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**Dirtworks, PC receives Special Design Commendation
from the British Holistic Medical Association**

New York, NY – May 19, 2008 – Dirtworks, PC Landscape Architecture received a special design commendation given by the British Holistic Medical Association (BHMA).

The Elizabeth & Nona Evans Restorative Garden, one of two international entries, was chosen from a select group of projects worldwide. “The project has created beautiful, fully accessible areas for healing, contemplation and learning within a botanical garden. Whilst not a healthcare space as such, it has been designed with full disabled access and clearly represents a powerful resource for well-being for the whole community, “ according to the judges.

The Elizabeth and Nona Evans Restorative Garden is an integral part of the Cleveland Botanical Garden’s mission to “blend education, social responsibility, cultural and environmental stewardship” helping “people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities appreciate and benefit from the positive role that plants play in their lives.” The Restorative Garden educates and entertains visitors with sensory rich experiences and programs and provides a setting for the collection and display of plants. Most importantly, the Restorative Garden does these things discreetly, comfortably, for people of all abilities.

Set within a busy urban public garden, the Elizabeth and Nona Evans Restorative Garden focuses on the needs of older adults or individuals with special needs while creating an exemplary setting expressing the therapeutic powers of nature. The garden features three distinct areas. A tree shaded contemplative garden provides quiet respite from a busy nearby terrace and features an elegant reflecting pool and wheelchair accessible lawn. A sunny demonstration garden features a horticulture therapy program and active display areas. The garden culminates at a meadow and dramatic demonstration wall. Naturalistic in character, varying in height and fully accessible, the wall incorporates native stone, interesting plants and a variety of water features for touching, smelling or hearing.

About Dirtworks, PC

Dirtworks, PC (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 BHMA

The BHMA was formed in 1983 by a group of medical doctors and students as an organization for professionals and members of the public who wanted to adopt a more holistic approach in their own life and work. BHMA has developed a program of activity designed to enable the dissemination of information, and to create opportunities for people with an interest in whole person care to share their experiences and ideas.

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