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## ECOLOGICAL APPROACHES TO LANDSCAPE DESIGN AND GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE — September 22 @ the University of Connecticut



ASLA Connecticut, in collaboration with the UConn Plant Science and Landscape Architecture program and the Connecticut Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council (CTGBC), presents a full-day symposium: **Ecological Approaches to Landscape Design and Green**

**Infrastructure** on Friday, **September 22** at the Dodd Center on the UConn campus in Storrs. The program will feature technical leaders in landscape ecology, soil science, and stormwater engineering, and design leaders from landscape architecture firms across New England, showcasing recent work at the University. The program will be capped off with a **tour of the recently completed Science 1 Building and Woodland Walk** followed by a reception. For more information on the workshops, speakers, and schedule of the day, see [the brochure](#).

*Registration nearly full (a waiting list will be formed if necessary).*

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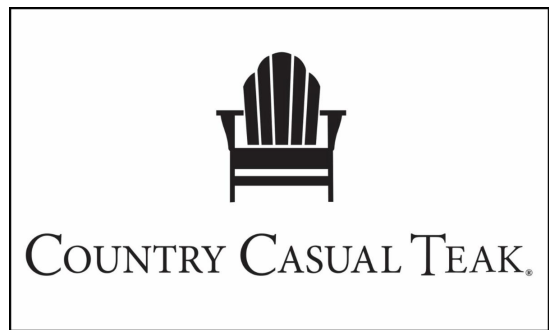
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## ASLA CONNECTICUT AWARDS — CALL FOR ENTRIES

ASLA Connecticut's **2024 Professional & Student Awards** cycle is open for business. See the [Call For Entries](#) for eligibility, jury template, and submission guidelines. Students can enter for free with ASLA membership.

Professional categories include Landscape Architectural Design, Landscape Planning and Analysis, Landscape Architectural Communication, Landscape Architectural Research, Community Service, and Landmark Legacy. At the discretion of the jury, one Catalyst Award may be awarded to a project that demonstrates the power of landscape architecture as a catalyst for equity and justice.

There are many benefits to winning awards at the Chapter level. We look forward to seeing your entries! Submissions are due Friday, **September 29**.



## AREA EVENTS OF INTEREST

The **A-list Awards** is athome magazine's premier interior design, architecture, and landscape design competition recognizing and celebrating excellence in residential and commercial design. Award winners will be revealed the evening of **September 12** at The Village in Stamford. See the [list of finalists and ticket](#)

information.

On **September 17**, Bike Walk Connecticut will host the [Discover Connecticut Tour](#), revealing the amazing secrets hiding in plain sight throughout Bloomfield and its squad of neighboring towns. A variety of diverse routes are offered, including a 50-mile bike odyssey, 25-mile adventure, 10-mile bike escapade, or walking route. Swag, food and entertainment are part of the day.

It's Fair season in Connecticut! Find dates and locations of Agricultural Fairs and events across the state on the [Association of Connecticut Fairs website](#).

## LARE TRAINING

ASLA's LARE Prep Committee will host [LARE Prep Week](#), September 11-15, to provide valuable support and resources to candidates preparing to take the LARE. LARE Prep Week offers a comprehensive agenda that demystifies the exam, provides high levels of testing information, facilitates an open forum Q&A session, and offers specific guidance related to Section 4 of the examination. Through these webinars, ASLA aims to equip candidates with the knowledge, confidence, and resources they need to successfully navigate and excel in the LARE.



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## OPPORTUNITIES

The [Rockfall Foundation](#) welcomes applications (due **November 9**) for its [2024 Annual Environmental Grants Program](#), available to non-profit organizations, municipalities, and schools. The Environmental Grants are for projects and programs that support the environment through conservation, preservation, restoration or education in the Lower Connecticut River Valley, which includes Middlesex County as well as Lyme and Old Lyme. All interested applicants are

encouraged to attend an information session on **September 19** (5 p.m.) in Middletown.

*The Architect's Newspaper* welcomes entries to the 11th annual [Best of Design Awards](#), showcasing completed works in 39 categories which reflect AN's editorial coverage. Winning projects will be featured in social media and on [archpaper.com](#) where they will be seen by potentially more than 1 million+ AN readers and members of the AEC community. Deadline: **October 6**.

