



**Education:** M.A., Landscape Design,  
Conway School of Landscape Design 1984  
B.L.A., Landscape Architecture,  
SUNY College of Environmental Science 1971  
B.A., Wesleyan University 1968

**Registrations:** Landscape Architect: NY 972-1

**Professional Associations:** Full Member: ASLA (American Society of Landscape Architects)

**Professional Services:** Past Member Burlington Design Review Board

Mr. Steele has 30 years combined experience in landscape architectural and municipal planning. His broad experience covers a range of design applications encompassing site planning, landscape design, master planning, natural resource management, design review, visual analysis, mitigation, and Vermont Environmental Board testimony on aesthetics. John has supported land resource inventory mapping, developed land use scenarios for town and urban areas, and prepared plans for community parks and recreational facilities. He has prepared landscape and site design plans for urban infrastructure improvements, transportation corridor studies, and large commercial and multi-family residential developments. John has extensive experience with visual assessment and has testified on aesthetics at Act 250 and Section 248 hearings and before the Environmental Court.

Responsibilities have included program development, site and user inventories, conceptual studies and sketch plans, preliminary and final drawings, written reports and graphic presentations for local and state commissions. John has completed visual assessments based on the Quechee Analysis, and made presentations to local and state commissions throughout all phases of the permitting process. He is knowledgeable of transportation planning and programming, and has organized and conducted citizen participation work sessions. Following is a partial list of Mr. Steele's experience:

**Electric Generating and Transmission Facilities.** Visual assessments, project reports and aesthetic testimony during the mid 1980's as a former associate of T.J. Boyle and Associates, Burlington. Projects included: Dodge Falls hydroelectric project in Ryegate, Vermont, Section 248 public hearing; Ryegate wood-fired electric generating plant, visual assessment; Saranac, New York hydroelectric project visual analyses renderings; and various substation mitigation and planting plans including Taftsville and Rutland substations.

**Multiple Verizon Wireless Telecommunication Projects, Vermont.** Visual assessment, site design, and state and local permitting. Tower designs have included: collection, adaptation of belfries and silos, and monopoles designed to resemble flag poles and evergreen trees and support wind turbines. Assisted with site selection, facilities layout, grading, drainage, sketch plans, and presentation graphic, visual analyses, Act 250 and local planning testimony, landscape planting, screening and buffer plans, design details and construction drawings. Specific project sites include: Middlebury, Georgia, Norwich, Woodstock, Bennington, Newport, Brattleboro, South Burlington, and Burlington.

**Statewide Landscape Design, Vermont Agency of Transportation.** Landscape design and visual assessment services for multi-year statewide contract. Services included visual assessment; review of conceptual and/or preliminary transportation plans; develop alternatives for landscape conservation, enhancement, and treatment; preparation of landscape plans, identification of special provisions; construction and maintenance cost estimates; and post-construction inspection of landscaping. Assignments included:

- S Chittenden County Circumferential Highway (CCCH) Segments A and B including the proposed I-90 interchange and Winooski River bridge ; Bennington Bypass, West and North Segments ; Route 7 re-design and roadway landscaping for South Burlington and Shelburne.

**Visual Assessment, Colchester, Vermont.** Provided visual assessment services for a passive repeater on top of Water Tower Hill for MCI Communications. Included testimony, renderings of the proposed facilities, and presentation of evidence at Act 250 permit hearings conducted by District 4 Environmental Commission.

**Visual Assessment and Redesign of site plan for Starksboro Sand & Gravel, R.J. Colton.** Completed buffer design, assessment and redesign of 200-acre gravel pit to protect the scenic character of the surrounding area and secure an Act 250 permit. Included testimony and presentation of evidence at hearings held by District Environmental Commission for Act 250 approval.

**East/West Route 127 Corridor Study, Colchester, Vermont.** Planner/Landscape Architect for identification and evaluation of physical and functional deficiencies along the East/West Corridor through the Town of Colchester, including Lakeshore Drive, Blakely Road, Prim Road, Malletts Bay Avenue, Severance Road, and Kellogg Road. Responsible for assisting with public workshops; analyzing existing conditions, opportunities and constraints; developing preliminary options through site visits and public participation forums with CCMPO, VTrans and community members; evaluating improvement alternatives, impacts and advantages; documenting potential solutions and constraints, and developing an implementation plan.

**Pedestrian and Bicycle Facility Planning and Design.** Assisted with 1993 “Chittenden County Alternative Transportation Plan” and the 1994 “Tompkins County Bicycle Path Corridor Study.” Designed path segments for Burlington Bikeway, Williston Route 2A Bike Path, and the Montpelier-Berlin Bike Path.

**Land Use Analysis and Comprehensive Planning Study, South Burlington, Vermont.** Public Improvements and Scenic View/Natural Areas Protections Study, Phases I and II for 4,000-acre Southeast Quadrant. Provided evidence and testimony at hearings held by local Planning Commission and Zoning Board.

**Visual Assessment, Site Design, and Permitting, Shelburne Partnership Subdivision, Shelburne/Charlotte, Vermont.** Provided assessment of visual impacts for this 200-acre, 23-lot planned residential development. Included testimony and presentation of evidence at hearings held by local planning commission/zoning board and District Environmental Commission for Act 250 approval.

**L&M Park Subdivision, South Burlington, Vermont.** Visual assessment, site design, and permitting for 33-acre planned unit development that provided more than 500,000 square-feet of space for commercial businesses, including cinema, restaurants and multi-family housing. Included testimony and presentation of evidence at local planning commission and zoning board meetings and Act 250 hearings.

**Visual Assessment, Site Design, and Local/State Permitting, Nowland II Subdivision, South Burlington, Vermont.** Site planning and visual assessment services for 73-lot, 66-acre residential subdivision. Included testimony and presentation of evidence at hearings held by local Planning Commission and Zoning Board and District Environmental Commission for Act 250 approval.

**SB Collins/Jolley Associates Short Stop Convenience Store/Restaurant, Shelburne Road, Shelburne.** Landscape plan preparation, and testimony on aesthetics at Act 250 and Environmental Court hearings.