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## **CTASLA Observes World Landscape Architecture Month with Exhibit, Awards, Conference and Bus Tour**

April is World Landscape Architecture Month (WLAM), an international celebration of landscape architecture. Established by the American Society of Landscape Architecture (ASLA), World Landscape Architecture Month introduces the public to the profession by showcasing landscape architect-designed spaces around the world — such as parks, college campuses, greenways, streetscapes, and stunning backyards.

The public is encouraged to explore **#WLAM2017** on Instagram and other social media outlets throughout the month to see inspirational examples of work by landscape architects. (According to ASLA, the campaign reached more than 1.18 million people in the first week of April.)

In celebration of WLAM locally, the Connecticut Chapter of ASLA will hang an extensive **exhibit** on 150 feet of wall space in the State Legislative Office Building (Lower Concourse) in Hartford, running from April 17-28. The poster exhibit will explain the profession's role in the built environment and stewardship of land, and showcase the award-winning work of Connecticut landscape architects.

Eleven projects by eight firms were recently selected winners in CTASLA's **2017 Connecticut Professional Awards competition**. Select images from these award-winning works can be viewed at <http://www.ctasla.org/2017.Awards.htm>.

World Landscape Architecture Month also holds special meaning for Connecticut landscape architects because Frederick Law Olmsted, Sr., considered the "father of landscape architecture," is a Connecticut native, who gained his love of landscape during his formative years in the Connecticut Valley.

To help celebrate the Connecticut Olmsted heritage (which includes dozens of parks, estates, and other works by the Olmsted Brothers firm, which was active well into the 1900s after Olmsted Sr.'s death), CTASLA will host a **conference** at The Lyceum in Hartford on Friday, April 28. The event — "**Olmsted Parks in Transition: Respecting the Past, Planning for the Future**" — will explore whether historic parks can accommodate the changing needs of cities while maintaining the integrity of their original design. The program includes a free showing of the hour-long documentary, "**Frederick Law Olmsted: Designing America**," with introduction by director Lawrence Hott. The movie begins at 3:30 p.m., and the public is invited (registration required).

Then, on Saturday, April 29, in partnership with the National Association for Olmsted Parks, CTASLA will conduct a **bus tour** of several Olmsted parks in Greater Hartford, where participants will learn about the history and evolution of these important community resources.

Find out more about the conference and bus tour at <http://www.ctasla.org>. To learn more about Olmsted's Connecticut heritage, see <http://www.OlmstedLegacyTrail.com>.

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About ASLA: "Green since 1899," ASLA is the national professional association for landscape architects, representing more than 15,000 members in 48 professional chapters (there are nearly 300 members in Connecticut). ASLA and its local chapters advance the profession of landscape architecture through education, advocacy, and awareness. Learn more at <http://www.asla.org>.

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