



USING NATIVE ECOTYPES FOR HABITAT RESTORATION

ASLA Connecticut will host a webinar on Thursday, **February 4** (Noon-1:00 p.m.) on [Using Native Ecotypes for Habitat Restoration](#).

Darryl Newman of Planters' Choice Nursery and **Dina Brewster** of CT NOFA will lead a conversation about the Ecotype Project, why it is critically important, and the role of

landscape architects in helping to move a critical vision for environmental stewardship, food systems security, and retooling expectations of the aesthetic for the end consumer.



The focus will be on all sizes of projects, from a small pollinator garden to massive restoration sites. Insight into the needs of the nurseries producing the material as well as those installing and maintaining it will be provided so the specifier can make sure proposed projects are set up to be a positive experience for all parties. An active question and answer portion will be included to give participants an opportunity to share experiences and ask about future work to be done.

This program is being offered at no cost thanks to a collaborative effort between ASLA Connecticut and [Planters' Choice Nursery](#). We are grateful for their support.

Approval pending from LA CES for 1.0 hours of HSW distance learning.

Registration

OPPORTUNITIES

The **National Municipal Stormwater Alliance (NMSA)** is offering [free technical resources](#) to a limited number of communities who are interested in utilizing the **Community-Based Public-Private Partnership (CBP3) program** approach to implement large-scale green infrastructure at a significant cost savings for reducing stormwater runoff, localized flooding, and making green economic improvements to their communities. Deadline for applying: **February 10**.

ASLA has issued a [call for presentations](#) for the **2021 ASLA Conference on Landscape Architecture**, to be held in Nashville, TN on November 16-18. Education proposals that will help drive change in landscape architecture and provide solutions to everyday challenges, informed by practice and research, will be considered. Deadline for proposals: **February 24**.



ASLA has opened its Call For Entries for the [2021 Professional and Student Awards Program](#). The program honors the most innovative landscape architecture projects and the brightest ideas from up-and-coming landscape architecture students. Award recipients receive featured coverage in *Landscape Architecture Magazine* and are honored at a special awards presentation ceremony in the fall. Deadlines: **March 12** (Professionals) and **May 24** (Students)

The **Environmental Professionals Organization of Connecticut** is [offering grants](#) to non-profit and community-based groups for local projects within Connecticut that benefit the environment, such as property and watershed clean-ups, reforestation efforts, biodiversity projects, streamside buffer restoration projects, monitoring environmental conditions of watersheds or ecosystems and more. Deadline: **March 31**.

Connecticut National Estuarine Research Reserve



Long Island Sound is one of Connecticut's greatest natural treasures, providing countless recreational opportunities, serving as a critical habitat for fish and other marine wildlife, creating economic opportunity, and improving the quality of life in Connecticut. Like other estuaries around the country, however, the Sound is constantly threatened by development, pollution, invasive species, and the effects of climate change — to name just a few. Preserving its health and productivity for future generations, therefore, requires sustainable management of its resources.

An effort is underway to develop a [National Estuarine Research Reserve](#) for Long Island Sound, in cooperation with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric

Administration, which would provide tools for resource stewardship, training, and education. (Connecticut is one of only two marine coastal states without a Reserve.) A [series of online meetings](#) are planned to gather public feedback on developing the priorities and goals for the proposed Connecticut National Estuarine Research Reserve, with the kickoff scheduled for **February 3**. We encourage our members to participate.



Jobs...Jobs...Jobs

Wagner Pools, Heritage Landscapes, Kathryn Herman Design, Renée Byers Landscape Architect, P.C., Water Street Design Associates, I.Q. Landscape Architects, and the University of Connecticut are all posting employment 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](#).

UPCOMING LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

ASLA's Free PDH of the Month (provided at no cost to all current members) is [Evidence-based Design: Climate Adaptation Tools: Linking Big Data with Community Scale Resiliency](#). This session presents three data-driven tools from the U.S and the Netherlands optimized for visualizing and prioritizing multi-benefit green infrastructure investment.

[NJASLA's Annual Meeting + Expo](#) will take place virtually on **January 31-February 2**. This year's program, entitled "Collaborate. Connect. Community," will explore the intrinsic connections that bind us all as a community and as a profession, and will include 19 educational sessions, virtual expo and learning labs, awards, networking opportunities, and more.

