Colorado Conference: Our Call to Action
By Mark Tabor, CCASLA Conference Chair

"When I sat down to reflect on our ASLA Colorado Conference "Paths to Sustainability" this past September, I thought about the event, but also about what's happened since. Our design and planning community, along with the rest of the country, has been going through some pretty rough waters. The combination of Wall Street bankruptcies, shrinking credit, the collapse of the housing market, piled on top of skyrocketing energy prices and construction costs have lead to many changes in and out of the profession. With all the economic anxiety and resource-related issues swirling around our national consciousness, the need for sustainable planning and design practices will never be more pertinent and necessary.

It's against this backdrop of tumultuous events that I felt our joint ASLA/APA State Conference in Breckenridge was a more significant milestone. The meeting brought together more than 400 landscape architects, urban designers, city planners and product exhibitors to highlight trendsetting projects, share technical experience, and explore new sustainable design concepts. The goal of this cross-over meeting was in line with the challenges we face as design professionals, and as citizens: we must respond with our best intentions, in collaboration with other design and planning colleagues, to better understand the changing needs of our clients, develop and apply creative ideas or technologies to help solve problems, and above all...to promote more sustainable land use solutions.

Keynote presentations by Randy Udall of the Community Office for Resource Efficiency (CORE) and Jeff Hohensee of Natural Capitalism Solutions, clearly framed the wider national issue of our day: Our gluttonous energy appetite is clearly at odds with dwindling world-wide reserves of fossil fuels. Both men showed us many examples of how seemingly-modest policies and actions could contribute to major improvements in our overall economic security and environmental health. The fundamental message was clear: We either get a grip on the realities of the new energy economy and successfully adjust to its opportunities by using more sustainable energy sources, resource conservation, and sustainable land use practices; or simply be overtaken and dominated by other countries that do. The challenge for both of these speakers was both daunting and inspiring. It was evident, that as landscape architects and planners, we have a very important role to play in supporting and leading the change in our land use policies and implementing sustainable design practices that lead to more resource-conscious projects and functional communities.

Unprecedented in past state conferences, attendees had the choice of over 30 educational sessions, mobile tours of local projects, and panel discussions with noted practitioners. Many also benefited from the accredited course offerings for continuing education (CEU) credits that are required to retain AICP certifications and professional landscape architectural licenses. Local project and policy initiatives in Breckenridge were featured including affordable housing projects that are more integrated into the wider community, open space preservation techniques for high land value resort communities, and downtown revitalization efforts to keep small communities economically vibrant. Impressive restoration work along the Blue River corridor has transformed miles of polluted mine tailings back into a productive mountain stream creating a great amenity for hiking, biking, fishing and wildlife habitat. Other sessions focused on sustainable transportation alternatives in National Parks, better means of collaborating with the public on development projects, and balancing resource protection...
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Looking Back To Go Forward

As we approach the end of 2008 it is amazing how fast this year has gone. My tenure as president is coming to an end and by the time you read this Kim Douglas, President will be leading CCASLA for 2009. I can honestly say the past two years of Executive Committee work have been rewarding well beyond my initial expectations and I look forward to continuing on as Past President. I would like to thank all the members of the Executive Committee, our committee chairs, all the committed volunteers and our association manager for their leadership, assistance and encouragement. These people have made this work not a chore but a pleasure.

While we undertook many initiatives in 2008, I would like to highlight just a few that we are most proud of:

