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ASLA Honors Monumental Core Framework Plan

Washington, DC – The American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) selected the *Monumental Core Framework Plan: Connecting New Destinations with the National Mall* as recipient of its distinguished 2011 Professional Honor Award for Analysis and Planning. The *Framework Plan* is an ambitious effort that over the next thirty years will guide planning, development, and investment decisions to transform Washington’s monumental core into a more livable and sustainable destination. The *Framework Plan* was prepared through collaboration of the National Capital Planning Commission and the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, with principal consultant services provided by EDAW/AECOM.

In selecting the plan, the ASLA jury noted that “there are very few ongoing, sustained efforts like the *Framework Plan*; and it builds a national constituency for Washington, a place which we all have an interest. It’s important that the planning of Washington stay front burner for all other cities in America.”

“It is a great honor to have the *Framework Plan* recognized by the American Society of Landscape Architects,” said L. Preston Bryant, Jr., NCPC’s chairman. “This plan respects the fundamental principles of Washington’s historic design while addressing modern needs. In the end, the *Framework Plan* will guide Washington’s future as a more welcoming, sustainable, and livable city.”

The *Framework Plan* builds upon the extraordinary assets of Washington, DC to address the social, cultural, economic, and environmental needs of the 21st century. The *Framework Plan* integrates the civic qualities of the National Mall and urban vibrancy throughout the monumental core. It proposes to create locations for future cultural destinations; seeks to introduce a mix of uses to enliven federal enclaves, improve walkability, and contribute to a sustainable city; establishes a new “Ecodistrict” along the 10th Street corridor; and transforms the experience of those visiting, living and working in Washington’s city center.

The *Framework Plan* is one of several recognized by the ASLA with a 2011 Professional Award. The ASLA annually presents these awards to honor the top public places, residential designs, campuses, parks and urban planning projects from across the U.S. and around the world. NCPC and CFA will receive the award at the ASLA Annual Meeting in San Diego on November 2.

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The *Framework Plan* is available at www.ncpc.gov/frameworkplan. For additional information on the *Framework Plan*'s ASLA award and the full roster of this year's award recipients, visit www.asla.org/2011awards.

The *Framework Plan* is also the recipient of the American Institute of Architects' 2010 Institute Honor Award for Regional and Urban Design, the Downtown DC Business Improvement District's 2009 Momentum Partnership Award, and the American Society of Landscape Architects Potomac Chapter's 2008 Honor Award in Planning. To view a copy of the plan, visit the publications page of NCPC's website at www.ncpc.gov.

The National Capital Planning Commission is the federal government's central planning agency in the District of Columbia and surrounding counties in Maryland and Virginia. The Commission provides overall planning guidance for federal land and buildings in the region. It also reviews the design of federal projects and memorials, oversees long-range planning for future development, and monitors capital investment by federal agencies.

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