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### **HARRY SCHUSTER SERVICE AWARD BESTOWED**

Harrisburg, PA – H. Kibbe Turner, APLD, is the most recent recipient of the APLD (Association of Professional Landscape Designers™) Harry Schuster Service Award. The award was bestowed on Saturday, July 19, 2003 in New York City, NY during APLD's summer conference and is presented each year to a person who most reflects the enthusiasm and selfless efforts to further APLD that Harry Schuster displayed for many years.

Turner, President of [Wildlife Habitats](#) has a 25-year background in the construction industry. He is a highly regarded consultant to several local municipalities and developers in regards to environmental issues and landscape planning and development.

Turner works closely with architects and engineers, and has been active in developing public school grant projects, acting as consultant to their design and installation programs. In addition, he teaches Landscape Design for several Adult Education & Recreation Departments.

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Turner is a certified member of APLD and was chairman of the APLD environmental committee and a member of the Board of Directors. He served as President of APLD from 1994-1996 and served as Executive Director of the organization.

Turner is a member of two task groups for the American Institute of Architects' Environmental Committee (COTE), the Rain Forest Task Group, and the Sitting Land Use Group. He is a member of the Steering Committee and speaker for the Maryland State Department of Natural Resources in the "Natural Design in Development" Conferences. He was a participant in Maryland Governor Schaefer's Conference on Greenways.

Turner is an active member of Wildlife Enhancement Council and he is the author of articles published by the APLD and the American Horticultural Society. In addition to his design work done throughout the Washington/Baltimore Metropolitan areas, Turner is well known for his successful suburban deer management programs and the landscape design courses he taught.

APLD President Linda Engstrom presented the award to Turner. In doing so, she said, "I am very pleased to honor Kibbe Turner in this manner. Kibbe has been a pillar of support for APLD and the landscape design profession. This award is well-deserved."

Harry Schuster was a founding member of APLD and well known and loved for his energy, enthusiasm, sense of humor and zest for life. Harry was a mentor to many designers and seemed to have a boundless endurance when it came to recruiting members for APLD.

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Unfortunately, Harry lost his life suddenly on the brink of his retirement. In his honor, APLD created the Harry Schuster Service Award.

Turner, upon accepting the award, stated, "I am honored to receive this award from such an illustrious group of people. APLD means so much to me and I will always cherish my time spent with the organization and its members."

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