- **Programs** - the annual design and planning conference was held in September in association with APA Colorado. This was a great event put together with our allied professionals.
- **Communications** - we have made great progress here, streamlining our email communications, upgrading the newsletter, and initiating a web site redesign and relaunch process. This will put a new digital face on the Chapter and give us an even better communication tool.
- **Operations** - the executive committee continued to work on developing and implementing our sustainable management and operational plan for the organization. Our efforts were aimed at strengthening our internal organization and working to streamline the operational plan developed in 2007.
- **Membership** - the membership committee developed a stronger chapter membership plan to not only encourage membership but also to better connect with members interested in volunteering for Chapter activities.
- **Member Services** - we initiated an annual on-line survey of the membership that will help the Chapter to better understand the needs of our members.
- **Public Relations** - the public relations group has developed a positioning paper and plan to help us guide and implement our relations with the general public and the media. This will allow us to be more focused and more effective in this arena.
- **Government Affairs** - our government affairs group connected with many of our state and federal elected officials and our partners at ASLA national and continued to keep the profession in the public eye. Our lobby days were well attended.
- **Awards Program** - the annual design and planning awards program continues to be popular and once again in 2008 it was a great success.
- **Western Slope Connection** - our western slope members were very active this year holding and sponsoring several community events. Keep up the great work!
- **LA in Schools** - we had a record number of members participate in the LA in Schools program this year. If you want to do something fun to promote the profession to the younger generation look into this.

This is just a sampling of the ventures we have undertaken and the opportunities that exist within the Chapter. I would like to encourage all of our members to get involved – it is rewarding. While our work is never finished we hope that it gets better and better. I look forward to working with all of you in 2009.

Patrick Mundus, ASLA
Past President
with oil and gas development in the Intermountain West. It was surprising (although perhaps it shouldn’t be) to learn that many of our local firms are leaders in sustainable planning and development with projects in China and across the world.

Consistent with the educational and service networking goals of the conference, a large trade show exhibit hall offered over 25 booths attended by landscape equipment suppliers, professional service providers, and non-profit organizations serving a range of design and planning needs. With all these offerings and activities, attendees still had plenty of time to eat, drink and re-acquaint with colleagues new and old. Attendees were treated to an art walk reception their first evening, catered breakfasts and lunches, and an evening cocktail mixer. ASLA Colorado also had its annual awards banquet during the last evening of the conference that recognized the finest professional work of 2008 by Colorado’s landscape architects.

A post conference survey revealed that a vast majority of ASLA Colorado Conference attendees enjoyed the event and appreciated the opportunity to share it with APA members. The Executive Committee of ASLA Colorado is currently planning to reschedule the State Conference to the Spring season to minimize overlap with the ASLA National Conference and other popular Fall events. Regardless of the season, our State Conference has proven to be a valuable part of the annual program and an important “call to action” for the important sustainable planning and design work that we all do...in both our professional and personal lives. We’re looking forward to other opportunities to hold joint events with APA and other design and planning associations again too. We hope you’ll join us at some of these future events.
Membership Statistics Bimonthly Report

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Membership Goal (10%) | 682 | 750
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![Chart showing membership changes over months]
WELCOME TO OUR NEW ASLA COLORADO MEMBERS:

Klaus Thomas Altgef, ASLA
Stephen Balgooyen, Associate ASLA, Landform Solutions
Catherine Blazer, ASLA, Mesa County Planning and Economic Development Department
Kevin M. Lyles, ASLA
Priscilla J. Marbaker, ASLA, Tapis Associates
Gary Allen Marchio, ASLA
Allyson Mendenhall, ASLA, Design Workshop
Paul Mills, ASLA, Russell + Mills Studios
Amy Reiter, Associate ASLA
Jonathan A. Romero, ASLA, Land Development Consultants
Trista Sigler, ASLA

Thank You . . .
Shay Lundvall for volunteering on the Public Relations Committee. Shay is the Parks Division Supervisor with the City of Gillette, WY.

Traditionally, we have recognized people who actively participate in ASLA Colorado activities but we would also like to recognize ASLA Colorado members who actively participate in other organizations, committees, etc. Like . . . Ted Ciavone, ASLA, President of Ciavone, Roberts and Associates Inc. in Grand Junction. Ted is the Chair of the Colorado State Board of Landscape Architects. and Jamie Ramos, ASLA of Nuszer Kopatz Urban Design Associates in Denver. Jamie is the Vice Chair of the Colorado State Board of Landscape Architects. So, if you are an ASLA member and participate in non-ASLA Colorado activities we would love to hear from you so we can recognize you too. Send your information to Judy Ward at jward@criticalhabits.com or 303.6379.8262.

