



March 1, 2007

ASLA Board of Trustees
c/o Carolyn Mitchell
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636 Eye Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Jot D. Carpenter Medal

Dear Trustees:

It is with great pleasure that I ask your consideration for George W. Curry, FASLA, for the Jot D. Carpenter Medal. He has served as a professor at SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry for over thirty years, influencing two generations of landscape architects.

An excellent designer and critic for all areas of urban landscape architecture, George is most noteworthy for his contribution to cultural landscapes as a type. In many ways, he is the father of this area of specialty, conducting over \$1 million worth of grant studies for the National Park Service, the Olmsted Center for Landscape Preservation, and the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation. His students have produced plans under his direction for such noteworthy landscapes as Muir Woods National Monument, the Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site, Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site, and Shenandoah National Park. His students are the leading practitioners in both the public and private sectors in this area of specialty.

His academic work has been recognized with a SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor position and in 2005; he received the honor of the Kennedy Distinguished Faculty Chair. ASLA has honored him with a Merit Award for the FDR National Historic Site Cultural Landscape Report and named him a Fellow in 1995. His design work for his own firm has also been recognized with awards from the NYS Nurseryman's Association, APA, and the Armory Square's Abraham Walton Award for Professional Excellence. In 2007, Design Intelligence named George Curry Educator of the Year.

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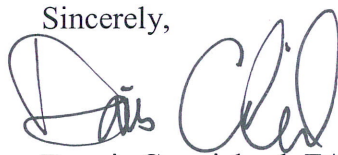


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Finally, it is worth noting that Professor Curry has put his money where his mouth is, so to speak, relative to preserving and regenerating urban neighborhoods. His academic work led him to study the moribund Armory District of Syracuse in the 1980's. He became an investment partner in the redevelopment of several historic structures in this area and that initial work was the catalyst for an impressive revitalization of the entire neighborhood, which today is the most robust area of downtown Syracuse.

It is for all of these reasons – teaching, research, design, and development – that George Curry is such an inspiration to so many of his students and to the profession of landscape architecture. I wholeheartedly recommend Professor Curry for the Jot D. Carpenter Medal and hope that you will support this nomination with your vote.

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Sincerely,
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis Carmichael". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dennis" and last name "Carmichael" clearly distinguishable.

Dennis Carmichael, FASLA
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