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### **Landscape Structures-Sponsored Speaker Encourages Big Thinking in Parks**

Scholarship brings Executive Deputy Commissioner Andy Beers to NYSPRS Conference

Delano, Minn. (March 14, 2013) — Landscape Structures Inc., a Delano, Minn.-based commercial playground equipment manufacturer, along with its New York playground consultants, Parkitects, Inc. and Site Specialists Ltd., is scheduled to exhibit at the New York State Recreation and Park Society Annual Conference March 17-19, in Rochester. The conference will feature Andy Beers, executive deputy commissioner of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, as the keynote speaker. This learning experience was made possible through the 2012-2013 State Association Speaker Scholarship program from Landscape Structures.

Beers has served as the executive deputy commissioner of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation since January 2007. He is responsible for agency operations and administration, as well as for the planning and management of all agency regions and bureaus. Beers' presentation, *Parks Management – Thinking Big in Tight Times* will highlight a number of initiatives underway in New York State Parks to strengthen park systems during a time of tight agency resources.

The 90-minute session will be presented at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 17. Following the keynote address, delegates will have the opportunity to visit Parkitects, Site Specialists and Landscape Structures in the exhibit hall to learn about the latest trends in playground design including custom and theme designs, playground and water play safety surfacing and creating truly inclusive play environments. On Tuesday, March 19, at 10 a.m. delegates can attend an education session with Steve Lauzun, president of Parkitects, focused on designing and building multi-use game areas.

**About Landscape Structures Inc.**

Since 1971, Landscape Structures Inc. has been the leading commercial playground equipment manufacturer in the world. The employee-owned company is committed to making the world a better place with active children thriving in leading communities year after year, generation after generation. Landscape Structures encourages outdoor play that develops healthy kids and a sustainable world by creating innovative products that are environmentally responsible. The company's mission from day one has been to enhance children's lives by fostering and creating inspiring play experiences while honoring the environment.

**About Parkitects, Inc.**

Established in 1996, Parkitects, Inc. is a full-service design/build firm specializing in community-built play environments. Founder and Landscape Architect Steve Lauzun and former KaBOOM! Project Manager Ben Frasier have overseen more than 300 communities through the volunteer-built process and are dedicated to making every project special. With a focus on detail and entire site integration, each client is provided professional support in design, fundraising and construction.

**About Site Specialists Ltd.**

Site Specialists Ltd. was formed in January 2001 as a reliable source for customers who require assistance with designing or selecting the correct products for their outdoor environments. The company specializes in playground equipment, site furnishings, prefabricated shelters and transportation shelters, interactive water features, athletic field equipment, ornamental ironwork and ornamental castings for tree/trench grates. Site Specialists offers assistance with design, specifications, drawings, follow up through completion and beyond. The company's areas of service include New York City, Long Island (Nassau & Suffolk), Westchester, Rockland, Orange and Putnam Counties.