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**CTASLA Presents 2008 Connecticut Olmsted Award to Merritt Parkway Conservancy Co-Founder**

New Haven, Connecticut, July 18, 2008 — The Connecticut Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (CTASLA) has presented its 2008 Connecticut Olmsted Award to Peter L. Malkin, founding co-chairman of the Merritt Parkway Conservancy.

Under Mr. Malkin's guidance, the Conservancy has brought physical improvements to the Merritt Parkway and prevented plans from proceeding which otherwise would have bespoiled this important historical landscape. Through education and advocacy, The Merritt Parkway Conservancy works to protect, preserve and enhance the scenic, cultural and environmental assets of this remarkable roadway. Now more than 50 years old, the Merritt Parkway is a 37-mile road system that stretches across Fairfield County, servicing at least 60,000 drivers daily.

"Peter Malkin's leadership in the Conservancy has allowed this important landscape corridor to remain vital for present and future generations," said CTASLA President Rod Cameron, a landscape architect with Brookfield-based CCA, LLC. "He believes, as Olmsted did, that protection of land and cultural resources will provide benefits to society at large in perpetuity."

Mr. Malkin's many other civic involvements include contributions within organizations that work to improve the quality of life and environment using such tools as economic development, neighborhood beautification and historic preservation. He is Trustee Emeritus of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and founding co-chairman of Greenwich Adopt-A-Road, Inc. and Greenwich Green & Clean, Inc.

Additionally, Mr. Malkin is founding chairman of the business improvement districts for Grand Central Partnership, Inc. and the 34<sup>th</sup> Street Partnership, Inc., whose function is to enhance the quality of life and environment in various areas of Manhattan.

The Connecticut Olmsted Award is given annually by CTASLA to an organization or person who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to stewardship of the land. The award is named after Connecticut native Frederick Law Olmsted, who founded the landscape architecture profession in the 19th century, and is best known for his creation of New York's Central Park as well as such prominent Connecticut landscapes as Bridgeport's Beardsley and Seaside Parks, New Britain's Walnut Hill Park, and Hartford's Pope Park.

Past recipients of the Connecticut Olmsted Award include Senator Joseph Lieberman (1997); Jack Shannahan, Connecticut Historical Commission (1999); Lieutenant Governor M. Jodi Rell and Senate President Pro Tempore Kevin B. Sullivan (2002); the Town of Simsbury (2003); the Green Valley Institute (2004); State Senator Bill Finch (2005); former DEP Deputy Commissioner David Leff (2006); and State Senator Andrew Roraback (2007).

Founded in 1899, the American Society of Landscape Architects is the national professional association for landscape architects, representing more than 16,000 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 at [www.asla.org](http://www.asla.org). For more information on activities of the Connecticut Chapter, please see our website at [www.ctasla.org](http://www.ctasla.org).

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