



## Organizational History of the Olmsted Network

### 1980

- Founding of the National Association for Olmsted Parks (now Olmsted Network) by resolution at a meeting of parks advocates in Buffalo, NY

### 1981

- First NAOP conference in Boston and Brookline, MA
- Publication of Volume 2 of The Olmsted Papers, “Slavery and the South” (Johns Hopkins Press)
- Charles Beveridge receives Founders Award with Charles C. McLaughlin, American Civil War Museum

### 1982

- Conference in Chicago, IL (June), “Olmsted and the Historic Landscape Revisited and Renewed,” co-sponsored with Chicago Friends of the Parks
- Founding of Buffalo Friends of Olmsted Parks (renamed in 1995, Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy)

### 1983

- World Conference on Olmsted Parks (September) in New York City co-sponsored by over 80 organizations
- 125th Anniversary of Central Park; publication of Volume 3 of The Olmsted Papers, “Creating Central Park”
- Founding of the Olmsted Parks Society of Atlanta, partly in response to Presidential Parkway threat to Olmsted-designed Druid Hills
- Founding of the Friends of Fort Tryon Park
- Founding of Seattle Friends of Olmsted Parks

### 1984

- NAOP testifies at Congressional hearing on bill by Rep. John Seiberling to develop a National Inventory of Olmsted Parks (“Olmsted Historic Landscapes Act”)

- Joint meeting in Liverpool, England with Liverpool Congress (July), “Green Towns and Cities UK/USA”
- Conference in Seattle, WA (September), “Olmsted Parks of the West: The Future of a Tradition,” co-sponsored with Seattle Friends of Olmsted Parks and Seattle Recreation Department

#### **1985**

- Workshop in Washington, D.C. (October), “Agenda for Action”

#### **1986**

- Conference at the Biltmore Estate, Asheville, NC (April)
- Conference in New York City (September), “Olmsted in New York,” co-sponsored by the City of New York Parks and Recreation Department
- Founding of the Friends of Maryland’s Olmsted Parks and Landscapes
- Founding of the New York State Association for Olmsted Parks
- Publication of Volume 4 of The Olmsted Papers, “Defending the Union -The Civil War and the U.S. Sanitary Commission, 1861-1863”

#### **1987**

- Conference in New Orleans, LA (April)
- Workshop in Louisville, KY (November), “Mobilizing an Olmsted Constituency,” co-sponsored with Louisville Friends of Olmsted Parks
- Founding of the Prospect Park Alliance
- Founding of the Louisville Friends of Olmsted Parks
- Publication of “The Master List of Design Projects of the Olmsted Firm, 1857–1950” (also known as the “Green Book”) in conjunction with the Massachusetts Association for Olmsted Parks

#### **1988**

- Meeting in New Haven, CT (April)

#### **1989**

- Conference in Baltimore, MD (May), “Reviving the Olmsted Vision: Linking People and Greenspaces”
- Meeting in Belleview Park, Belleview, NJ
- Centennial Celebration of Sudbrook, MD
- Founding of the Louisville Olmsted Parks Conservancy

## 1990

- Tenth Anniversary Conference in Buffalo, NY (May), “A Decade of Parks”
- Meeting in Concord, CA; tour of Yosemite National Park (October), “Centennial Celebration for Yosemite,” in conjunction with the National Park Service
- Founding of the Maine Olmsted Alliance for Parks and Landscapes
- Publication of Volume 5 of The Olmsted Papers, “The California Frontier ,1863-1865”

## 1991

- Conference in Boston, MA (May), “Held in Trust: 1890’s Legacies, 1990’s Challenges: The Landscape Vision,” co-sponsored with Historic Massachusetts and Massachusetts Historic Commission
- Conference in Philadelphia, PA (October), “Woodlands in Urban Parks,” co-sponsored with the Fairmount Park Commission
- Publication of NAOP Workbooks, “Charles Eliot 1859–1897. Held in Trust: Charles Eliot’s Vision for the New England Landscape,” by Keith N. Morgan, and “An Ecosystem Approach to Woodland Management: The Case of Prospect Park,” by Edward Toth