Opportunities to Participate . . .
Government Affairs/Advocacy
If you are interested in the Government Affairs/Advocacy and Licensure we have an immediate need. We need someone who can represent ASLA Colorado by attending the State Board of Landscape Architects meetings. Please contact Dennis Brookie at djbrookie@netzero.net.

Public Relations
“Public relations (PR) is the practice of managing the flow of information between an organization and its publics.” Its focus is communication and developing mutual relationships. Today many believe it is about relationship management. (Wikipedia) Knowing this you can imagine there are many opportunities open in Public Relations. Courtney McRiddick, VP of Public Relations for ASLA Colorado, is interested in working with people who have a passion for communicating what we do to the outside world. Call her at 303.534.0325 or email her at courtney@sitedrivendesign.com.

Communications Committee
The Communications Committee is in search of someone who is good at or would like to test their skills at recruiting/selling advertising and sponsorships for the website. The nice part of this position is that it is an activity that requires no meetings and one that can be done at a time that you define. If you have an interest in this position please contact Brian Koenigberg, Rocky Mountain Exposures Editor at 303.569.6611 or brian@kmkstudio.com.

Professional Education
Dennis Nagao Professional Education Coordinator Member-at-Large for ASLA Colorado is looking for a LARE Review Instructor(s). The Qualification & Responsibilities include:
• Licensed through the LARE in the last 5+/- years
• Well organized
• Energetic with good presentation and communication skills
• Responsible for the update and preparation of review materials (The previous instructor commented that he would be willing to provide the current review materials to the next instructor(s))
The instructor(s) have the option of determining the session format and the review day. Format of previous examination review sessions:
• Graphics Sections - 4+/- hours (Sections C - Site Design,
  Section E - Grading, Drainage and Stormwater Management)
• Multiple Choice Sections - 3+/- hours (Sections A -
  Administrative and Legal Aspects of Practice, Section B -
  Analytical Aspects of Practice, Section D - Structural
  Considerations and Materials and Methods of Construct
• Full day approximately 8 hours covering all sections
Treasurer’s Report | Gail Barry, Treasurer

The 2008 CCASLA year began with big plans for a total redo of the web site which is underway along with plans for more public relations efforts. The newsletter is great, as always. The 2008 conference has been a great success and our exhibitors and sponsors have been very kind to us. The LARE education classes have been more frequent. Please contact us with any ideas you may have to make us better and more responsive to you, our members.

Beginning balance as of 12/31/07 $92,671.00

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The CCASLA accounts may be viewed during normal business hours by appointment only. Contact Gail Barry, Treasurer at 303.355.0673.
Fellows Invitational Dinner | Patrick Shea, FASLA

On July 29, an enthusiastic group of CCASLA Fellows and guests, met to congratulate CCASLA Fellow-Elect Craig C. Coronato. This get-together, which was scheduled between Craig’s trips to China, provided an opportunity to celebrate with CCASLA’s newest Fellow; reflect on the opportunities and challenges of practice in Colorado and the recent licensure implementation; and continue discussions for increased Fellows participation in chapter activities.

Ted Ciavonne, ASLA, traveling from Grand Junction to join the dinner, provided his insight on licensure application activities and municipal activities for licensure requirements. In addition, Ted Adsit, FASLA, relocated from Tennessee via Steamboat Springs, spoke of his activities as Executive Director with the International Erosion Control Association and the Association’s recent headquarters move to Denver. Welcome Ted!

The Fellows Invitational Dinner provided both Fellows and guests an opportunity to look at statewide successes and upcoming challenges and opportunities for professional and CCASLA leadership throughout the Rocky Mountain and beyond.

Also, as we look forward to Craig’s induction in Philadelphia this October, it’s that time again to consider candidates for the next Class of Fellows. Information is available on the CCASLA and ASLA National websites. Please consider eligible candidates and if additional information would be helpful, contact Patrick Shea, FASLA, CCASLA Fellows Representative.

