

In-District Lobby Day

March 5, 2007



We are looking for participants for the first In-District Lobby Day

Our members have voiced a desire for involvement in governmental affairs and policy. Here is your chance! ASLA has identified issues and targets for our first In-District Lobby Day. MASLA would like to invite members interested to volunteer and meet with your representatives. An average meeting will take approximately 15 to 30 minutes. For members living in major metropolitan areas, agreeing to participate in more than one meeting would be tremendously helpful in terms of covering your state's Senators.

The focus will be on two specific issues:

- **Funding for the Historic American Landscapes Survey (HALS)** – Members of Congress in both chambers have committed to circulating finding letters and we will ask Senators and Representatives to sign those letters. (Note: none of our members signed the previous HALS funding letter, so it is important to voice our stand on this issue.)
- **Small Community Visioning Pilot Project** – We will ask members of Congress to support legislation ASLA has developed to provide federal financial assistance to small community visioning projects led by landscape architects. The legislation requires partnerships between communities, private sector landscape architects, and university programs, emphasizes active and sustained public participation, and is community driven.

Target List – We are hoping to get at least one residing chapter member for each targeted district. We are also trying to identify members who live in districts represented by new members of Congress and those sitting on the Appropriations committees, which will determine whether or not to fund HALS.

- *SEN. AMY KLOBUCHAR (D)*
- SEN. NORM COLEMAN (R)
- *Rep. Tim Walz (D), 1st District*
- *Rep. Keith Ellison (D), 5th District*
- *Rep. Michele Bachmann (R), 6th District*
- **Rep. Betty McCollum (D), 4th District**
- REP. COLIN PETERSON (D), 7TH DISTRICT, CHAIRMAN, HOUSE AG CMTE

Names in italics = new members of Congress elected November 2006

Names in bold = members of the House or Senate Appropriations Committees

NAMES IN CAPS = members of House or Senate Agriculture Committees

Names * = signed previous HALS funding letter

Identifying Your U.S. Representative -- The ASLA Advocacy Network --

<http://capwiz.com/asla/home/> -- provides a quick and easy way for your members to determine if they live in one of the targeted districts. Simply type in your home zip code next to "Congress and President" on home page. If someone needs zip code + four to identify their Representative, the system can provide that information as well based on your home address.

*Please reply to Ellen Stewart, ASLA **no later than Friday, January 26th** if you are interested in participating. Include your congressional district in which you live. National ASLA will work with volunteers to provide all the information and material you will need to request meetings. Your time and dedication are truly appreciated. estewart@landformmsp.com*