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CTASLA Celebrates World Landscape Architecture Month with an Exhibit at the LOB and Symposium on Transit-Oriented Design

April is [World Landscape Architecture Month](#) (#WLAM2019), an international celebration of spaces around the world — such as parks, college campuses, greenways, streetscapes, and stunning backyards — that have been designed by landscape architects.

The month holds special meaning for the Connecticut Chapter of ASLA (CTASLA) because Frederick Law Olmsted, Sr. (1822-1903), widely considered the "father of landscape architecture," was born on the 26th of April and raised in Hartford. He spent his formative years romping around the Connecticut Valley countryside and applied his talents to the creation of many significant parks in the state including Seaside Park and Beardsley Park in Bridgeport; Walnut Hill Park in New Britain; and the Institute of Living in Hartford. Learn more about Olmsted's Connecticut legacy at <http://olmstedlegacytrail.com>.

CTASLA will hang an extensive **exhibit** on 125 feet of wall space in the State Legislative Office Building (Upper Concourse) in Hartford, running from **April 16-30**. The posters on display will explain how landscape architects play an essential role in the development of built environments, stewardship of the natural environment, and protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the general public. Included will be the honorees from the CTASLA **2019 Connecticut Professional Awards competition**. See select images from these award-winning works at <http://www.ctasla.org/2019.Awards.htm>.

CTASLA will also celebrate WLAM with a symposium on "**Transit-Oriented Development: Places, Spaces, and Showcases**," to be held on **April 25th** at the State Capitol. Connecticut's recent investments in CTfastrak, the Hartford Line, Metro-North, and Shore Line East have generated a resurgence of interest in the state's urban communities including New Britain, Meriden, Windsor Locks, and Hartford. In their own words, design professionals, economic development specialists, municipal officials, DOT staff, legislators, and other experts will discuss the factors driving the development boom and share detailed examples about successful "TOD" projects in the state. See the symposium brochure: http://ctasla.org/library/events/TOD_042519.pdf.

At the symposium, CTASLA will honor **U.S. Senator Chris Murphy** with the chapter's Connecticut Olmsted Award in recognition of his tireless efforts to bring Wild and Scenic recognition to the lower Farmington River and its Salmon Brook tributary. Included as part of the permanent reauthorization the **Land and Water Conservation Fund** that passed in February, this measure will bring almost \$100,000 in annual federal grant funding to assist Windsor, Avon, Bloomfield, Burlington, Canton, East Granby, Farmington, Granby, Hartland, and Simsbury acquire the undeveloped land along these watercourses, monitor water quality, restore eroded river banks, remove invasive plants, and establish trails, greenways, and other passive recreation improvements.

The Connecticut Olmsted Award, named after Frederick Law Olmsted, is given annually by CTASLA to an organization or person from Connecticut who has employed the principle of stewardship of the environment as a guiding force in their actions. See prior winners: <http://olmstedlegacytrail.com/olmsted-award>.

Founded in 1899, the American Society of Landscape Architects is the national professional association for landscape architects, representing more than 15,000 members. Landscape architecture is a comprehensive discipline of land analysis, planning, design, management, preservation and rehabilitation. ASLA promotes the landscape architecture profession and advances the practice through advocacy, education, communication and fellowship.

Learn more about landscape architecture online at www.asla.org. For more information on the Connecticut Chapter and the local profession, visit www.ctasla.org.

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