JSR 2009 ANNUAL MEETING

The JSR Foundation will be hosting the 2009 Annual Meeting at the Montclair Civic Center (The “Molkery” at 6820 East 12th Avenue, Denver). Event will be Thursday November 13, 2008 with cocktails and refreshments starting at 5:30pm and the presentation beginning at 6:30pm. This event will feature the presentation of the 2008 JSR Award to Paul Hindman with Urban Drainage, an update on JSR activities, a silent auction, and drinks and refreshments. Please come join us for a celebration of the past year and kick-off the activities of the upcoming year. Contact Kim Douglas at kdouglas@studio-insite. com with any questions. Further information will be posted at www.ccasla.org.
CCASLA North Area Mixer a Big Success

Kurt Munding, North Area Director

The CCASLA north area mixer held at Louisville Community Park on July 18th was a big success thank you to all that attended. There were approximately 30 people in attendance and a good time was had by all. Some of the highlights were the water spray feature that a number of the children played in, horse shoes, bocce balls and a climbing demonstration on the ‘Mine Shaft’ by Monolithic Sculpture. If you have any comments or if you have ideas for the next mixer in the North Area please contact Kurt Munding at 303.664.5301 or kurt@dcla.net.

CCASLA West holds Mixer with AIA Colorado West

Mandy Norton

CCASLA and AIA Colorado West members gathered for drinks and appetizers at Ella on Thursday, July 10 from 5-8pm. Everyone was enjoying the summer weather and meeting new people on the patio. As the first ever co-sponsored event between AIA and CCASLA, new contacts were made and it was a huge success!
Jane Silverstein Ries Foundation Update
Patrick Mundus, President

The Jane Silverstein Ries Foundation is proud to announce the appointment of four new board members for 2009. Joining the Board of Directors are Ashley Corbett of StudioINSITE, Lori Catalano of the University of Colorado at Denver, Ian Anderson of Design Studios West and Jenn Thomas – JSR Scholar. The Executive positions for 2009 are as follows: Patrick Mundus, ASLA - President; Cathe Mitchell, ASLA – Vice President; Brian Braa, ASLA – Treasurer; and Ashley Corbett, ASLA – Secretary. The Board would like to thank Past President Kim Douglas, ASLA of StudioINSITE for her tremendous leadership efforts in 2008.

The Foundation has a number of upcoming events, programs and initiatives that they are working on for 2009.

jsrfoundation.org

The Foundation website is now up and running – this site is dedicated solely to the foundation’s mission, projects, and events. The site was designed by Philosophy Communications in an effort led by Past President Kim Douglas. Check it out, it looks great and brings us into the modern age!

JSR Scholarship

In 2008 the Foundation decided to revamp the format of the Jane Silverstein Ries Student Scholarship program, combining the two scholarships previously awarded into one more rewarding scholarship. The program will be an award competition offered to Landscape Architecture programs nationwide and focusing on work in the Rocky Mountain region. For 2009 preliminary abstracts will be due in the Spring of 2009 with an award soon thereafter. The winning student shall receive a $2,000 scholarship. The focus of the student’s work shall have an emphasis applicable to the Rocky Mountain Region. The selected award winner will have their project added to the Jane Silverstein Ries Archives at the Denver Public Library and posted on jsrfoundation.org.

2008 JSR Award

The 2008 Jane Silverstein Ries Award was presented to Paul Hindman of the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District honoring him for his pioneering work related to storm water drainage planning and design along the greater Front Range area. Paul was recently named the Executive Director of Urban Drainage and was nominated by Axel Bishop, ASLA of Design Concepts. “The current biological, hydraulic and aesthetic the Denver metropolitan area is astonishing and the future looks even better with the precedents set by Paul.” A reception was held on November 13 at the historic Molkery in Denver’s Montclair Park. The event attracted landscape architects, engineers, planners and past award winners – all coming out to honor Paul Hindman.

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The 2009 CELA, Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture, Conference welcomes Jenn Thomas. Jenn will be speaking on her abstract titled "The Education of Jane Silverstein Ries at the Lowthorpe School of Landscape Architecture for Women in Groton, Massachusetts, 1928-1932." Jenn is finishing her Masters of LA at the University of Colorado at Denver. When her work is complete it will be added to the Jane Silverstein Ries archives at the Denver Public Library.

