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CTASLA names the Green Valley Institute Recipient of the 2004 Olmsted Award

The Connecticut Chapter will present the Olmsted Award to the Green Valley Institute on September 16, 2004 at the CTASLA's and UCONN Landscape Architecture Program's annual fall semester picnic.

New Haven, Connecticut, August 4, 2004—The Connecticut Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (CTASLA) has named The Green Valley Institute as its recipient for the 2004 Olmsted Award.

The Olmsted Award is given annually by the CTASLA to a person or organization that works or resides in Connecticut and has employed the principle of stewardship of the land as the guiding force in their actions. Each Chapter member is encouraged to nominate someone or some group that they know has demonstrated, through their actions, their care and concern for our Connecticut environment. This year's award goes to the Green Valley Institute.

The Green Valley Institute (GVI) exists to help Quinebaug-Shetucket National Heritage Corridor communities and citizens sustain their environment and quality of life while growing their economies. The Green Valley Institute is a non-regulatory organization dedicated to:

- Improving the knowledge base from which land use and natural resource decisions are made, and

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- Building local capacity to protect and manage natural resources as our region grows.

The GVI targets audiences who most influence land use in the Corridor, including private landowners, municipal boards and commissions, Corridor land trusts and local builders/contractors.

Goal: to insure they (the stakeholders) have the information, knowledge and resources they need to make good land use decisions as they plan for the future.

Vision: that one day, land use and natural resource-related decisions, at every level from the individual landowner to the Corridor as a whole, will be made by informed individuals who have up-to-date information and the resources to follow through.

The GVI was created through a formal partnership between the Quinebaug-Shetucket National Heritage Corridor and the University of Connecticut's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Its programs are made possible through active involvement of the Corridor's Natural Resources and Agriculture (NRA) Committee.

Past winners of the Olmsted Award include:

- 1992 Richard Goodwin, CT College
- 1993 Philip Barske, Wetlands Creator
- 1994 Joe Hickey, State Park Planner
- 1995 William Niering, Wetlands Expert, Connecticut College
- 1996 Iroquois Gas Land Preservation & Enhancement Program
- 1997 Senator Joseph Lieberman
- 1998 Joshua's Tract Conservation and Historic Trust
- 1999 Connecticut Historical Commission
- 2000 Jim Gibbons, Cooperative Extension System
- 2002 Lt. Governor Jodi Rell & Senate President-pro-tem, Kevin Sullivan
- 2003 Town of Simsbury

Founded in 1899, ASLA is the national professional association for landscape architects representing 14,200 members. Landscape architecture is a comprehensive discipline of land analysis, planning, design, management, preservation, and rehabilitation. ASLA promotes the landscape architecture profession and advances the practice through advocacy, education, communication, and fellowship. Learn more about landscape architecture online

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