student mentoring programs, continuing education and several other national initiatives. We were pleased to see that many of our comments and requests from last year were incorporated into this year’s program.

Thank you for your time. Have a great summer!

Best Regards,

Patrick Mundus, ASLA
Featured keynote speakers will include Randy Udall and Jeff Hohensee.

Randy Udall, former director of the Community Office for Resource Efficiency (CORE), is one of the nation’s leading activists in promoting energy sustainability. CORE’s partnerships with individuals, governments, and utilities have led to remarkable accomplishments, including Colorado’s first solar energy incentive program, the world’s first Renewable Energy Mitigation Program which has raised $7 million, the world’s stiffest carbon tax, and some of the most progressive green power purchasing programs in the country. Udall wrote his first article on climate change in 1987, and a solar retrofit of his home in Carbondale, Colorado will keep 300,000 pounds of carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere during the next 20 years.

Recently, Udall served on Colorado Governor Bill Ritter’s Climate Action Panel. Udall is co-founder of the Association for the Study of Peak Oil-USA and has keynoted annual conferences for the American Solar Energy Society and American Wind Energy Association.

Udall will be speaking on: “America’s Energy Challenges: A Matter of Design”

Mr. Hohensee is CEO of Natural Capitalism Solutions, a non-profit organization that specializes in helping senior decision-makers in business and government learn about and apply the principles of sustainability to their organizations.

A wide range of other educational topics will be offered including: walkable communities, strategies for urban revitalization, historic landscape preservation, sustainable urban forests, new digital data and graphic tools, rediscovering native plants and sustainable transportation solutions.
Mundus, Tábor and Bevans help to drive Federal Legislation

ASLA has been recognized in another piece of federal legislation - H.R. 6078, The Green Resources for Energy Efficient Neighborhoods (GREEN) Act, introduced by Congressman Ed Perlmutter (CO)! This sweeping legislation encourages the design and construction of energy efficient residential buildings. Section 14 of the bill requires the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to utilize green roofs, tree planting techniques, and other site planning techniques to help reduce energy use in certain HUD facilities. The legislation specifically requires HUD to consult with ASLA on these techniques.

A special thanks to Colorado Chapter President Pat Mundus, ASLA, and Government Affairs Advisory Committee members Mark Tabor, ASLA and Ron Bevans, ASLA and the entire Colorado Chapter for cultivating a great relationship with Congressman Perlmutter and his staff. According to Congressman Perlmutter’s staff, the Congressman was very familiar with ASLA and the work of local landscape architects and was pleased to include ASLA in the language of the bill.

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ASLA offers a dues relief option for members "to maintain their membership when circumstances may make payment of dues burdensome." There are different categories that address different needs. A brief explanation of each follows. For the full details email Maxine Ardis, Manager, Member and Chapter Services, mardis@asla.org.

Emeritus Status
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Full, Associate, and International Members pursuing an additional degree as full-time students at an accredited college or university

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In cases of hardship, disability, or other special consideration, a waiver of dues for one (1) membership year may be granted by national headquarters upon receipt of a written request and supporting statement by the chapter president.

The Membership Committee we re:member

Thank You Volunteers . . . .
Michael Chalona, of Land Images Inc. is working on the Licensure Education Project for Northern Colorado.

Trish Kurnic of Design Concepts will be helping Courtney McRickard with the general ASLA Colorado Public Relations as well as Public Relations for the 2008 ASLA Colorado Conference.

Greg Dow, a Landscape Architect who is building a new firm specializing in Landscape Design and Sculpture, for helping the Communications Team with Resources and Calendar Events.

Many Thanks to those that made Doors Open Denver a success. The landscape environments were well attended and the bike tour a success.