Jane Silverstein Ries Retrospective

JSR Foundation has teamed with the Denver Public Library to create a retrospective exhibit of Jane’s career featuring garden design and landscape architecture work. Opening in February 2009 and running through April the exhibit features drawings and photographs of Jane’s work that have been formally archived by the Library. The opening gala for the exhibit will be February 12, 2009 - 5:30 to 8:30 PM at the Denver Public Library. We would like to invite ASLA members and the community to come and witness the breadth of Jane’s work in this exhibit and enjoy the opening reception.

Fundraising and Sponsorship

The Foundation relies on donations to continue the JSR award and scholarship programs. The JSR Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, tax-exempt organization. Your tax-deductible donation will enable the JSR Foundation to continue supporting sustainable projects through public-awareness practices that preserve, improve and enhance the public's enjoyment of the natural and built environments. For further information on sponsorship opportunities or donations go to jsrfoundation.org or contact Patrick Mundus, (pat@mundusbishop.com).

The JSR Foundation is the charitable arm of ASLA Colora, a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving public spaces. We support sustainability and stewardship of the natural and designed landscapes in the Rocky Mountain Region through educational endeavors and public awareness.
Horticultural Therapy Class in Denver

The Horticultural Therapy Institute will offer Introduction to Horticultural Therapy this fall, Nov. 13-16, 2008 at Craig Hospital in Denver. This class will enable students to enter the HT Certificate program offered by the Institute and moves students closer to credentialing in horticultural therapy.

The Introduction to HT course introduces the profession and practice of horticultural therapy, which uses gardening activities in health care and human service programs. The course describes the types of programs utilizing horticultural therapy as well as the cognitive, social, emotional and physical goals for the diversity of people served. It also exposes students to professionals in the field and resources for further exploration.

The HT Certificate program combines face-to-face classroom skills with assignments and projects accomplished at a distance. All courses and distance assignments are practical, useful, real-world experience enabling students to gain proficiency and confidence in the field. Serving people with diverse life experiences, the Institute offers high-quality educational opportunities with each faculty member experienced and enthusiastic practitioners and educators.

The American Horticultural Therapy Association accredits all classes and students can obtain academic credit or continuing education units (CEUs) for the class through Colorado State University. Cost for the four-day class is $650 or $520 for full-time college students. Remaining classes in the certificate program will be offered in the Denver area. For more information or to enroll email ckramer@htinstitute.org or call 303.388.0500. Full class descriptions, faculty profiles and schedules can be found at www.htinstitute.org.
Design Concepts Unveils Master Plan for Aurora’s Utah Park

Design Concepts received the Colorado Construction Silver Hard Hat Award for Outstanding Landscape Project for the redesign of the 47-acre site of Utah Park, which embraces two natural creeks that flow into the park. Located between S. Peoria St. and E. Jewel Ave., at the confluence of Westerly Creek and Jewel Tributary, Utah Park functions as a popular community park for the City of Aurora as well as a flood-control facility.

The $5.8 million park previously was a large stormwater detention basin with a muddy lake at the bottom and the creeks channeled underground in pipes. Low-lying areas, including a ballfield, regularly flooded when it rained. In 2006, Design Concepts developed a master plan and construction documents that hid the site’s function, transforming it into a very attractive park and better functioning detention basin with contoured topography, naturalized streambeds, and two new ponds, as well as active recreation features. Construction began in November 2006.

The plan relocated active uses such as ballfields to higher ground and through grading transformed the topography into a more natural site with hills and valleys. The piped streams were “daylighted” and restored to a natural state, and the stream banks were planted with native riparian plants. Water now flows through the new Westerly Creek Canyon, and a meadow knoll with sandstone-column sculpture and seating overlooks a large pond and a wetlands area with a boardwalk.

The master plan increased the park’s capacity and handling of flood water, says Paul Hindman, executive director of the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District. “Design Concepts incorporated a raised embankment and blended it into an outstanding park improvement, so you can’t tell its purpose was for flood control,” says Hindman. The Urban Drainage and Flood Control District initiated the project to better hold back flood water and alleviate flooding downstream. A partnership with the City of Aurora and the Cherry Creek School District enabled the project to include park improvements and natural designs that typically are not included in a flood control project, he says.

