



Dear Members of the Review Committee:

The Olmsted Network, the national nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the Olmsted legacy and the stewardship of significant landscapes, is pleased to support the nomination of Elk Rock Garden to the National Register of Historic Places.

Elk Rock Garden holds a significant place in the history of Pacific Northwest landscape design through its association with John Charles Olmsted and the Olmsted Brothers firm, whose 1903 parks plan shaped Portland's park system for generations. Following a visit to the property in 1910, John Charles Olmsted provided recommendations that helped shape the estate's development, most notably the siting of a new residence to take advantage of its remarkable views of Mount Hood. The property is also associated with Emanuel T. Mische, a former Olmsted employee who prepared a planting plan for the estate.

Together, these connections place Elk Rock within the broader history of landscapes influenced by the Olmsted firm — and the garden's historic spatial organization, circulation patterns, viewsheds, terraces, and stonework retain sufficient integrity to convey that character clearly today.

For these reasons, the Olmsted Network strongly supports the listing of Elk Rock Garden on the National Register of Historic Places.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sue Breilkopf".

Sue Breilkopf  
President  
Olmsted Network