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CTASLA Presents 2010 Connecticut Olmsted Award to Connecticut Forest & Park Association Program Director

New Haven, CT — The Connecticut Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (CTASLA) will present its 2010 Connecticut Olmsted Award to **Steve Broderick**, Forester & Program Director at the Connecticut Forest & Park Association's Goodwin Forest Conservation Education Center. The Olmsted Award is given annually by CTASLA to an organization or person who works or resides in Connecticut and has employed the principle of stewardship of the land as a guiding force in their actions. This year the award will be presented on Monday, April 26th at the Olmsted Day Celebration at Keney Park in Hartford.

Mr. Broderick earned his Bachelor of Science in Forestry from The University of Massachusetts in 1975, and a Master of Science, Forest Management and Economics from Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University in 1978. He has been the Forester & Program Director at the Goodwin Center since 2008. The Connecticut Forest & Park Association (CFPA) contracts with the Connecticut DEP to operate the Center, which lies on the southern edge of the 2,000-acre Goodwin State Forest, and includes a small wildlife museum, meeting and office space, a two-acre native plant wildlife garden and an 80-acre demonstration forest. The Goodwin Center's mission, defined by Mr. Goodwin in 1964 when he gifted the property to the state of Connecticut, is to provide "forestry, wildlife and general education for youth and adults."

Mr. Broderick came to CFPA after a 30-year career as an Extension Forester with the University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension System. Among awards he has won are the 2009 Technology Transfer Award from the National Society of American Foresters, and the 2004 David M. Smith Outstanding Forester Award, Southern New England Chapter, Society of American Foresters. He has also published many articles including "Helping Rural Communities Manage Growth and Protect Natural Resources."

"Steve's career demonstrates a keen awareness of the importance of preserving natural resources for future generations," said Chapter president Jane Didona, of Danbury-based Didona Associates. "His passion for the forests and open spaces of Connecticut ensures — as Olmsted's great works did — that people can continue to commune with nature here in meaningful ways."

The Olmsted Award is named after Connecticut native Frederick Law Olmsted, who founded the modern 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); Lieutenant Governor M. Jodi Rell and Senate President Pro Tempore Kevin B. Sullivan (2002); the Green Valley Institute (2004); State Senator Bill Finch (2005); State Senator Andrew Roraback (2007); and James Gustave Speth, Dean of the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies (2009).

Founded in 1899, the American Society of Landscape Architects is the national professional association for landscape architects, representing more than 17,000 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. For more information on activities of the Connecticut Chapter, please see our website at www.ctasla.org.

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