Utah Park features soccer, baseball, and softball fields, a basketball half-court, a sledding hill, a grassy community amphitheater for summer concerts, and passive park space, as well as the existing indoor pool building, tennis courts, and a one-mile perimeter path rebuilt with concrete and soft surfaces. The path connects to the Westerly Creek Regional Trail, which winds through the middle of the park. Design Concepts’ master plan created a new entry drive off Jewel Ave., as well as new facilities, such as restrooms and a pavilion complex overlooking the big pond. The firm also worked with the staff of Overland High School and Prairie Middle School to design a new baseball field at the park, which the schools will share with the city.

The playground was renovated with a water theme. It features a shade structure that Design Concepts designed pro bono as a gift for the park. The 17-by-19-foot “Waves” shade structure, constructed by Poligon of tubular steel with fabricated “wave” panels, was selected as the winner of the nationwide 2006 Poligon “Park Architecture design competition. “Waves” was unveiled at the 2006 American Society of Landscape Architects annual conference.

DTJ DESIGN Wins Home of the Year

DTJ DESIGN, Inc. is honored at the Gold Nugget Awards for the Pacific Coast Builder’s Conference with a Grand Award and Home of the Year for The Bridger plan at Trapper’s Camp in Promontory, located in Park City, UT.

In a collaborative effort with builder/developer CSE & Associates, and Hillary Reed Interiors, DTJ provided planning architecture and landscape architecture for the Trapper's Camp
claves. At 2,200 s.f., The Bridger is the middle-sized plan of the three. The project’s largest plan, The Coulter, was honored with a Merit Award.

In a community of upscale homes of 10,000 SF or more, these cabins offer an intimate option to the second home market. The Bridger plan offers a large, open main level, ideal for entertaining. Exposed structural trusses, wide-plank wood floors, and stone fireplace add to the rustic elegance of the open space. A private master suite completes the main level. Upstairs, an open loft space links a second bedroom, bunkroom, and bath, ideal for guests visiting with children.

Front and rear porches expand living spaces and take full advantage of mountain vistas. The shed dormer quietly emphasizes the cabin character and allows light into the loft space.

Design Workshop Foundation Donates Landscape Architecture Services for Excelsior Youth Center

The Design Workshop Foundation has been busy facilitating donations and donating landscape architecture and installation services for the campus garden design of the Excelsior Youth Center in Aurora, CO. Design Workshop Foundation volunteers, with the help of many generous donors, have organized over $45,000 in donations of trees, shrubs, perennials, irrigation, benches, design services and manpower. The first round of landscaping was installed June 27-28, with over 30 Design Workshop employees and Excelsior Youth Center volunteers donating their time. The second and final installation will take place on August 16, with a grand opening ribbon cutting ceremony taking place on August 22.

The Foundation extends their greatest appreciation to the following material and service donors: HydroSystems, GreenPrint Denver, City and County of Denver Parks and Recreation, Landscape Forms, Native Trees Service, Peak ‘n Prairie Landscape, Box Elder Creek, City of Aurora Parks and Open Space Department/Urban Forestry, O’Tooles Garden Center, Gulley Greenhouse and Mrs. Jenny McCoy. Subject donations are still being accepted, details can be found at www.designworkshop.com. Design Workshop president, Rebecca Zimmermann comments, “the benefit resulting from the new campus gardens and teen center will be priceless. Helping to provide a beautiful environment for the girls who work so hard to turn their lives around and the staff’s dedication to that outcome is a real honor for us.”

Excelsior Youth Center is a residential treatment center and facility serving girls ages 11-18 with emotional and behavior difficulties. Excelsior is home to about 180 girls who participate in a structured treatment and living program while receiving a certified education at Excelsior’s middle or high school.

