



# 2022 HALS Challenge

## *Olmsted Landscapes*

The [Historic American Landscapes Survey \(HALS\)](#) was created in 2000 to document our country's significant landscapes. The National Park Service oversees HALS, the [American Society of Landscape Architects](#) provides professional guidance and support, and the [Library of Congress](#) preserves the documentation and makes it available to the public.

For the 13<sup>th</sup> annual [HALS Challenge competition](#), we invite you to document Olmsted landscapes. 2022 marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of Frederick Law Olmsted, social reformer and founder of American landscape architecture. By documenting Olmsted Landscapes for HALS, you will increase public awareness of historic landscapes and illuminate Olmsted's living legacy. Any site designed or planned in part or in full by Frederick Law Olmsted Sr., his firm, and the firm continued by his sons, John Charles Olmsted and Frederick Law Olmsted Junior, is eligible (see [Master List of Design Projects](#)).

The [Olmsted Research Guide Online \(ORGO\)](#) and [Olmsted Online](#) are helpful research tools. You may search for records held at the Olmsted National Historic Site and the Olmsted collections at the Library of Congress. The copyright status of some materials is uncertain, so please do not reproduce the graphics in your HALS documentation. You may analytically write about and cite them instead.

People are hereby challenged to complete at least one [HALS short format historical report](#) to document Olmsted landscapes. Preservation Through Documentation!

***Short format histories\* should be submitted to HALS at the National Park Service no later than July 31, 2022. For more information, contact Chris Stevens, 202-354-2146, [Chris\\_Stevens@nps.gov](mailto:Chris_Stevens@nps.gov)***

Cash prizes\*\* will be awarded to the top 3 entries, and this year the [National Association for Olmsted Parks \(NAOP\)](#) will also award three framed certificate prizes for the best entries in the following categories:

1. Submission by a college or graduate student.
2. Work of the Olmsted Firm in Ohio.
3. Non-park work of the Olmsted Firm.



*Fairsted, HABS MA-1168*



*Central Park, HAER NY-197*



*Acadia National Park, HAER ME-13*



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\* HALS Short Format History guidelines, brochure and digital Short Format History template may be downloaded from the HALS website: [www.nps.gov/hdp/standards/halsguidelines.htm](http://www.nps.gov/hdp/standards/halsguidelines.htm)

\*\* Winners will be announced at the HALS Subcommittee meeting at the 2022 Annual ASLA Conference on Landscape Architecture in San Francisco. Employees of the National Park Service, American Society of Landscape Architects, Library of Congress, and National Association for Olmsted Parks may submit HALS Short Format Historical Reports, but are ineligible for prizes.