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### **MGH Associates Continues Advancement in Sustainable Design Leadership**

VANCOUVER, WA. - MGH Associates, Inc., a leading sustainable land planning and civil engineering firm, has further increased the depth of their green design resources.

To further support MGH's award-winning green design staff, Maria Cahill, previously a Project Manager of MGH Associates, has been appointed to the role of Sustainable Technical Advisor for the firm. In this capacity she will help ensure MGH is meeting and exceeding targets for green design service delivery, lead the refinement and development of MGH's green design tools, and provide client and community outreach to support MGH's sustainable initiatives. Maria will also continue to provide project management for select projects.

Maria is a green design leader with nearly a decade of experience in civil engineering and landscape architecture. She has earned a sound professional reputation based on her expertise, dedication, collaborative approach and passion for performance based sustainable design. She has been involved in many progressive sustainable developments, including work on the first LEED certified affordable housing development in the country, and site design as one of the first civil engineers to work on a Living Building development.

Most recently, Maria has been leading MGH's green site design for several highly-sustainable developments, including three Northwest projects currently being developed under Living Building guidelines, designed beyond LEED Platinum standards. These projects are: the award winning Kenton Living Building, slated for construction later this year in the Kenton neighborhood of Portland; the Oregon Tower Living Building, a proposed 22-story tower in Portland's Rose Quarter district; and the Clark County Transitional Housing Project, an eco-friendly transitional housing development in SW Washington. Maria is also routinely asked to develop and deliver presentations on sustainable design topics for diverse public and private audiences and has facilitated eco-charettes for many involved, green-focused development projects.

In her new role as MGH's Sustainable Technical Advisor she will apply her strong technical background, innovative design approach, and sustainable education orientation to support MGH's goal to deliver the highest quality green design currently achievable.

MGH is a unique planning and engineering firm. MGH was founded in 2000 by three senior design professionals with a vision of seamlessly integrating technical expertise, aesthetic design, creativity and sustainability in order to provide an enhanced spectrum of civil engineering and land use planning services. MGH is now a thriving firm with a staff of 22 with

nearly a decade of experience promoting and delivering constructible, eco-sensitive solutions to wide variety of public and private clients for diverse development types.

A holistically green firm, MGH operates under a formal sustainability plan to significantly decrease operational waste and reduce our carbon footprint. MGH is also a current member of the US Green Building Council and a 'Supporter of Cascadia' as a Cascadia Region Green Building Council's '100 Friends of Cascadia' sponsor.