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Dirtworks, PC recognized in “Suburbia Transformed, One Garden at a Time” Design Competition

New York, NY – May 26, 2010 – Dirtworks, PC is recognized in the “Suburbia Transformed, One Garden at a Time” Design Competition by the James Rose Center for the Beach House.

“The Beach House is recognized by the jury for its simple direct engagement of the existing native condition,” according to Dean Cardasis, FASLA, Director of the James Rose Center. The Beach House, located in a fragile sand dune ecology, celebrates the dunes of Long Island. Dirtworks, PC adopted the position to touch as “lightly as possible” by allowing the beach house to become part of the native landscape. Important ecological considerations include the prevention of beach sands erosion by re-establishing a dense network of roots of native plants; recharging groundwater by maximizing impermeable surfaces; and stabilizing the ecology of dunes destroyed during the construction process. The result is a subtle reminder that we are part of a very special and ever-changing ecosystem.

Through a juried competition, “Suburbia Transformed, One Garden at a Time” will assemble contemporary projects achieving the goal of exploring green technologies within the context of the aesthetics of human landscape experience on small residential sites. The competition, sponsored by the James Rose Center and co-sponsored by ASLANJ, Garden Design Magazine, and Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, will result in a traveling exhibition and catalogue.

About Dirtworks, PC (www.dirtworks.us)

Dirtworks, PC 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 James Rose Center (www.jamesrosecenter.org/)

The James Rose Center provides authoritative lectures and tours, professional historical documentation, modern landscape preservation consultation and research; as well as internships and awards for qualified student assistants. The mission of the James Rose Center is to educate and preserve the modern landscape architecture of James Rose; as well as other works of modern landscape architecture.

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