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**PERKINS EASTMAN PRINCIPAL JANA SILSBY ELECTED TO
USGBC MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Silsby Also Recognized As Greenbuild Volunteer of the Year

Boston, MA (February 14, 2018) Architecture and design firm Perkins Eastman is pleased to announce that Principal Jana Silsby AIA, LEED AP has been elected to the Board of Directors of the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) Massachusetts Chapter.

Silsby's election to the Board of Directors was announced at the recent USGBC MA Chapter's Annual General Meeting, where she was also recognized as a Greenbuild Volunteer of the Year.

Meredith Elbaum, Executive Director of USGBC MA, says: "Jana has proven herself to be a supporter of a green building in Massachusetts from her role as co-chair of the Greenbuild Tours committee. Her devotion to showcasing 80 sustainable buildings in Massachusetts earned her [this award]. We look forward to Jana bringing her expertise as an architectural leader to our board."

With more than 25 years of experience in educational, residential, and healthcare projects, Silsby is recognized for her proficiency in the planning and design of projects with complex approvals, zoning, and programmatic issues. In addition, she has been instrumental in helping build Perkins Eastman's Boston practice, creating a body of work that demonstrates a commitment to high-performance design and consensus-building within the community.

Says Silsby: "I understand that it is necessary to listen, evolve, and implement the best ideas in order to be successful. As Greenbuild Tours Program Co-chair, I learned to marshal forces to get things done. It is an honor to be recognized by USGBC Massachusetts, and I look forward to continuing to help promote and advance green building practices and education in Massachusetts while serving on its Board of Directors."

Silsby was Project Architect / Designer for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. School, the USGBC MA Chapter 2017 Green Building of the Year. The design, pending LEED for Schools Platinum, was recognized not only for its impressive, significant list of sustainable features, but also for its broader impact on education.

MLK was the test case of a design research study conducted by Perkins Eastman, which showed that the high-performance design strategies employed in the school's design had a significant and measurable impact on both occupant satisfaction and building performance.

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Completed in December 2015, the MLK School has an impressive list of sustainable features and results. With two years of operating data collection, MLK is performing 20% better than predicted, and its actual Energy Use Intensity is over 65% better than the average school in New England, the design became a benchmark of success within Cambridge's devotion to a Net-Zero future. The building's PVs are projected to provide 47% of its energy needs, there are two 10,000-gallon cisterns that reclaim stormwater for toilet use, and 65 geothermal wells support the heating/cooling system. Thanks to efforts like these, [Massachusetts ranks #1 in LEED Green Buildings and #1 in energy efficiency for the past six years.](https://usgbcma.org/blog/massachusetts-1-state-and-not-just-green-building)¹

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