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS — A MEMBERS-ONLY RESOURCE

ASLA is excited to [unveil a new website hub](#) that provides members access to a tailored list of notice of funding opportunities (NOFOs) and other grant information for federal projects addressing climate change and biodiversity, water and land management, parks and recreation, active transportation, equity, and more (ASLA's behind-the-scenes work to promote legislation that supports the profession and provides enhanced funding opportunities to create community projects nationwide is an important benefit of ASLA membership!). The site will be updated in real time to display new opportunities as they become available. The list is accessible only to ASLA members, so you will need your member login to access the information.

The White House has also published this [guide to funding opportunities](#).



## NEW ACCESSIBILITY GUIDELINES



The U.S. Access Board issued a [final rule on accessibility guidelines for pedestrian facilities in the public right-of-way](#). The new guidelines cover the minimum scoping and technical requirements for various spaces and elements in the public right-of-way, such as pedestrian access routes. Other highlights in the requirements include accessible pedestrian signals, curb ramps and blended transitions, detectable warning surfaces, crosswalks at roundabouts,

on-street parking, transit stops, and street furniture. In addition, the guidelines address shared use paths, which are designed primarily for use by bicyclists, pedestrians and other authorized motorized and non-motorized users.

**It is critical that landscape architects become proficient with these new guidelines, which go into effect September 7.** The Access Board provides free technical assistance specifically on accessibility of public right-of-way, including sidewalks, street crossings, and other pedestrian used features. Email [row@access-board.gov](mailto:row@access-board.gov) for more information.

## JOBS...JOBS...JOBS

Brook Clark Landscape Architects, Freeman Companies, Design Professionals, Inc., IQ Landscape Architects P.C., Mark P. Finlay Architects, AIA, and S/L/A/M Collaborative are all posting opportunities on our [Job Board](#). Have you seen them? Please forward on to others who may be seeking employment. Need to POST a job opportunity? [Contact us](#).



## EPA Revises WOTUS Rule

On August 29, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of the Army released a [revised final rule concerning "waters of the United States" \(WOTUS\)](#). This revised rule seeks to provide clarity and a path forward while conforming with the May 2023 United States Supreme Court's decision in *Sackett v. EPA*. Infrastructure projects, economic opportunities, and additional actions can resume to safeguard our nation's waters.



To learn more about the revised WOTUS rule and how it may impact the work of landscape architects, [register for an upcoming webinar](#) hosted

by EPA on [September 13](#) (1-2 p.m.) or [September 20](#) (3-4 p.m.).

## UPCOMING LEARNING EVENTS

ASLA's **Free PDH of the Month** for September is [The Vibrant Cities Lab: Free Urban Forestry Resources, Research, and Tools](#). This session looks at eleven impact areas affecting how trees and green space influence economic development, public health, transportation, equity, and water quality.

SUNY Westchester Community College offers several programs of interest this fall through its [Go Native U program](#). Topics include native plants, plant identification in the field, supporting bees and birds, higher ecosystem function, meadowscaping, rain gardens and biodiversity, and more.

CT NOFA's [Land Care Accreditation Course](#) is a self-paced curriculum that typically takes about one month to complete. The course covers organic land care principles, practices, design, and maintenance, including site analysis, soil health, organic amendments, planting and plant care, management of turf pests, stormwater, the business of organic land care, and more.

Urban Forestry Today will present a webinar on [Understanding Social Implications & Human Health Effects of Urban Trees](#) on **September 7** (12-2 p.m.), with a presentation by Cecil Konijnendijk, University of British Columbia.



NYBG will host a free webinar on **September 7** (12 p.m.), [Flora Fauna Funga: Changing Language is Critical to Fungal Conversation](#). The importance of fungi in both natural ecosystems and human contexts has been extensively documented. To protect them, we need to establish the distinction that they are their own kingdom, deserving of the same policies as flora and fauna. The Flora Fauna Funga (FFF) Initiative was born out of this necessity.

BSLA presents [Advancing Resilience](#), a month-long conversation about coastal resilience design, planning, and implementation on the Dorchester-area waterfront. The first event is **September 7** (7:00 p.m.) in person in Boston and via Zoom. How does a city advance climate resilience? How is resilience progressing along Boston's southern shoreline? This discussion will be followed by a series of outdoor, free, on-site walking tours of these sites on Saturday, **September 30**, concurrent with a wicked high tide.

