



MT. ELLIOTT CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

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## **For Immediate Release**

### **The Preserve at All Saints awarded for landscape architectural sustainability** *Area's only green burial cemetery to be awarded by Michigan ASLA in October*

**Waterford** – The Preserve at All Saints, a complete all natural or “green burial” cemetery has been named a 2015 recipient of the Michigan ASLA (Michigan Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects) Merit Award in the category of Landscape Architectural Sustainability.

The award will be presented to The Preserve at All Saints Director Russ Burns and Landscape Architect Jack Goodnoe at the Michigan ASLA's Annual Conference Awards Dinner on Thursday, Oct. 1 in Ann Arbor. The Michigan ASLA Chapter has presented awards in landscape architectural design, landscape planning analysis, architectural sustainability, legacy and more for 30 years.

The design concepts of the Preserve at All Saints have been the foundation for articles in industry publications and speaking engagements, just one of the reasons why the property that opened in 2012 was recognized for this award. The Preserve at All Saints has helped create a new model for the emerging green burial movement locally, regionally and nationally, and has been certified by the Green Burial Council as the only certified green burial cemetery of its kind in Southeastern Michigan.

To ensure that The Preserve at All Saints Cemetery in Waterford is natural and maintains its pristine environmental state, consultations with naturalists and local land conservancy groups are instrumental in its continuing development. They help control adverse effects by minimizing and controlling invasive plant, animal and insect species.

Overall, the “environmentally responsible alternative” that The Preserve at All Saints offers to the traditional burial system was also recognized by the Michigan ASLA. It was also called “innovative” by jurists who rated applicants. The Preserve is home to plants and flowers that are native to Michigan.

“It's a tremendous achievement for us because we have really worked hard to do the things the right way and make our property a great location for memorializing loved ones,” Burns said. “We find that families are willing to drive much further to consider The Preserve compared to traditional cemeteries because they welcome the lifestyle that green burial advocates.”

Goodnoe is the landscape architect who has worked with The Preserve on the overall design since it first opened. Free tours are available six days a week at The Preserve at All Saints. Learn more by calling 248-623-9633 or visiting [www.mtelliott.com/thepreserve](http://www.mtelliott.com/thepreserve).

#### **About the Mt. Elliott Cemetery Association**

The Mt. Elliott Cemetery Association includes six cemeteries located in Southeastern Michigan: All Saints and The Preserve (a natural burial cemetery) in Waterford, Guardian Angel in Rochester, Mt. Elliott and Mt. Olivet in Detroit and Resurrection in Clinton Township. Mt. Elliott Cemetery Association serves families of all Christian faiths and provides a full range of preplanning and at-need services. Visit [www.mtelliott.com](http://www.mtelliott.com) to learn more.

