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Seth A. Shapiro Brings Urban Design Expertise to BartonPartners, Architects/ Planners

March, 2008 – Norristown. BartonPartners Architects/ Planners is pleased to announce Seth A. Shapiro has joined the Firm as the Director of Planning and Urban Design. Mr. Shapiro brings more than 12 years of experience in residential (both affordable and market rate) and mixed-use development, including expertise in public outreach and land entitlement.

“We are delighted that Seth Shapiro is joining the BartonPartners team,” said Thomas C. Barton, III AIA, Principal. “Seth’s urban design and development expertise will be an asset to our growing land planning department, and we look forward to incorporating his knowledge and experience into the Firm.”

Prior to joining BartonPartners, Mr. Shapiro was an Associate and Senior Urban Designer at WRT, where he began his career as an Architectural Intern in 1995. Mr. Shapiro, a native of King of Prussia, PA, earned his undergraduate degree at the University of Miami School of Architecture. In 1998, he returned to academia, receiving his Master of Architecture in Urban Design (MAUD) from Harvard University Graduate School of Design. He practiced at the New York City firm of Cooper, Robertson & Partners as a development consultant for three and a half years before returning to WRT in early 2004. He currently resides in South Philadelphia with his wife Shari who is a land use and environmental attorney with the firm Obermayer Rebbman Maxwell and Hippel. They are expecting their first child this spring.

Mr. Shapiro has worked with private developers and public agencies throughout the country, including the Pennsylvania Real Estate Investment Trust, Pitcairn Properties, O’Neill Properties Group, and multiple housing and redevelopment authorities. His most recent focus has been transit oriented development and traditional neighborhood design, with a specific concentration on the mixed-use redevelopment of suburban shopping centers.

About the Firm:

BartonPartners is a full-service integrated architecture and planning firm with a staff of nearly sixty architects, planners, designers, and landscape designers. Founded in 1990, the practice originated in residential development in the Middle Atlantic region, and has evolved to include land planning, urban infill, mixed-use and transit-oriented design, and commercial, office and retail architecture in addition to single- and multi-family projects, 50+ lifestyle communities, adaptive reuse and rehabilitation of existing structures, throughout the United States. The firm has a growing portfolio of office, institutional, and community-based projects.

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