

Where Fun Comes Naturally

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Honorary Membership Selection Committee
Board of Trustees
American Society of Landscape Architects
636 Eye Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to support the nomination of Representative Russ Carnahan as an honorary member of the American Society of Landscape Architects. Congressman Carnahan has a sterling record as a supporter of the conservation and environmental causes that mean so much to the ASLA. He has been especially notable among legislators for his understanding of the importance of historic preservation to the economic as well as the cultural health of the nation.

As a board member of the National Association for Olmsted Parks and of the Friends of Tower Grove Park (our National Historic Landmark here in St. Louis), I have been especially impressed with Carnahan's advocacy of the Historic American Landscapes Survey. After watching HALS languish for so many years, I'm excited to see that this program may at last be on the verge of achieving some of its great potential to draw attention to the benefits of landscape design.

For these reasons, I think Russ Carnahan would be a perfect choice to receive an honorary membership in the ASLA.

Sincerely



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