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Dear Trustees:

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I nominate Len Zickler, FASLA for the ASLA Community Service Award for 2008. For over thirty years Len has served communities and organizations across the State of Washington on projects of local, regional and statewide importance. Len has generously given of his time – without compensation – demonstrating his strong commitment to public service and making communities better places to live.

***Background***

A hallmark of Len's 35 plus years of practice has been his commitment to community through pro bono public service. Len encourages his staff to give of their time where they live or work and he leads by example. Len has served as a board of director or commissioner on numerous state and local boards since his first appointment to the City of Issaquah Design Commission in 1978.

Most notably he was appointed by the Commissioner of Public Lands to the Washington State Forestry Executive Advisory Committee. This appointment came on the heels of Len's Chairmanship of the Tacoma Tree Project, a WASLA Honor Award project, recognized for rallying hundreds of volunteers and planting over 2,000 trees each year in inner-city neighborhood's of Tacoma, Washington. Len was tapped by the King County Executive to serve as Landscape Architect representative to the King County Design Commission where he was recognized for the oversight and success of numerous, major capital projects throughout King County.

Over the years Len has been a strong advocate for clean-up of the Puget Sound and has, without compensation, delivered numerous speeches and presentations as a speaker invited by the Puget Sound Action Team (PSAT) to advocate the use of low impact development (LID) technologies. His presentations to City Councils, Planning Commissions and technical staff, have lead to the adoption of LID enabling legislation in several cities and counties in the region. Additionally, Len volunteered his services in the preparation of the Washington State Low Impact Technical Guidance Manual, which has become the standard for implementation of sustainable storm drainage management techniques throughout the Puget Sound Basin.



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***Public Service Record***

During the 1980's Len served on several design commissions in effort to ensure that quality design and aesthetically pleasing urban development was not restricted to the purview of the rich. This work involved community service in a leadership role, to the Issaquah Design Commissions, the Spokane Arts Commission, and the King County Design Commission.

Len's contributions during the 1990's were focused on re-establishing the urban forest. As noted above, Len chaired the Tacoma Tree Project and was appointed to the Washington State Forestry Council. He also spent considerable time providing volunteer mentoring and scholarship resources to landscape architecture students at the University of Washington and Washington State University.

Len continues to be very passionate about mentoring the youth of today. In 2007, Len endowed a scholarship in his name to benefit disadvantaged students in the Urban Planning program at Eastern Washington University who are interested in pursuing advanced studies in landscape architecture. As a member of the Professional Advisory Committee for the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at Eastern Washington University, Len has made a commitment to support these youth interested in pursuing futures in planning and landscape architecture.

As Len's experience and reputation as a regional sustainability expert has matured, a considerable amount of his pro bono work has involved him providing public educational opportunities on sustainability. This has involved numerous presentations to local and regional agencies promoting low-impact development and sustainability. His presentations have provided individuals and groups with valuable tools and information to better understand how implementing low-impact development and sustainability is the right thing to do.

From the late 1990's Len has presented at several workshops and conferences including the Land Development Conference & Expo, Storm Con Workshop, Greenbuild International Conference & Expo, and the Built Green Conference. In addition Len has presented for the American Society of Landscape Architects, American Institute of Architects, US Green Building Council, Puget Sound Action Team, and the Master Builders Association.

Furthermore, Len has contributed to the public by writing several publications that extol the virtues of sustainability. Such publications have been published in the *Seattle Daily Journal of Commerce*, *Land Development Today* and *Civil Engineering*.

***Summary***

It is my distinct honor to nominate Mr. Len Zickler for the 2008 ASLA Community Service Award. For more than 35 years, Len has dedicated his time to public service organizations operating at local and regional levels. As a local volunteer, his pro bono contributions have resulted in the cities of Spokane, Tacoma, and Federal Way, Washington being better places to live. On a regional level, Len is known as a low-impact development expert who has contributed to making the Puget Sound region of Washington State more sustainable.



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Since 1978, Len has consistently given his time to important community service programs and projects and continues to promote his vision of integrating sustainability and low-impact development in every community. As a landscape architect and community planner Len has represented our profession well, fostering sound planning and design values throughout his numerous community service endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David McNeal". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "D" and "M".

David McNeal, FASLA  
Principal  
JGM Landscape Architects