## 1992

- Conference in Denver, CO (May), “Making A Visible Difference: An Olmsted Gathering in the Rockies”
- Publication of NAOP Workbook, “Landscape Composition Preservation Treatment: Defining an Ethic for Designed Landscapes,” by Charles A. Birnbaum, ASLA
- Publication of Volume 6 of The Olmsted Papers, “The Years of Olmsted, Vaux & Company, 1865-1874”

## 1993

- Conference in Atlanta, GA (April), “Olmsted’s Lasting Legacy in Atlanta”
- Publication of NAOP Workbook, “Frederick Law Olmsted’s First and Last Suburbs: Riverside and Druid Hills,” by Darlene R. Roth
- Conference in St. Louis, MI (September) “Reality Check for Our Nation’s Parks,” in conjunction with The National Park Service Historic Landscape Initiative and the National Trust for Historic Preservation Conference

## 1994

- Conference at Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge, MA
- Founding of the Montauk (NY) Friends of Olmsted Parks

## 1995

- Cooperative Agreement with the National Park Service Historic Landscape Initiative
- Conference at the Biltmore Estate (April), “Balancing Nature and Culture in Historic Landscapes: A Celebration of Biltmore’s Centennial,” in concert with the National Park Service Historic Landscape Initiative
- Publication of NAOP Workbook, “The Olmsteds at Biltmore: Frederick Law Olmsted, Senior,” by Charles E. Beveridge; “Frederick Law Olmsted, Junior,” by Susan L. Klaus

## 1996

- Conference in Chicago, IL (October), “From Riverside to Sunnyside: Preserving Our Nation’s Historic Communities,” co-sponsored with The National Park Service Historic Landscape Initiative, National Trust for Historic Preservation and American Planning Association

## 1997

- Meeting in Washington, D.C. (March)
- Trustee meeting in Santa Fe, New Mexico (June), “Visions of the Santa Fe Landscape”
- Publication of Supplementary Series Vol. 1 of The Olmsted Papers, “Writings on Public Parks, Parkways, and Park Systems”

## 1998

- Meeting in Boston, MA (March) in conjunction with the National Recreation and Park Association
- Conference in Louisville, KY (October), “Revival of the Olmsted Parks and Parkways of Louisville”

## 1999

- Meeting in Kansas City, MO (April), “A Legacy of Design: the Kansas City Park and Boulevard System”
- Conference in Rochester, NY (October), “Recapturing Waterways in Historic Parks: Rochester’s Olmsted Legacy in a National Context”
- U.S. Postal Service issues Frederick Law Olmsted stamp, introduced at the American Society of Landscape Architects annual meeting in Boston, the 100th anniversary of professional organization JCO and FLO Jr helped found.

## 2000

- Trustee training in Atlanta, GA (April)
- Meeting in Chicago, IL with tours of the parks (November)
- Founding of Friends of New Jersey Olmsted Parks
- Charles E. Beveridge awarded National Medal for Historic Preservation, The Garden Club of America

## 2001

- 20th Anniversary celebration of NAOP in Boston, MA (May)
- NAOP Strategic planning meeting, Baltimore (November)

## 2002

- NAOP Conference in Newark, NJ (May), “The Olmsted Legacy: Social Consciousness & Environmental Impact,” hosted by Weequahic Park Association
- Meeting in Montreal, Canada (September) with Friends of Mount Royal; presented the Parc du Mont-Royal Declaration

## 2003

- Conference in Seattle (April/May), “Celebrating Our Olmsted Legacy,” co-sponsored by Friends of Seattle’s Olmsted Parks and the Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation
- Fall board meeting in New York City with Central Park Conservancy
- Research begun on Olmsted projects on the National Register of Historic Places in cooperation with Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois

## 2004

- Spring board meeting in St. Louis, MO (April) with presentation of proclamation to Tower Grove Park
- Cooperative agreement with City Parks Alliance to share staff in Washington, D.C.
- Meeting in Louisville, KY (September/October) in conjunction with National Trust for Historic Preservation Conference.