Design Workshop Names Four New Legacy Forum Leaders

Design Workshop is pleased to announce the appointment of four Legacy Forum Leaders who will strengthen the firm’s defining design practice, DW Legacy Design*. This practice is a comprehensive approach to land planning and landscape architecture. It involves a level of inquiry that is elevated and a design agenda that tackles bigger issues than the project and its mapped boundaries. These Legacy Forum Leaders will challenge each Legacy focus area – Environment, Economics, Community, and Art – to insist that the designs reflect the critical issues facing the planning and landscape architecture professions and society.

Legacy Environment Forum Leader – Heather Henry, Associate, joined Design Workshop in 2000 with a strong background in landscape architecture and environmental sciences from the University of Connecticut. She is a licensed landscape architect and a U.S. Green Building Council LEED AP designer. Her environmental design background began with her education and has continued with her affiliation with the USGBC and a recent award-winning conservation development project in Montana.

Legacy Economics Forum Leader – Peter Adams, Principal, has been with Design Workshop since 1996 and earned his MBA from Regis University in 2006. He has developed and trained staff in project management tools and is leading implementation of Legacy metrics and best practice models throughout the firm.

Legacy Community Forum Leader – Pam Britton, Principal, came to the firm in 2001 and has a degree in Organizational Communications and a master’s in Human Resource Training and Development. Pam has led development of the firm’s
Design University and is an accomplished community and public process facilitator. Her current Colorado projects include the Vail Community Vision Plan, Breckenridge Downtown Streetscape, Aspen Area Community Plan, Bull Springs, and Beaver Creek.

Legacy Art Forum Leader – Steven Spears, Associate, joined the firm in 2004 and is currently studying to receive his Masters in Fine Arts at the University of Texas at Austin and holds a degree in Landscape Architecture. Steven is an award-winning designer and speaker who has worked on notable projects such as Little Nell, Aspen, Colorado; Yorktown Downtown, Indiana; Landwell New Community, Henderson, Nevada; and Arches National Park Transportation Plan, Moab, Utah.

The Legacy Forum Leaders will put into practice Design Workshop’s Legacy goals across a broad spectrum of projects. Their thought leadership and depth of experience will ensure a comprehensive approach to designing and implementing quality places. All of the firm’s Legacy Forum Leaders are committed to creating a world where human impacts are beneficial and contribute to a healthy and productive planet.

Design Workshop Makes “THE BEST LIST” Colorado Homes & Lifestyles, August 2008

Colorado Homes & Lifestyles’ named Design Workshop the Editor’s Choice for The Best Landscape Designer in Colorado. This honor comes at the heels of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) selection of Design Workshop as the 2008 ASLA Landscape Architecture Firm of the Year, 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 with over 150 prestigious awards for their work in new communities, urban centers, resorts, public parks, golf courses and residences.

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
Creighton University Pedestrian Mall Enters Final Construction Phase

The end of summer will mark the completion of a major chapter in the on-going renovation of downtown Omaha, Nebraska’s Creighton University. A five-phased program, the California Street Pedestrian Mall Redevelopment totals six city blocks in length and $7.25 million in site improvements.

The pedestrian mall serves as the campus’ primary pedestrian artery and is an integral component of the 2003 master plan prepared by Denver-based campus planning/urban design/landscape architecture firm studioINSITE. Following design guidelines set forth in the master plan, the improved design incorporates such elements as brick pavers, seat walls, landscaping, lighting and signage design. Like award-winning Phases One and Two, the subsequent phases of the mall’s redevelopment maintain the character and animation that makes this corridor so successful.

studioINSITE picked up simultaneous 2005 Architectural Portfolio Awards from American School & University (AS&U) for its Creighton University Master Plan and California Street Pedestrian Mall Redevelopment, Phases One and Two. Proclaimed the 2005 jury of the AS&U Architectural Portfolio competition, studioINSITE did a “great job of taking dead space and making it animated and dynamic.” The firm was also honored with a 2007 Merit Award for Design from the American Society of Landscape Architects Colorado Chapter for the pedestrian mall.

The vision for redevelopment of the mall includes two additional blocks. Once completed, the redevelopment will extend eight continuous blocks, joining the east and west boundaries of the campus.

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