The team that made it all happen was led by:
Scott Anderson of RNL Design
and supported by:
Angela Casias, Denver parks and Recreation
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Other opportunities open

If you are interested in the Government Affairs/Advocacy and Licensure we have several opportunities available. One immediate need is to represent ASLA Colorado at the State DORA/State Board of Landscape Architects by attending the meetings and reporting back to the membership. Please contact Dennis Brookie at djbrookie@netzero.net.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

CCASLA is looking for nominations for the 2009 Executive Committee positions, please contact President Elect, Kim Douglas kdouglas@studio-insite.com if you would be interested in an Executive Committee position, serving on a standing committee, or simply volunteering with CCASLA. The 2009 Executive Committee Slate will be voted on in August and Executive Committee positions will begin in October.

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The Colorado Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects is very pleased to announce the successful nomination of Craig C. Coronato in the 2008 Class of Fellows, in the Category of Service to the Profession. The 2008 Class of Fellows for the American Society of Landscape Architects will be inducted on Saturday, October 4, 2008 at the 2008 Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Craig C. Coronato, ASLA, senior associate and design practice group leader with EDAW Inc. in Denver, was nominated for his leadership in advocating legislation that restored licensure for landscape architects in Colorado for the first time since 1976. He organized and co-chaired the nonprofit Colorado Council of Landscape Architects to represent the profession on this issue statewide. The legislation was passed in 2007, making Colorado the 49th state to license landscape architects. He is a member of the Downtown Denver Partnership, the legislative committee of the Green Industries of Colorado, and the Urban Land Institute. He earned his bachelor of landscape architecture degree from Syracuse University in 1982, a certificate in golf course design from the Harvard Graduate School of Design in 1988, and his MBA from Long Island University in 1994.

The election to Fellow status, which is based on professional excellence and outstanding accomplishments, balance the diverse practices and levels of ASLA participation for all ASLA members in one of four categories. These four categories include:

Works of Landscape Architecture – The candidate should demonstrate mastery of design in significant works of landscape planning or design, which has advanced the art, stewardship, and social responsibility of landscape architecture of the period.

Administrative Work – The candidate should demonstrate administrative responsibility for exemplary leadership of people or programs that have had a significant effect on public recognition of issues that are significant to the design, planning, or management of the land.

Knowledge – The candidate should demonstrate creation of significant new knowledge that advances landscape architecture or the communication of knowledge to others with exceptional effect.

Service to the Profession – The candidate should reveal service that has significantly advanced the profession as an example for other local, regional or national efforts.

Individuals being considered for the distinction of being designated a Fellow must be:

• a member of ASLA in good standing for a minimum of ten years, and
• nominated or recommended to the Council of Fellows by the Executive Committee of their local Chapter, the Executive Committee of ASLA, or the Executive Committee of the Council of Fellows.

Any member of ASLA may recommend an eligible ASLA member to one of the three nominating groups for consideration as a candidate for Fellow. The jury process to evaluate the nominations and elect the Class of Fellows involves the appointment of a five-member jury from the Council of Fellows by the ASLA President. A concerted effort is made to provide a balanced representation of the different practice types and diversity among the jury membership. On behalf of CCASLA, we are extremely pleased with this recognition of Craig. Well Done Craig!

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Design Workshop to Receive ASLA Top Firm Award... Company's Founder Receives Top Landscape Architect Medal

The American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) has selected Design Workshop to receive the 2008 ASLA Landscape Architecture Firm Award, the highest award the Society presents each year. Founded in 1969, Design Workshop is an international landscape architecture, land planning, urban design and strategic services firm with seven offices in the U.S. and work spanning the globe. The firm has been recognized through the years with over 145 prestigious awards for their work in new communities, urban centers, resorts, public parks, golf courses and residences. Fittingly, at the same award ceremony, one of Design Workshop’s founders, Joseph A. Porter will receive the ASLA Medal, the highest honor bestowed upon a landscape architect for his lifetime achievements and contributions to the profession, the welfare of the public, and the environment.

