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**Dirtworks, PC receives 2008 ASLA  
Honor Award in Residential Design**

New York, NY – April 15, 2008 – Dirtworks, PC won the 2008 Honor Award in Residential Design given by American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA).

The Beach House in Amagansett, New York was chosen from a select group of projects worldwide. “The sustainability of this project is quite impressive and the landscape architect is to be commended. The materials and plants are modest, yet powerful in their simple gestures. The wood going into grasses provides useful interplay. The deck is innovative and appears to be dropped into a moving landscape, “ according to the 2008 Professional Awards Jury.

The Beach House celebrates the dunes of Long Island while also reminding us that we are part of a fragile and ever-changing ecosystem. The two most important ecological considerations for this site are preventing erosion of beach sands by establishing a dense network of native plants, and recharging ground water by maximizing impermeable surfaces.

The project is part of a hilly sandbar covered in bayberry, beach plum, pine and stretches of beach grass at the eastern end of Long Island on the Atlantic Ocean. The outdoor living spaces around the beach house was created using a series of cedar pallets resting on sleepers and set directly into the sand. These pallets were arranged to hug the house on all sides and extend like fingers onto the dunes facing the ocean. Native materials were planted between these “fingers” and each extension becomes an oasis – at once different from and yet completely integrated into the dune landscape.

*About Dirtworks, PC*

Dirtworks, PC ([www.dirtworks.us](http://www.dirtworks.us)) is an internationally recognized and award-winning landscape architecture firm. Its designs enhance the restorative quality of the natural environment. The firm, founded in 1995 by David Kamp, FASLA, LF, provides clients with the creativity and technical knowledge essential to project design and site planning. Dirtworks, PC provides a full range of professional services with a staff of technically trained and design-oriented landscape architects.

*About the ASLA*

Founded in 1899, ASLA ([www.asla.org](http://www.asla.org)) is the national professional association for landscape architects, representing more than 15,000 members nationwide. Landscape architecture is a comprehensive discipline of land analysis, planning, design, management, preservation, and rehabilitation. ASLA promotes the landscape architecture profession and advances the practice through advocacy, education, communication, and fellowship.

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