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Thomas R. Tavella Named a Fellow of ASLA

GLASTONBURY, July 25, 2008 — ASLA has announced the selection of 20 members for induction into its Council of Fellows, among the highest honors the Society confers upon its members each year. Fellows are recognized for their extraordinary work, leadership, knowledge, and service to the profession over a sustained period of time. Among those selected this year is **Thomas R. Tavella**, a landscape architect from **Orange** and a member of the Connecticut Chapter of ASLA.

Thomas R. Tavella, President of Tavella Design Group, LLC in Orange, was nominated by the Connecticut ASLA Chapter for his sustained leadership of the profession in government affairs advocacy at the state and national levels. He was instrumental in fostering the Connecticut licensing law's upgrade from a title act to a practice act. In addition, he is LEED certified and for more than 20 years has managed a diverse portfolio of award-winning and sustainable projects throughout the United States.

Mr. Tavella is active in education, shepherding the University of Connecticut landscape architecture program's accreditation and creating a scholarship fund for Connecticut residents to study landscape architecture. He shares his knowledge by teaching at the New York Botanical Gardens and Southern Connecticut State University, lecturing at the landscape architecture programs of the University of Connecticut and the University of Massachusetts, and introducing the profession to K-12 students at local schools.

He earned his bachelor of science in environmental design from the University of Massachusetts in 1985.

The new class of ASLA Fellows will be formally inducted into the Council on October 4, 2008, during the Society's Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. Thereafter, they may use the suffix "FASLA" after their names, denoting recognition of their achievements by their peers.

A complete list of this year's ASLA Fellows is located online at <http://asla.org/NewsReleaseDetails.aspx?id=1734>.

Founded in 1899, ASLA is the national professional association for landscape architects, representing more than 17,000 members in 48 professional chapters and 68 student chapters. 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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