The firm's philosophy challenges staff and their clients to equally merge artistic vision, environmental sensitivity, community values and sound economics to create unique places that stand the test of time. They refer to their approach as DW Legacy Design®, and examples of legacy projects are Riverfront Park, Denver, Colorado; Kananaskis Village, Alberta, Canada; Clark County Wetlands Park, Clark County, Nevada; Inn on Biltmore Estate, Asheville, North Carolina; Pittsburgh World War II Memorial, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Kierland Commons, Scottsdale, Arizona; Glacier Club Golf Course, Durango, Colorado; Union Park, Las Vegas, Nevada; and Aguas Claras, Belo Horizonte, Brazil.

Design Workshop president, Becky Zimmermann states, "We are so pleased to have our innovative work and our approach to design validated by ASLA with this great honor. What is really gratifying about this award is that it recognizes not a single project or event, but an entire body of work. It celebrates the consistent implementation of high quality, meaningful work and acknowledges the firm’s influence on the direction of the profession of landscape architecture."

The awards will be presented by the Board of Trustees of the American Society of Landscape Architects during their annual meeting in Philadelphia from October 3-7. ASLA is the national professional association for landscape architects, representing more than 18,200 members. Its mission is to lead, to educate, and to participate in the careful stewardship, wise planning, and artful design of our cultural and natural environments.
National Landscape Architecture Month Recap
Courtney McRickard, VP of Public Relations

Many Colorado landscape architects participated in April’s National Landscape Architecture month that featured activities to educate the public and promote the profession. Landscape architecture is the fastest growing of the design professions, according to the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics. Over the next six years, demand for the profession is projected to expand by 18 to 26 percent and landscape architecture programs need to increase by an average of six percent a year in order to match the growth. (ASLA website) This year’s NLAM theme was ‘Discover Careers in Landscape Architecture.’ Some of the activities that our chapter participated in were open space presentation for an AP Environmental Science class presentation (Lessane Weller, Architerra Group), Career Day presentation (Robyn Bartling – Mundus Bishop Design), career panel discussion at Denver South High School (Pat Mundus-Munud Bishop Design), as well as an elementary school special project (Design Concepts). EDAW Fort Collins prepared a kid/adult event centered on Earth Day that had a turnout of over 50 people!

The Roaring Fork Valley (Aspen area) firms, including Stan Clauson Associates and Bluegreen, participated in the Aspen High School Career Day. LAs spoke with students in small groups and one-on-one.

In Denver, Nancy Locke and Suzanne Serna (EDAW) and Courtney McRickard (Three Sixty Design) are teaming with Senior Horticulturists from the Denver Botanic Gardens to design an urban courtyard and garden for a non-profit group. The design will create an outdoor space for classes, lectures, art openings and a space for reflective thought for artists and kids alike.

In Castle Rock, Landscape architectural boards celebrating the design of local park and water wise landscape projects were on display during April at Town Hall and the Castle Rock Recreation Center.

Members of the CCASLA chapter participated in Doors Open Denver to celebrate “150 Years of Denver Architecture”, Saturday & Sunday, April 12th & 13th. Landscape Architects were on hand to guide visitors through Denver’s historic parks and parkways.

Over all we had a very successful NLAM; our activities have increased substantially over the years. It looks like our outreach efforts influenced and educated hundreds of school age children as well as the general public. Please start to think about how you can educate the public, promote our profession and contribute to NLAM next year!

Reminder: The Sustainable Sites Initiative
The Sustainable Sites Initiative is an interdisciplinary partnership between the American Society of Landscape Architects, the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, the United States Botanic Garden and a diverse group of stakeholder organizations to develop guidelines and standards for landscape sustainability. The motivation behind this initiative stems from the desire to protect and enhance the ability of landscapes to provide services such as climate regulation, clean air and water, and improved quality of life. Sustainable Sites™ is a cooperative effort with the intention of supplementing existing green building and landscape guidelines as well as becoming a stand-alone tool for site sustainability.

Please consider submitting your projects to the SSI for a case study review. No alterations will be made to the submitted material without the final approval of the Project Team Contact. casestudy@sustainablesites.org
Report on the ASLA Colorado Member Survey
Scott Sinn, VP of Programs

On behalf of the Executive committee, I would like to thank you for participating in what will hopefully become an annual survey of the membership. Your thoughts, ideas and input are critical in growing our profession and providing benefits to each of you. The responses and feedback were fantastic and exceeded our expectations as a committee.

