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Mark Fenton teaches North Dakota Recreation & Park Association State Conference Attendees How to Build Community

Keynote learning experience supported through Landscape Structures' scholarship Delano, Minn. (Sept. 4, 2013) — Landscape Structures Inc., a Delano, Minn.-based commercial playground equipment manufacturer, along with its North Dakota playground consultant, Dakota Fence, will exhibit at the North Dakota Recreation and Park Association (NDRPA) State Conference Sept. 10-12, in Valley City. The conference will feature Mark Fenton, national public health, planning, and transportation consultant, an adjunct associate professor at Tufts University's Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, and former host of the "America's Walking" series on PBS television, as the keynote speaker. This learning experience was made possible through the 2012-2013 State Association Speaker Scholarship program from Landscape Structures.

Fenton's keynote address will discuss "Building Community. Health with Sticky Design." After authoring many research publications and articles related to exercise science, physical activity promotion, and community level interventions, Fenton has become an advocate for building communities that support a healthier, more physically active population, and more sustainable and enjoyable lifestyles. The pathway there, he understands, can be very challenging. That's why he works with organizations and communities around the country to build environments, policies, and programs that help to create places where more people walk, bicycle and take transit more of the time. And its not just about healthier people. Done well, active community designs lead to economically, environmentally, and socially thriving cities, towns, and rural settings where people of all ages, abilities, and incomes lead long, vibrant lives.

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Fenton's 90-minute session will be presented at 8 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 12. Conference attendees will have the opportunity to visit Dakota Fence and Landscape Structures in the exhibit hall on Wednesday, Sept. 11, to learn about the latest trends in playground design including custom and theme designs. Additionally, delegates can get information about designing fitness-focused playgrounds in a session at 3 p.m. hosted by Bryan Sykora, regional sales manager at Landscape Structures.

About Landscape Structures Inc.

Since 1971, Landscape Structures Inc. has been the leading manufacturer of commercial playground equipment in the world. The employee-owned company is committed to creating a better world by encouraging outdoor activities that develop healthy kids, families and communities. Landscape Structures designs better playgrounds that welcome all ages and abilities, become signature gathering spaces for communities and offer the most innovative play experiences. 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 Dakota Fence

Dakota Fence, serving the Dakotas, Montana and Wyoming since 1972, represents premier manufacturers of park, playground and athletic equipment. The organization has four professionally staffed offices to rapidly respond to your needs, and their unique ability to create a design to fit in the available space, within budget and install these items sets them apart. You work with a single source from design conception to project completion. Dakota Fence is certified, licensed, bonded and insured, and with more than 1,000 installations is the most experienced contractor in the region.