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Erin Upton is Co-instructor at NYBG's Horticultural Therapy "Garden Design for Special Populations" Course

New York, NY – February 9, 2010 – Erin Upton, Landscape Designer / Project Manager for Dirtworks PC, is co-instructor of the "Garden Design for Special Populations" course with Nancy-Gerlach-Spriggs. The course is part of the New York Botanical Garden's renowned Continuing Education Course offering for Spring 2010.

The course explores the requirements for designing effective garden spaces by understanding specific site design issues unique to "special needs" populations and incorporating current research in healthcare garden design. Several internationally recognized projects will be presented, notably the Joel Schnaper Memorial Garden in New York City.

Erin received her MLA degree from the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada after earning an undergraduate degree in French and International Studies from the University of Oregon, in Eugene. Her deep commitment to both sustainability and the role of the natural environment in health and wellness provides the firm with unique resources for our many health care clients. Erin is responsible for the Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center, a not-for-profit, pediatric specialty nursing facility for medically fragile children with complex clinical conditions and disabilities.

About NYBG

For 90 years, The New York Botanical Garden (www.nybg.org) has been helping people achieve their horticultural education goals. Many students are career changers who come to the Garden from a variety of occupations including marketing, information technology, law, and medicine, to explore horticulture job opportunities. The Garden offers 500 different courses each year comprising seven certificate programs. For more information on The New York Botanical Garden, please visit www.nybg.org or call 718-817-8700.

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.

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