## 2005

- Charles E. Beveridge awarded Olmsted Medal and Honorary Membership, American Society of Landscape Architects
- 25th Anniversary celebration of NAOP in Buffalo, NY (May) with conference, “It Takes a Partnership: Urban Parks in the New Century”; spring board meeting

- Educational forum in Washington, D.C. (June), “A Design for Democracy: An Olmsted Vision for the U.S. Capitol Grounds, 1874 - 2005”
- Trustee meeting in Washington, D.C. (September)
- NAOP receives Preservation MASS award for outstanding leadership in historic preservation

## 2006

- Parks Practices website launched (January)—a joint initiative of NAOP and CPA
- Trustee meeting in Chicago, IL (May) with a visit to Riverside
- Trustee meeting in Denver, CO (September)

## 2007

- Trustee meeting in New Orleans (April)
- Publication of Volume 7 of The Olmsted Papers, “Parks, Politics, and Patronage 1874–1882”
- Trustee meeting in Spokane, WA (September) on the eve of Parks Plan Centennial
- “Maintaining Historic Urban Parks,” workshop in Washington, D.C. (November) sponsored by the Olmsted Center for Landscape Preservation in cooperation with NAOP and the National Park Service **2008**
- The 2nd edition of “The Master List of Design Projects of the Olmsted Firm 1857–1979” published (April)
- Trustee meeting in New York City (April) during Central Park Conservancy’s celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Olmsted-Vaux Greensward Plan; NAOP Greensward Plan Celebration Dinner at the Century Association
- NAOP awarded the 2008 ASLA Medal of Excellence (June)
- “Body & Soul: Parks & the Health of Great Cities,” International Urban Parks Conference in Pittsburgh, PA, September 21–23, co-sponsored by NAOP, City Parks Alliance and the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy
- Trustee meeting in Pittsburgh (September) in conjunction with the conference.

## 2008

- Charles E. Beveridge awarded Stewardship Excellence Award, The Cultural Landscape Foundation

## 2009

- Trustee meeting in Washington, DC (March).

- Trustee meeting in Portland, OR (October) with tours and a reception provided by Portland Parks & Recreation Department, the Portland Parks Foundation, and Urban Greenspaces Institute
- Launch of NAOP's e-newsletter replacing the printed Field Notes

## 2010

- Architect of the Capitol (AOC) begins work on a Cultural Landscape Report of the Olmsted-designed U.S. Capitol Grounds, inviting NAOP to participate in a review and advisory capacity
- Trustee meeting in Boston, MA (May) with tours of Olmsted parks provided by the Emerald Necklace Conservancy, the Town of Brookline, and the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation
- Trustee meeting in Washington, DC (September)
- NAOP participates in ASLA national meeting with a joint tour of the US Capitol Grounds by NAOP, the Architect of the Capitol, and Charles Beveridge (September)
- NAOP receives a major grant from the state of Washington for GIS-based mapping of Olmsted work in Washington (December)

## 2011

- Premiere of *Olmsted & America's Urban Parks*, PBS
- Trustee meeting in Washington, DC (March)
- NAOP launches a new website (April)
- National Trust for Historic Preservation Annual Conference in Buffalo, NY; NAOP proposes educational tours and sessions on Olmsted's work in Buffalo and Niagara Falls.
- Trustee meeting in Buffalo, NY (October) in conjunction with the National Trust conference, with the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy

## 2012

- Trustee meeting in Detroit (April)
- Trustee meeting in Washington, DC (October)
- First Charles E. Beveridge Research Fellowship awarded, Friends of Fairsted

## 2013

- Trustee meeting in Boulder, CO (May)

- Publication of Volume 8 of The Olmsted Papers, "The Early Boston Years, 1882–1890"
- *Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr. Symposium I* at the Building Museum in Washington, DC (October)
- Trustee meeting, Washington, DC (October)

## 2014

- *Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr. Symposium II* at Stanford University (March)
- Trustee meeting at Stanford University (March)
- Premiere of *Frederick Law Olmsted: Designing America*, PBS (June)
- Trustee meeting in Washington, DC (October)

## 2015

- Publication of Volume 9 of The Olmsted Papers, "The Last Great Projects 1890-1895" and "Frederick Law Olmsted: Plans and Views of Public Parks, Supplementary Series Vol. 2 "
- Editor of the Olmsted Papers project, Charles E. Beveridge, awarded the Preservation Hero award from the Library of American Landscape History and Lifetime Achievement Award, Landscaper Architecture Foundation
- Trustee meeting in Washington, DC (June)

## 2016

- Trustee meeting in Boston (June)
- Hosted the "Good Neighbors Institute" (July) with the Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site

## 2017

- Trustee meeting in Hartford, CT (April)

