



Michigan ASLA e-Newsletter

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Contact Your Legislator Today: Community Parks and Highway Enhancement Projects in Jeopardy

Dear ASLA Advocate,

Last week, the U.S. Senate passed an amendment to the American Recovery and Investment Act that stated that "no funds in the bill can be used for any casino or other gambling establishment, aquarium, zoo, golf course, swimming pool, stadium, community park, museum, theater, art center, and highway beautification project."

As landscape architects and advocates for active living, you know the important role that local parks play in the health and well-being of communities, and that the public's reliance on local parks will only increase in this economic climate. Furthermore, by forbidding any funds from going towards highway beautification projects, many professions, including landscape architects, are left with fewer opportunities for employment, at a time when our struggling economy desperately needs it.

CONTACT Your Member of Congress TODAY by clicking [here](#), and ask them to support a final stimulus package that includes funding for infrastructure projects that restore and maintain our community parks and for transportation enhancement projects, including highway beautification projects!

2009 Brick In Architecture Awards Announce Call-For-Entries

Michigan ASLA members strive to develop innovative and functional designs that are aesthetically-pleasing and stand the test of time.

Accordingly, the Brick Industry Association is continuing its 20-year tradition of honoring landscape architects for excellence using genuine clay pavers and is pleased to announce a call-for-entries for the [2009 Brick In Architecture Awards](#).

As the largest and most prestigious juried competition of its kind, the Brick in Architecture Awards showcase the best work in clay paving and face brick from architects across the country in the following categories:

- Paving & Landscape Architecture
- Commercial *
- Educational / Schools **
- Health Care Facilities
- House of Worship

- Residential – Single Family
- Residential – Multi-Family
- Municipal / Government / Civic

* Includes retail, banking, restaurants, hotels, office/corporate buildings, town centers, mixed use, sporting facilities, theater/arts centers, parking garages, etc.

** Includes residence halls & academic/administrative buildings

Best In Class winners will receive national recognition through a special *Brick In Architecture* insert in the November issue of *Architectural Record*! Other winners will be listed in the insert as well as in *Brick News Online*. All entrants will be featured on BIA's Brick Photo Gallery.

The 2009 awards competition will be conducted entirely online. For complete information on eligibility, submission requirements, and judging, visit www.gobrick.com/AwardsInfo.

To start your entry, visit www.gobrick.com/ArchitectureAwards. Deadline for submission of all entries is April 30, 2009.

Brick makes a lasting statement — and winning this award could solidify your members' names in landscape architecture and paving design. Pass the word on to your members to log on today to [submit an entry](#) to the 2009 Brick in Architecture Awards!

Great Lakes Green 2009 – Green Living Conference: Your Home, Your Food, Your Life

The Michigan Association of Home Builders has planning well underway for their 2009 conference – site selected, educational sessions booked, keynote speaker selected; now all they need is YOU! With over 1500 attendees in 2008, now is the time to get involved for a bigger and better event in '09.

By exhibiting at Great Lakes Green you will have opportunities to network with key decision makers in the green industry and reach a niche market that continues to grow. Plus you and your team can learn more about the industry by attending education sessions for free with the exception of the NAHB certification programs.

Attached you will find the 2009 "Invitation to Exhibit" packet. Please take a few minutes to review the opportunities Great Lakes Green has to offer. Please call Pam Frankenberger, Great Lakes Green Director at (517-646-2572) if you have any questions.

Here's your chance to get your name in front of people who care about "green"!



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