

WASHINGTON, DC-Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore.) will be honored by the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) at its 2004 Awards Dinner on Friday evening, May 14th. Blumenauer will receive one of ASLA's highest recognitions of appreciation for a non-landscape architect, making him an Honorary Member.

"Among our many advocates in Congress, Representative Earl Blumenauer is a particularly special friend to the landscape architecture profession," said ASLA President Susan L.B. Jacobson. "Representing Oregon's 3rd Congressional District, he is a strong and creative voice for the environment. Representative Blumenauer is widely acknowledged as the Congressional leader on the issues ASLA cares most about, such as sustainable development, the National Parks System, transportation planning, and the link between these issues and economic opportunity. He helped found the House Livable Communities Task Force and actively seeks ASLA's support for and input on issues affecting community design and planning."

Congressman Blumenauer is being recognized for his inspiring leadership in Congress on issues affecting sustainable development and smart growth planning. As a member of the House vigorous advocate for transportation policies, programs, and funding levels that support regional planning, encourage public participation, and enable communities to craft a range of transportation options. As a member of the International Relations Committee, Mr. Blumenauer has been a strong proponent of leadership in the international arena, focusing on environmental concerns, global climate change, and the livability challenges faced by fast-growing urban regions in developing countries.

Founded in 1899, ASLA has grown from its eleven original members to over 14,200 today. Its members promote the art and science of analysis, in planning design, management, preservation and rehabilitation of the land.