Save the Sound, Junta for Progressive Action, Restore America's Estuaries, and the Long Island Sound Study will host a [conversation on environmental justice in the Long Island Sound region](#) in New Haven on September 9 (12:00-2:00 p.m.).



The Cultural Landscape Foundation will feature an [award-winning Anne Penniman project in Weekapaug, RI](#) on **September 9** as part of its **Garden Dialogues** series. This 1.5-acre oceanfront landscape began with an informal competition between three architecture firms to re-envision the property's 1930s shingle-style house. Collaborators and spouses, architect George Penniman and landscape architect Anne Penniman won the competition with a proposal to preserve, rather than demolish, the structure and create a seamless connection between the house and the complex surrounding landscape.

UMass Extension will host a [Conifer Diseases Walk](#) on **September 12** (5-7 p.m.) in Jamaica Plain, MA. Conifers are essential components of our forests and managed landscapes. Workshop topics will include needle blights, twig and branch cankering, root and trunk rot diseases, and various environmental stresses. Management recommendations will also be discussed.

Yale University's Hixon Center for Urban Ecology will host a hybrid conference on [Urban Forests: Solutions for a Changing Climate](#), on **September 15**. This free conference brings together researchers and practitioners to highlight the latest urban forestry research and innovative management examples to help meet significant funding opportunities of the Inflation Reduction Act. The event includes CEUs, continental breakfast, lunch, and closing reception.

NATIVE Plant Nursery will host [these upcoming talks](#): “Life With Joe-Pye-Weed” (**September 16** at 10:30 a.m.), by **Christine Cook**, explores this remarkable plant’s role as a pollinator food source and its impact on the broader food web; “Extra-Ordinary Wetland Management” (**September 23** at 10:30 a.m.), by **Bill Kenny**, highlights restoration projects his firm has successfully completed throughout the region, including work that incorporates creative stormwater management.



[Modern Living: Inside Outdoor Spaces Symposium](#) will take place **September 19-20** in Falmouth, MA. Experts and journalists from around the country give lectures and presentations, providing relevant data and innovative tools, while industry specialists will offer hands-on workshops.

The New York Botanical Garden will host a free [Climate Week Symposium](#) on **September 21** (9:30 a.m.-noon) on its campus in Bronx, NY. The program will feature a keynote address and panel discussion on cultivating resilience, examining ecological restoration — its history, current trends, and the crucial work that needs to continue on a global scale.

The [Fifth Annual New England Climate Change and Resiliency Summit](#) will take place **September 26** both virtually and in person in Boston. The Summit provides an opportunity to learn how New England's climate is changing, how industry and the public sector are addressing the challenges, opportunities associated with adaptation and mitigation goals across geographies, and funding sources.

SWCS Southern New England Chapter will offer an [Erosion & Sediment Control Field Day](#) on **September 28** at the Tolland County Agricultural Center in Vernon. The preliminary program includes a presentation by CT DEEP and a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) Inspection 101 Presentation. The event combines classroom and field sessions.

New Directions in the American Landscape will host [Restoration to Garden: Plants and Wildlife New England-Style](#) at the New England Botanic Garden in Boylston, MA, **September 28-29**. Day 1 will feature classroom sessions on plant communities of Southern New England, while Day 2 will be a six-hour field session, Field and Forest: Observation, Analysis, and Action.



The New York Botanical Garden's Landscape Design Portfolio Series is celebrating its 25th year! The Fall series will kick off with an online program on **October 3** (6:30-7:30 p.m.), [Nature Remixed: Reimagining Community and Biodiversity in Cities](#), with Richard Roark. Among the projects he will present are the American Embassy in London, the expansive 51-mile

Los Angeles River Master Plan, Hunts Point in the Bronx, and more — all "cast off" sites that were reinvigorated through thoughtful design.

The [Southern New England Planning Conference \(SNEAPA\)](#) conference is back in Connecticut this fall, taking place **October 5-6** in New Haven. The SNEAPA Conference draws more than 500 planners, engineers, architects, students, and other professionals to share experiences, collaborate, network, and earn education credits through interactive sessions and mobile workshops.

The Connecticut Trail Symposium, [Connecting Connecticut](#), will take place **October 13** at Five Points Arts Center in Torrington as a full day of concurrent sessions, including an in-depth panel discussion about the film, "Why We Walk," and plentiful networking opportunities.



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