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**STATE ARTS COUNCIL ANNOUNCES
EXHIBITION FEATURING DESIGNS FOR
PATERSON: THE GREAT FALLS STATE PARK**

FIVE VISIONS FOR THE FUTURE

(Trenton, NJ – March 7, 2006) The New Jersey State Council on the Arts is honored to announce the opening of “Five Visions for the Future,” a premiere exhibition featuring designs created especially for the new Great Falls State Park in Paterson by the five internationally recognized landscape design teams participating in the New Jersey Urban Parks Design Competition. The exhibit runs from Tuesday, March 21 through Saturday, April 8, 2006 at The Paterson Museum at 2 Market Street, Paterson, New Jersey.

The New Jersey Urban Parks Design Competition was launched in 2005 when the State of New Jersey invited the nation’s most inspirational architects, landscape architects, artists, designers and planners to express their interest in submitting concepts and visions for two new urban state parks: Great Falls State Park in Paterson and a band of Trenton area parks and historic sites, including Stacy Park in the Capitol Complex.

Thirty-six design teams submitted their qualifications for the first stage of the juried competition. A jury of professional peers selected five finalists for each site. Teams chosen to compete for the winning Paterson design are:

- Frederic Schwartz Architects, New York, NY
- Wallace Roberts & Todd, LLC, Philadelphia, PA (www.wrtdesign.com/)
- Ralph Lerner Architect PC, Princeton, NJ

- EDAW, Inc., New York, NY (www.edaw.com/)
- Field Operations, New York, NY

The Paterson Park will focus on the natural beauty of the Great Falls and the city's Native American and industrial history. The 77-foot Great Falls is the second-largest waterfall east of the Mississippi River. Alexander Hamilton, first Secretary of the Treasury, designated Paterson America's first planned industrial city in tribute to its extensive waterpower. In addition to the exhibition, artists from the five design teams will outline their philosophies and visions in a public session that starts at 1:00 PM, Saturday, March 25th at The Paterson Museum. A reception follows at 4:00 pm. The “Five Visions for the Future” exhibition and public session concludes the stage one phase of the design competition and provides the public with the opportunity to share their comments with each of the design teams as they prepare their final proposals. Special forms will be available in the gallery for the public to record their comments about each proposal.

“It will be very exciting to see the park designs on view in the exhibition and to listen to the designers make their public presentations on March 25th, said Carol Herbert, Chairman of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts. “The designers are honored to be a part of this important project and they look forward to receiving suggestions from the public in attendance so that they can advance their concepts into stage two of the design competition.” The winning design will be announced in June 2006 after recommendation is made by a jury of design professionals and key stakeholders.

The New Jersey State Council on the Arts is managing the competition which is sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection with assistance from the New Jersey Department of Treasury and the New Jersey Institute of Technology’s School of Architecture. For more information on “Five Designs for the Future” exhibition and public session, please call: (609) 292-6130 or e-mail: njurbanparks@arts.sos.state.nj.us Directions and parking: The Paterson Museum at (973) 321-1260 or, on line at:

http://www.passaiccountynj.org/ParksHistorical/Historical_Attractions/patersonmuseumdirections.htm

The Paterson Museum accepts admission donations for adults: \$2.00. Children 18 years

old and are free. For more information and a schedule for the New Jersey Urban Park Design Competition, please visit the web site at <http://www.nj.gov/dep/urbanparks/>.

THE NEW JERSEY URBAN PARKS MASTER PLAN DESIGN COMPETITION

PUBLIC EXHIBITION

The Paterson Museum
2 Market Street
Paterson, New Jersey 07501

EXHIBITION DATES

Tuesday, March 21, 2006 through Saturday, April 8, 2006
Design Team Presentations to the Public: Saturday, March 25, 2006 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Public Reception: Saturday, March 25, 2006 4:00 – 5:00 PM

MUSEUM HOURS

Tuesday - Friday 10:00 am – 4:00 PM Saturday and Sunday 12:30 pm – 4:00 pm

The New Jersey State Council on the Arts is a division of the New Jersey Department of State. It receives funding through direct appropriations from the State of New Jersey and grants from the National Endowment for the Arts. Since 1966, its volunteer members and professional staff have worked to improve the quality of life for New Jersey, its people and communities by helping the arts to flourish. Further information regarding the arts is found on an interactive web site (<http://www.jerseyarts.com>) and available on a toll-free hotline (1-800 THE ARTS).

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