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Dirtworks, PC Wins 2010 ASLANY Merit Award for Joel Schnaper Memorial Garden

New York, NY – November 11, 2009 – Dirtworks, PC, was awarded the 2010 Merit Award given by American Society of Landscape Architects New York Chapter (ASLA-NY) for the Joel Schnaper Memorial Garden at Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center.

“The ASLA-NY Chapter awards bolster local visibility, acknowledge and promote the work of our membership and publicly recognize excellence in landscape architecture,” according to Michael Spitzer, ASLA-NY Chapter Past President and Awards Committee Member.

The Joel Schnaper Memorial Garden demonstrates the effectiveness of gardens to influence and enhance the quality of healthcare environments. Healing is a personal process, involving discovery and growth. The garden encourages exploration and discovery by nurturing a sense of self, maintaining a sense of balance and normalcy, and providing one with the opportunity to see oneself within a larger context. Originally conceived as a rooftop garden for HIV/AIDS patients alone, the present “Garden of Hope” now serves a larger community of long-term healthcare patients. It is an oasis of peace and tranquility for patients, visitors and staff. The Joel Schnaper Memorial Garden has remained true to its ideal – that properly planned and operated gardens can reduce stress and encourage a sense of well-being for long-term health care patients.

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 ASLA-NY Chapter

Founded in 1899, American Society of Landscape Architects (www.asla.org) is the national professional association for landscape architects representing more than 14,200 members. New York State (www.nyasla.org/) has two chapters: New York Upstate, representing the communities north of Westchester, and the New York Chapter, representing the New York Metropolitan-Long Island region.

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