Our goal from the outset was to find out what the member expectations were of the Executive committee and find out what other benefits you wanted to see as professionals. We have compiled a summation of the key results for your information.

There were 109 (17%) members who participated with 46% from the Denver area and the remaining 54% spread fairly evenly throughout the region. One-third of the respondents were new members and one quarter has been a member for 20+ years. Nearly 90% are either licensed in Colorado or are planning on being licensed and feel it is an important public policy issue along with the environment and urban sprawl.

As for our ability to communicate with members, 60% visit the website, 85% read the newsletter, and an equal number, 84% read the e-bulletin. All of the communication media received a 72% satisfaction rating with members. Despite these great ratings for talking amongst ourselves, 22% felt we have promoted the profession poorly and 36% felt we have done an average job with public policy. Areas the committee will definitely look to improve upon.

On the topic of ASLA Colorado sponsored events, most of you have attended the ProGreen Expo, the Annual Conference and Awards Banquet or the National Conference. You also showed a strong interest in continuing education and professional education events. There were several comments about providing these events on a more local basis spreading throughout the Front Range and western slope. The popular continuing education topics were sustainability and green practice, stormwater management and plant materials. While most of you are not politically active, the ones who are stay involved with their local governments and boards. Answers to host or not to host the Garden Tour were split down the middle. Those who did not want the tour suggested an event that is focused on the breadth of landscape architecture as a means to promote our profession better. 101 of you expressed interest in becoming more involved with the organization which is very encouraging and your phone will be ringing very soon!

As the Vice-President of Programs, this survey was very helpful for me and the rest of the Executive Committee. Again, thank you for taking time out of your busy day to help us find ways to improve as a committee and promote the profession we all love.
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2008 Mid-Year Jane Silverstein Ries Foundation Update | Kim Douglas, JSR President

The year is going quickly for the Jane Silverstein Ries Foundation. It has been a significant year for both The JSR Foundation and CCASLA. Last fall two new members were added to the Board of Directors: Brian Braa (treasurer) and Cynthia Kemper. Filling out the other board positions are: Dick Marshall (Vice President), Lynn Moore (Secretary), Ron Bevans, John Birkey, Tom Hawkey, Cathe Mitchell, Pat Mundus, Bob Smith and Mark Tabor. Board members are enthusiastic and working hard to create a strong base for moving the JSR Foundation into the future.

The 2008 JSR AWARD
We received several nominations for this year’s 2008 JSR Award. The Board of Directors met earlier this month and reviewed the many qualified nominations. Making a final decision was difficult but the board is pleased with the 2008 Award recipient. The formal announcement of the winner will be made towards the end of June with an Awards Presentation scheduled for the month of September. For more information regarding this year’s award please stay tuned to the Rocky Mountain Exposure’s Newsletter and the JSR Link on the CCASLA website. The Board had the good fortune to be joined at this year’s selection meeting by Susan Barnes-Gelt, the 2007 JSR Award recipient. Susan offered a unique perspective to the selection process and the Board thanks her for her time and looks forward to working more closely with her in the future.

The Archive Project:
The Jane Silverstein Ries Archive Project is nearly complete. Jane’s plans, documents, and photos are being processed as a collection by the Western History Department of the Denver Public Library. These documents have been cataloged by the department and will have an in-library and online finding aid available later this summer. To launch the collection an exhibit will be featured in the 5th Floor atrium space of the Denver Public Library running from February 2009 to May 2009. An opening reception will be held in conjunction with this exhibit. Any individuals willing to help with planning this event or who would be interested in helping sponsor the event please contact Cathe Mitchell at 303.355.6879. Additional details will be in the newsletter and on the website prior to the event.
Changes Ahead:
Foundation board members have been working on some significant changes that will affect the way the Foundation operates in the future. Beyond the two major events in the planning process the foundation is keeping busy with numerous other projects. The annual Student Scholarship program is being revamped. The scholarship program will take a year off and be reorganized into a Student Design Competition open to all college level students within the United States. The project focus should have pertinence to the Rocky Mountain region. Call for entries will go out early this fall and we look forward to our first year of participants. The award winner will be given a $2,000 scholarship and will be asked to present their winning project at an event in the Spring of 2009.

