



James Patchett
Co-Founder
Sustainable Land & Planning Consultant

Education

University of Michigan
Ph.D. Pre-Candidate,
1984-1986

Iowa State University
Master of Science. Civil Engineering, 1985

Iowa State University
Master of Landscape Architecture, 1981

Iowa State University Bachelor of Science,
Landscape Architecture, 1975

Professional Experience

Conservation Design Forum Elmhurst, Illinois,
1994-present

SmithGroup JJR
Ann Arbor, Michigan, Chicago, Illinois, 1987 -
1994

Beckett & Raeder
Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1986-87

Story County Conservation Board Ames, Iowa,
1979 - 1984

Richard Kellor Landscape Architecture
Muscatine, Iowa, 1976-77

Registration

Landscape Architect - IL, IA, IN, MI, MO, WI
LEED Accredited Professional

Professional Affiliations

American Society of Landscape Architects,
FASLA U.S. Green Building Council, member

SOLUTIONS IN THE LAND

James Patchett, founder and president of Conservation Design Forum, is widely recognized as one of the nation's leaders in the promotion of sustainable land planning and design. Jim applies his training and experience as a landscape architect, environmental planner, hydrologist, and restoration ecologist in the design and development of natural resource-based solutions that integrate state-of-the-art green building and site infrastructure measures to restore historical ecosystem functions in both built and natural environments. Prior to founding CDF in 1994, Jim served as design lead and project manager on some of the Chicago region's most noted early examples of sustainable site planning and development including such award winning projects as Sears Prairie Stone, Tellabs Research and Development Facility, and AT&T/Lucent Technologies. Each of these projects showcased the integration of native landscapes with innovative green infrastructure measures. Looking to further develop this ecological philosophy and "green" development focus, Jim founded Conservation Design Forum in an effort to establish a visionary collaborative environment that draws on the expertise of a wide range of planning, design, science, and engineering professionals. As President of CDF, Jim oversees and participates in a broad range of CDF's planning and design projects, with particular emphasis in the areas of sustainable site planning and development, the advancement of innovative water resource management techniques, the integration of native landscape systems, and the promotion of ecological restoration strategies.

Representative presentations, seminars + workshops

2007 Sustainability Symposium Series: Design for Sustainable Systems. Sponsored by Natural Land Institute, Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation, Natural Area Guardians, Audubon Society, and The Prairie Enthusiasts. February 2007, Elizabeth, Illinois.

Iowa Association of Landscape Contractors Annual Conference Keynote Address. January 2007, Des Moines, Iowa.

Water Environmental Research Foundation (WERF) Webcast, "BMP Strategies for Aesthetic Design and Public Acceptance." November 2006.

2006 Michigan ASLA Conference: Why Sustainability Matters. Keynote Address. September 2006. East Lansing, Michigan.

Water Environment Research Foundation (WERF) Expert Panel, BMPs for Urban Environments. April 2006. Arlington, Virginia.

Purdue University Department of Landscape Architecture Guest Lecture. April 2006, West Lafayette, Indiana. Lecture at Kansas State University: "The Ecology and Culture of Sustainable Design." March 2006, Manhattan, Kansas.

Village of Orland Park Low Impact Development Conference Keynote and Panelist. February 2006. Orland Park, Illinois.

Land Conservancy of McHenry County. February 2006, Woodstock, Illinois.

Low Impact Development Conference. "Emulating Natural Systems: The Foundation for Sustainable Design." February 2006, Arlington Heights, Illinois.