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Olmsted Network Launches Digital Olmsted Trail

New Resource to Explore Historic Landscapes that Shape and Connect our World

WASHINGTON, D.C. (May 1, 2026) — The Olmsted Network is proud to announce the launch of the Olmsted Trail, an interactive digital resource exploring the past, present, and future of the 6,000 landscapes shaped by Frederick Law Olmsted and his successor firms. Spanning 47 U.S. states and four continents, this legacy has left an indelible mark on public spaces worldwide, and the Olmsted Trail makes it easier than ever to explore and understand that living history.

The Olmsted Trail features an interactive map and enhanced search tools that provide access to detailed information on more than 6,000 landscape projects designed or imagined by the firm—including historic and contemporary photographs; information on present-day stewardship initiatives and advocacy efforts; virtual tours; and hundreds of thousands of plans, letters, and other documents from the Olmsted Archives, courtesy of the National Park Service.

“The Olmsted Trail invites people to see these landscapes not as isolated places, but as part of a shared and evolving story,” said Olmsted Network President Sue Breitkopf. “By

connecting past design to present-day stewardship, we're opening new ways for communities to engage with and care for these spaces.”

The Olmsted Trail will continue to grow and evolve with the participation of the Olmsted Network's partner organizations, representing over 150 public parks, historic sites, and regional green space systems throughout North America. As new content and Featured Sites—offering additional resources and highlights—are continually added, visitors are encouraged to check back often for new ways to explore Olmsted landscapes.

Frederick Law Olmsted (1822-1903), considered to be the father of American landscape architecture, designed world-famous parks such as Central Park in New York City and Boston's Emerald Necklace, as well as private estates like Biltmore in Asheville, North Carolina, and major projects like the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago. After his retirement in 1895, his sons continued as the Olmsted Brothers firm and worked on thousands of landscapes in the United States and beyond, including Yosemite Valley, Acadia National Park, and the Florida Everglades.

Explore the full Olmsted Trail at Olmsted.org.

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About the Olmsted Network

The Olmsted Network is a national organization dedicated to championing the work and design principles of Frederick Law Olmsted and the Olmsted firm. Through advocacy, education, and stewardship, it works with communities across the country to protect and revitalize the landscapes that shape public life. Olmsted.org