The Jane Silverstein Ries Foundation is also in the process of developing www.jsrfoundation.org which will be the first website devoted to the Foundation. The website hopes to bring public awareness to the Foundation and our mission and goals. This website will keep up-to-date information on events and activities while also providing a quarterly feature to keep interested individuals coming back for the latest Foundation happenings.

If you are interested in receiving more information on the Jane Silverstein Ries Foundation or participating in the programs sponsored by the Foundation please contact: Kim Douglas at kdouglas@studio-insite.com.

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HOK Planning group expands into Denver with opening of Urban Design & Landscape Architecture Studio

DENVER – The HOK Planning Group has opened its doors in Denver with the launch of a specialized Urban Design and Landscape Architecture studio. A three-person team of professionals will serve clients in Denver and throughout the Mountain West region, with plans to build a 20-person practice within two years.

Joining The HOK Planning Group in Denver are David Amalong, RLA, ASLA, LEED® AP, Vice President and Director; Robb Berg, RLA, ASLA, Senior Associate; and Jesse Michael, Landscape Architectural Technician.

“This is a unique opportunity to create a specialized urban design and landscape architecture studio in one of the fastest-growing metropolitan areas,” Amalong says. “Our clients will benefit from our local expertise, supported by the resources of one of the most influential and respected global planning and design practices.”

Amandol brings more than 20 years of project leadership experience to his role as Director of the new HOK Denver studio. Most recently, he served in project leadership roles at the Denver offices of Design Workshop and EDAW. He also spent 13 years at HOK’s St. Louis office, contributing to many of the firm’s most significant urban design and community planning projects at the time. His project experience ranges from large-scale land use and master planning to detailed construction and implementation.

Amauld’s built work includes the signature neighborhood park in Belmar, Colorado, and numerous parks and streetscapes, including the 80-acre Central Park in the Stapleton Redevelopment in Denver. His urban design work includes conceiving the vision for Chouteau Lake, a 195-acre urban infill project on the south side of St. Louis, and leading the design of the public realm for Metropolitan Gardens, the site of the former Gates Rubber Factory in Denver. The recipient of numerous national and regional awards from the American Institute of Architects and American Society of Landscape Architects, he earned a bachelor’s degree in landscape architecture from Pennsylvania State University.

Berg’s experience includes long-range master planning, site design, construction administration, and facilitating public and city approval processes for a wide range of clients. Prior to joining HOK, he worked at Design Workshop, EDAW and Davis Partnership as a design leader and project manager for local and regional projects, including Metropolitan Gardens, the Denver Art Museum expansion, Belmar streetscape enhancement and numerous Denver city parks. A member of the American Society of Landscape Architects and Urban Land Institute, he earned a bachelor’s degree in landscape from Iowa State University.

Michael previously held positions at Design Workshop in Denver and Sasaki Associates in San Francisco. His portfolio includes several parks, mixed-use communities and light rail projects. Michael graduated from The Colorado State University with a bachelor’s degree in landscape architecture.

The team is well-positioned to serve the region’s unique urban design and development needs, says Chip Crawford, ASLA, Senior Vice President and Practice Director of The HOK Planning Group. “As the population in the Mountain West region continues to grow and diversify, public infrastructure and private development will continue to emerge as significant needs,” he says. “Because of HOK’s commitment to sustainable design and smart planning, we are uniquely equipped to deliver the highest-quality landscapes and hardscapes that are environmentally responsive and responsible.”
HOK's new Urban Design and Landscape Architecture studio is located in downtown Denver at 1125 17th Street, Suite 1250.

