



## **Green infrastructure expert David Yocca joins pioneering ecological firm Biohabitats**

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**Baltimore, MD**—June 5, 2018—Ecological consulting firm Biohabitats, Inc. is proud to welcome the newest member of its Great Lakes Bioregion team, David Yocca FASLA, PLA, AICP, LEED AP. In his role as Senior Landscape Architect/Ecological Planner, Yocca will lead a field office in Grand Rapids, MI and apply his 33 years of experience to restorative planning and design projects.

Prior to joining Biohabitats, Yocca served as Principal Landscape Architect/Planner at Conservation Design Forum (CDF), where he led such pioneering projects as the Chicago City Hall Demonstration Green Roof and the Iowa Green Street Demonstration in West Union. Biohabitats and CDF, two of the leading innovators in ecologically-grounded planning and design, will continue an evolving collaboration that dates back a number of years.

Yocca, long focused on landscape performance, is the Board chair for the non-profit Green Infrastructure Foundation (GIF) and was a key contributor to the development of the Sustainable Sites Initiative (SITES™), the first-ever landscape performance rating system.

“My lifelong passion is to enhance all places with truly living, highly functional, and authentically beautiful ecological landscapes,” said Yocca. “In my new role at Biohabitats, I see great potential to bring these qualities into more neighborhoods, campuses, sites, and cities in the Great Lakes region and beyond.”

“David fully embodies our core values and believes in our mission to restore the earth and inspire ecological stewardship,” said Biohabitats founder and president, Keith Bowers. “David’s knowledge of Great Lakes ecosystems and his expertise in ecologically-grounded planning and design will enable us to help our clients throughout the Great Lakes region and the upper-Midwest.”

Founded in 1982, Biohabitats is a consulting firm that applies the science of ecology to restoring ecosystems, conserving habitat, and regenerating life-sustaining natural systems through research, planning, design, engineering, and construction. Biohabitats’ Great Lakes Bioregion office is located in Cleveland, OH and is supported by a field office in Grand Rapids, MI.

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