

ASLA Honorary Membership

Nomination Narrative

Nominee: Congressman David Joyce (OH-14)

United States Congressman

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Congressman David Joyce (R-OH) was elected to Congress in November 2012, to represent the 14th congressional district of Ohio, which moves eastward along the Lake Erie shoreline from just outside Cleveland to the Pennsylvania border in the state's northeastern corner covering Lake and Geauga counties.

Upon his election to Congress, Joyce immediately became a champion of policies to create safe, accessible rights-of-ways for all users. He joined long-time congressional champion of Complete Streets, Congresswoman Doris Matsui, Hon. ASLA (D-CA) in introducing *the Safe Streets Act of 2013*, which would establish a federal Complete Streets policy that calls for the safety, interests, and convenience of all users to be considered in the design and construction of federally-funded transportation projects. Congressman Joyce worked diligently to garner bipartisan support for the bill, securing 13 republican cosponsors of the bill. Joyce and Matsui reintroduced the measure in the 114th Congress, and again Joyce enlisted the support of his republican colleagues, making *the Safe Streets Act of 2015*, one of the only truly bipartisan bills with 11 Democrats and 11 Republicans sponsoring the measure. Because of Joyce's efforts in raising the visibility of Complete Streets legislation with legislators on both sides of the aisle, the Congress passed and President Barack Obama signed into law the *Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act* that includes the first federal Complete Streets policy.

Congressman Joyce is also a strong advocate for community forestry and USDA's Forest Service, Urban and Community Forestry Program. As a member of the House Appropriations subcommittee on Interior, Joyce actively sought to support funding for federal urban and community forestry programs. In March of 2015, Congressman Joyce introduced the *Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Act of 2015* which addresses invasive species problems, coordinate protection and restoration efforts and bring together environmental and business organizations. Joyce also secured language in the *Energy and Water Appropriations Bill* that prevents the use of federal funds from being used to dump dredged materials in Lake Erie.

Congressman Joyce serves on the House Committee on Appropriations and its subcommittees on Interior, Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Military Construction and Veterans Affairs. He is a member of the House Transportation Caucus and the House Bike Caucus.

Because of Congressman David Joyce's tireless work in making a federal Complete Streets policy a reality, his work on other active transportation programs, his support for federal urban and community forestry programs, and his continued efforts in protecting the Great Lakes, he is deserving of honorary membership to ASLA.



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To Whom It May Concern,

I write to support the nomination of Congressman David Joyce of Ohio for honorary membership in the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA). Since being elected to Congress in 2012, Congressman Joyce has been staunch supporter of the Complete Streets movement and has worked tirelessly to enact a federal Complete Streets policy, an issue that is important landscape architects.

Upon his election to Congress, Representative David Joyce immediately became an advocate of Complete Streets. He joined long-time congressional champion of Complete Streets, Congresswoman Doris Matsui, Hon. ASLA (D-CA) in introducing the Safe Streets Act of 2013, which would establish a federal Complete Streets policy that calls for the safety, interests, and convenience of all users to be considered in the design and construction of federally-funded transportation projects. Congressman Joyce worked with the National Complete Streets Coalition to help raise the visibility of the issue and the legislation with members of Congress on both sides of the aisle.

In a press release on the reintroduction of the Safe Streets Act, Joyce vehemently stated "This is a common sense effort that will make our roadways safer for everyone. It shouldn't matter whether you are sitting in your car, riding your bike or walking to your destination - you should be able to get there safely, and this bipartisan legislation puts this on the road to becoming a reality." Joyce then worked to secure his Republican colleagues as supporters of the legislation, garnering 11 Republican cosponsors. Because of Joyce's efforts in raising the visibility of Complete Streets legislation with his colleagues and constituents, Congress passed and President Barack Obama signed into law the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act that includes the first federal Complete Streets policy.

Congressman David Joyce's dedication and success in achieving a federal Complete Streets policy will lead to landscape architects having more opportunities to plan and design streets, walkways, transit stops, and other multimodal transportation projects that are safe and attractive for all people, regardless of age, ability, income, ethnicity or race.

Sincerely,

Emiko Atherton
Director, National Complete Streets Coalition



March 25, 2016

Dear American Society of Landscape Architects:

The Sustainable Urban Forest Coalition (SUFC) fully supports the nomination of Congressman David Joyce for ASLA Honorary Membership for his dedication to enhancing and expanding green infrastructure. The SUFC is an assembly of national organizations working to advance a unified urban forest agenda for our nation's communities. It is composed of city planners, educators, landscape architects, non-profit leaders, scientists, arborists, foresters, nurserymen and women, and many other professionals who care for, monitor and advocate for trees and our urban forests as a whole.

Representative Joyce is a strong supporter of green infrastructure and urban forestry. His interest in protecting urban trees from pests and diseases, like the Emerald Ash Borer, and his understanding of the benefits these trees provide communities are just some of the reasons why he is a friend to SUFC. In addition to sitting on the Appropriations Subcommittee of Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, he is a co-chair of the congressional group named "The Problem Solvers." The Problem Solvers is a group of House and Senate members who have agreed to meet regularly to build trust across the aisle. This group is unlike anything that has existed on Capitol Hill, where there is no forum for large groups of Democrats and Republicans to actually meet together to work through problems. The Problem Solvers are committed to regular across-the-aisle meetings, embracing the new attitude of problem solving and being real leaders.

He embodies the values of SUFC – partnership, problem solving, working across disciplines (and aisles) to better our urban forests in Ohio and across the country. We whole heartedly support your recognition of Representative Joyce's commitment to green infrastructure and urban forests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Winsett".

Don Winsett
Co-Chair of SUFC

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Ries".

Paul Ries
Co-Chair of SUFC