HOK is a global architectural firm that specializes in planning, design and delivery solutions for buildings and communities. Through its collaborative network of 26 offices worldwide, the firm serves diverse clients within the corporate, commercial, public and institutional markets. HOK is committed to developing resources and expertise to help lead the world toward sustainable communities and building environments. Founded in 1955, the firm’s expertise includes architecture, engineering, interiors, planning, lighting, graphics, facilities planning and assessment, and construction services.

Natural Design Solutions Adds Landscape Architect to Staff & Announces New Website

Jeff Shea, ASLA recently joined Natural Design Solutions, Inc. as a landscape architect & project manager. Jeff has a bachelor’s degree in Landscape Architecture from Temple University and three years of Architecture from the University of Oklahoma. Jeff brings to Natural Design Solutions experience in landscape planting design, InDesign and Storm Water Management. Jeff is also currently serving on the CCASLA Governmental Affairs Committee.

Natural Design Solutions, a commercial landscape architecture firm with offices in Castle Rock and Colorado Springs, also proudly announces the launch of their new website at ndscolorado.com. Special thanks to Indigio Group, Inc. of Denver for their fantastic web design!

Bluegreen hires new landscape architect

ASPEN, Colo. ... Bluegreen welcomes the newest member to their landscape architecture and planning studio, Dan McCormick, who returns to Bluegreen after a successful 2006 summer internship. Dan has an undergraduate degree in Natural Resource Management from Cornell University and a Master of Landscape Architecture from the State University of New York College of Environmental Science & Forestry.

Dan has a diverse background including studies in international development at the Swedish University of Agriculture and professional experience with federal and non-profit land agencies. In former positions with the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service and Colorado Fourteeners Initiative, Dan was involved in trail design, construction and restoration projects in a variety of contexts in Idaho, California and Colorado. His extensive experience with recreation programs and trail design also led to international trail consulting and recreation facilities assessment for Pico Benito National Park in northern Honduras.
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At Bluegreen, Dan’s project involvement includes work on the 282-acre Cattle Creek Crossing community in Garfield County. Dan brings leadership in open space planning and native landscape restoration to this exceptional project. In his free time, Dan enjoys photography, family and friends and is generally preoccupied with skiing and kayaking.

**studioINSITE Cleans Up**

It’s spring cleaning time for the members of the urban planning and landscape architecture firm, studioINSITE, which to them means more than just clearing the clutter of sketches and blueprints from their desks. On Friday, April 25, members of the thirteen-person design firm set out to clean up Denver’s beloved Edward J. “Eddie” Maestas Park – the triangle-shaped park located at the intersection of Broadway, Park Avenue and Lawrence Street.

The initiative to tidy up the park was a collaboration between studioINSITE and the City and County of Denver Parks and Recreation Department. Denver Parks and Recreation relies heavily on the donated time of volunteer workers to maintain the city’s parks in an effort to keep them among the best, cleanest and most sustainable in the nation. The department donated the equipment necessary for studioINSITE to perform a thorough cleanup of the small but highly utilized park. Volunteer activities included trash pickup, weeding, mulching and tree pruning.

Edward J. “Eddie” Maestas Park is part of the Denver Park System and underwent a radical transformation in 2006 when studioINSITE’s urban design was adopted as a highly contextual solution for the long-neglected dirt lot. The idle space was converted to a beautiful plaza, complete with custom benches for seating, xeric plant materials and perennial daffodils, a retaining wall to preserve mature trees, irrigation, lighting and public art in the form of an ornate trellis-like shade structure. The majority of the funding for the renovation was provided by the city, while private donations matched nearly a third of that amount.

Today Maestas Park is loved by the locals who gather there and, due to its small size, boasts one of the highest concentrations of users among all Denver parks. It marks the convergence of a variety of people from surrounding communities who find refuge within the space. One would be lucky to find an open bench at any given time of day.