## 2018

- Trustee meeting in Washington, DC (April) in conjunction with *Envisioning Nature: The Olmsted Firm and The American Park* symposium organized by NAOP, ASLA and NPS

## 2019



- Trustee meeting in Louisville, KY (April) in conjunction with *The Olmsted Effect: Shaping the Future Through Landscapes* symposium organized by NAOP, ASLA and Louisville Olmsted Parks Conservancy
- NAOP board approves celebration plan for Olmsted 200, with NAOP serving as managing partner (December)

## 2020

- NAOP hires first President and CEO, Anne Neal Petri
- Publication of Supplementary Series Vol. 3 of The Olmsted Papers, “Frederick Law Olmsted: Plans and Views of Communities and Private Estates”
- Board meeting (April) \*virtual
- Board meeting (June) \*virtual
- Board meeting (October) \*virtual
- NAOP launches Olmsted Network Open Exchange meetings \*virtual

## 2021

- Board meeting (January) \*virtual
- Board meeting (April) \*virtual
- Olmsted 200 Honorary Committee announced
- Olmsted 200 celebration website debuts
- Olmsted 200 Olmsted Insider debuts
- Olmsted 200 national programming debuts including Conversations with Olmsted \*virtual
- Board meeting (July) \*virtual
- Board meeting (October) \*virtual
- NAOP receives World Urban Parks Legacy Award
- NAOP symposium in Washington, DC (October), *The Olmsteds and Campus Design* in partnership with the National Building Museum
- Release of *Frederick Law Olmsted: Landscapes for the Public Good* exhibit by NAOP and the Oak Spring Garden Foundation for Olmsted 200

## 2022

- NAOP Board adopts new strategic plan (2022-2026)
- Board meeting (January) \*virtual
- Year-long national and international celebration— Olmsted 200: Parks for All People— marks Olmsted’s 200<sup>th</sup> birthday
- Symposium, *Olmsteds: Landscapes & Legacies*, co-sponsored by the Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site, NAOP, and Friends of Fairsted (March)
- Gala Birthday Celebration, April 25, 2022, Loeb Boathouse, Central Park
- Tours of NYC Parks, April 26, 2022

- Bicentennial Birthday Reception, Bethesda Terrace, Central Park
- Luncheon, Prospect Park Boathouse, April 27, 2022
- Board meeting in Washington, DC (May)
- Gala Celebration, June 17, 2022, Glessner House, Chicago, IL
- Tours of parks (Chicago) and carillon concert, University of Chicago, June 18, 2022
- NAOP and University of Virginia announce digitization of Vols 1- 10 of The Olmsted Papers
- Board Meeting (July) \*virtual
- NAOP Symposium, *The Olmsteds' Conservation Legacy*, Capitol Visitors' Center, co-hosted with the Architect of the Capitol (September)
- "Do Olmsted Parks Still Heal?", NAOP panel discussion, CPA National Conference, Philadelphia (June)
- NAOP receives Olmsted Award from Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy (September)
- NAOP and Olmsted 200, Olmsted Pavilion, Seattle, ASLA National Conference; awarding of NAOP certificates to HALS challenge award winners, Seattle, ASLA Conference
- NAOP receives Olmsted Medal from the American Society of Landscape Architects (November)
- Board meeting and Awards Luncheon in San Francisco, CA (November)

## 2023

- NAOP Board announces new name— Olmsted Network (Jan. 1)
- Olmsted Network moves to new office at 1101 30<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC (Jan 1)
- Kentucky Coffeetree planted in honor of FLO on Capitol Hill, by Rep. French Hill and Rep. Debbie Dingell acknowledging the Olmsted Network (June 22)
- Olmsted Network debuts new website (July)
- Olmsted Network debuts new monthly online newsletter, Olmsted Insider with monthly Field Notes; retires separate Bulletin and Field Notes publications
- UVA Press and Olmsted Network announce open access to Olmsted Papers digitized by Rotunda Imprint (July)
- Olmsted Network panel, "Green Gentrification," APHA National Conference, "Creating the Healthiest Nation: Overcoming Social and Ethical Challenges," Atlanta (November); tours of Olmsted's Linear Park in conjunction with conference
- Olmsted Network, National Conference and Awards Banquet, "The Olmsteds in Wisconsin," Milwaukee, WI & Lake Geneva, WI (September)

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