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Dickson DeMarche Named a Fellow of ASLA

New Haven, CT, February 3, 2006 — Dickson F. DeMarche, of **Bethel**, has been named a Fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) in recognition of his exceptional and sustained service to the profession at the local, state and national levels.

Election to the Class of Fellows is based on professional excellence and outstanding accomplishments, and is one of the highest honors conferred by ASLA, denoting significant achievements in an individual's career.

"Dickson has contributed to the recognition and advancement of landscape architecture through extensive service on the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards, his leadership and involvement with the Connecticut Chapter of ASLA, and his continuing involvement in civic affairs and education," said CTASLA past president, Rod Cameron.

"He has demonstrated an unswerving commitment to improving the lives and careers of those who have come within his sphere of influence, which has grown steadily over the years through his unselfish dedication and hard work."

Founder and CEO of Dickson DeMarche Landscape Architects and The LaurelRock Company, a design/build firm with facilities in **Georgetown** and **Bethel**, CT, Dickson's career spans nearly 40 years.

His designs for residential landscapes and public facilities have garnered awards from many organizations, including the Connecticut Chapter of ASLA, the New York Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and the Professional Landcare Network.

Passionate about licensure issues affecting the profession, Dickson has been actively involved with the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB) since 1994, acting as President in 2003-04. He chaired the CLARB committee that worked with ASLA to create a new model law and regulations to help states upgrade their legislation governing the licensure of landscape architects. He was also instrumental in automating portions of the Landscape Architect Registration Exam (LARE) to allow computer administration at test sites across the country, enabling more convenient and more frequent application of the exam, with faster notification of results to the candidates.

As a member of the Connecticut Board of Landscape Architects — the main licensure body for the profession in the state — since 1984, Dickson has been instrumental in improving the state's licensure law (upgraded to a full practice act in 1997) as well as regulatory guidelines governing the profession to help protect the health, safety and welfare of the public.

Connecticut ASLA president from 1985 to 1987, Dickson has also served on the chapter's scholarship, public relations and program committees, as well as the advisory committee for accreditation of the UConn Landscape Architecture program. Dickson's myriad speaking engagements and involvement in municipal affairs — particularly in his home town of Bethel, where he played a major role in the downtown's redevelopment — have helped to promote the value and contributions of landscape architecture across the state.

Steve Wing, ASLA, a peer on the state licensing board, said, "Dickson's many accomplishments, his consummate professionalism and his years of generous and effective service on behalf of the profession make him very deserving of this honor."

Founded in 1899, ASLA is the national professional association for landscape architects, representing more than 15,000 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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