While minute in scale compared to the majority of studioINSITE’s projects, the park remains one of the firm’s proudest creations. “To a landscape architect, there is no better reward than to see a designed space used as it was intended to be,” says Dennis Rubba, principal of studioINSITE. “Our volunteer cleanup of the park is testament to our deep-rooted commitment to creating and maintaining memorable, meaningful and enduring spaces for the public to enjoy for generations to come.”

The Maestas Park cleanup was just one of many events hosted by subchapters of the American Society of Landscape Architects and associated firms across the nation in honor of NLAM.
studioINSITE Picks up SMPS Colorado Marketing Award

studioINSITE has been honored by the Society for Marketing Professional Services Colorado Chapter with a 2008 Marketing Excellence Award in the Special Events category. The competition was judged on equal parts marketing objectives, creativity, quality, contents and results. Only one entry per category was selected.

The marketing piece that secured the award for studioINSITE was a smartly designed moving announcement and open house invitation conceived by PGM Integrated, a Centennial-based advertising firm.

Having recently relocated its offices to TAXI2 – a Mickey Zeppelin development at the site of the former Yellow Cab headquarters in Denver’s new urban redevelopment River North Art District (RiNo) – studioINSITE desired that the program take on a taxi theme. Resembling a taxi dispatch report and donning the black and yellow checkered pattern associated with traditional taxicabs, the marketing piece captured the spirit and character of studioINSITE’s new home.

Design Workshop’s 2008 Summer Internship Kicks Off in Denver

Denver, CO Beginning June 3, Design Workshop will host an intensive design charrette to kick off its annual summer internship program. Ten top students from around the country will come together to focus on Denver’s renowned retail shopping district, Cherry Creek North. The charrette, titled Cherry Creek North: Reconnecting and Transforming the District, will be an opportunity for the interns to gain experience by collaborating with the Design Workshop team currently working on the identity of the area for the Cherry Creek North Business Improvement District.

Design Workshop was awarded the task of planning and urban design services for the Cherry Creek North Business Improvement District in January 2008. Since then it has been engaged in the re-envisioning process of the area including physical improvements to pedestrian spaces, wayfinding, lighting, parking and circulation. The interns will not only gain insight from each other and practicing professionals but will also provide a fresh perspective to enhancing the future of the Cherry Creek North shopping district. The design charrette concludes on June 7, when the students will embark on a 10-week internship at one of Design Workshop’s seven offices across the United States.
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Green Solutions for Plant Health          | Jefferson County Fairgrounds  
8:30 to 3:00 p.m.                                   | For details go to ccasl.org.                        |
| 7/17  | North Area Mixer  
rescheduled from June 5th                                 | Louisville Community Park  
955 Bela Vista Dr.  
5pm - 9pm                                         | RSVP by July 15th:  
Contact: Kurt Munding:  
Kurt@dcla.net or  
303-664-5301                              |
| 7/18  | 2008 CSU Horticulture  
Field Day Program                                             | CSU Campus,  
Pre-registration by 7.14 - $30,  
$40 - on site                                      | 970-491-7019 ('Teresa)  
tony.koski@coastate.edu or  
Teresa.mcclure@coastate.edu                         |
| 7/16 – 7/20 | DBG Roadtrip  
$675 mem., $725 non-mem                          | Alpine Glory on West  
Spanish Peak, CO                                     | Meghan 720-865-3580  
www.peopleware.net                              |
| 7/23  | 2008 CCASLA Award  
Entry Deadline                                                 |                                                     | Go to ccasl.org for information on the 2008  
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| 8/14  | Green Roof Infrastructure  
Waterproofing & Drainage 301                               | Dave & Buster's of Denver  
Denver, CO                                           | Go to greenroofs.org  
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Annual Golf Classic                                           | Legacy Ridge Golf Course,  
Westminster                                           | questions / sponsorship  
Jim Pokorny 303-278-8100.                        |
| 9/4 – 9/8 | DBG Roadtrip:  
$675 mem., $725 non-mem.                                  | Western Nebraska  
Shortgrass Prairie                                     | Meghan 720-865-3580  
www.peopleware.net                              |
| 9/10–9/13 | 2008 ASLA Colorado/  
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