Environmental Business Council of New England will host a webinar on [The Future of Climate Mitigation and Adaptation in Connecticut](#) on **February 2** (9:00-10:30 a.m.). The program will examine the mitigation and adaptation strategies developed by the Connecticut Governor's Council on Climate Change, which will inform the basis for actions around climate issues in the state.

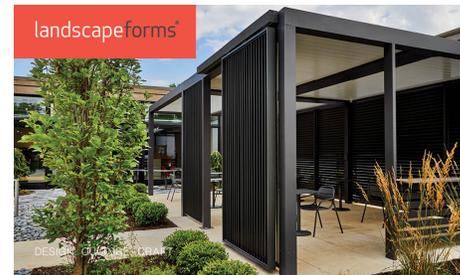
Sierra Club Connecticut will host a virtual session on [Transit Issues in the 2021 CT Legislative Session](#) on **February 2** (11:45 a.m.). This conversation with

legislators from Connecticut's Transportation Committee will discuss the need to improve, expand, and electrify public transit.

DesegregateCT presents a [webinar](#) on the new [Connecticut Zoning Atlas](#), a first-in-the-nation, groundbreaking interactive map, on Tuesday, **February 2** (Noon-1 p.m.). Professor Sara Bronin will present research, completed in the last four months, on the way all 2,616 zoning districts and 2 subdivision districts in Connecticut dictate where we live.



DESEGREGATE CONNECTICUT



Forest Stewards Guild will host a webinar on **February 2** (Noon to 1 p.m.) on [Oak Resiliency in Southern New England](#). Oak trees, which dominate 70% of the region's forests, face many threats to their long-term health and ability to grow, such as climate change, deer herbivory, gypsy moth, and other forest pests. Find many other recorded presentations on the Guild's [YouTube page](#).

National Association for Olmsted Parks will host a [tribute to Charles E. Beveridge](#) on **February 2** (5:00 p.m.). For more than 40 years, Dr. Beveridge has dedicated himself to the life, work and legacy of Frederick Law Olmsted, including editing the *Frederick Law Olmsted Papers*, which recently announced publication of the 12th and final volume. Friends and fans are invited to submit letters and best wishes.

Unilock presents [Boots Online](#), a Hardscaping Edu-Series with a variety of programs covering everything from installation demos to best practices to new product previews. The program features ten sessions over five weeks from **February 2-March 4**.

The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station will host a webinar on [Deer Impact Mitigation at the Grassroots Levels: Progress and Challenges](#), Wednesday, **February 3** (Noon) featuring a talk by Thomas J. Rawinski, Charles Bullard Fellow in Forest Research at Harvard University. (Access the webinar [here](#).)



Nitsch Engineering will host a webinar on [Land Surveying and GIS — What, When, and Why](#) on **February 3** (1:30-2:30 p.m.). Topics will include property line retracement surveys, data accumulation (topographic and utility) surveys,

ALTA/NSPS title insurance surveys, high-definition (laser scanning) surveys, drone surveys, aerial photogrammetry controls and surveys, and GIS.

USEPA will host a webinar on **February 3** (2-3 p.m.) to discuss [EPA's Transportation Stormwater Permit Compendium](#), a compendium of excerpted permit language from MS4 permits and other resources that can be used and/or tailored for transportation-specific MS4 permits.



The **Black Landscape Architects Network** (LAN) presents a [symposium speaker series](#) during the month of February, highlighting important contributions of Black-identifying landscape architect students, faculty, and practitioners. The series kicks off on **February 4** with a talk on [Decentering from F.L.O.](#), exploring the various deviations from Frederick Law Olmsted as the central figure of the beginning of landscape architecture.

ELA hosts a webinar on [Garden Design for Child Development](#), Friday, **February 5** (10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.). This class will explore how to design a children's garden that appeals to all five senses, evokes playfulness and learning, and instills a love of nature that will grow into stewardship and environmental sensitivity.

The ASLA Committee on Education presents "[On-the-Ground](#)" — [Acting on Research, Studio, and Design Strategies](#) on Friday, **February 5** (3:00-4:30 p.m.). This panel will discuss and demonstrate how landscape architecture can reach beyond its academic and professional limits to research issues, design spaces, and programs, and engage with communities in long-term commitments as equal participants in a civil and equitable society.

ASLA and the National Park Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program will host a webinar on **February 11** (3-4 p.m.) to present [information about the partnership](#) between the two groups. Patrick Johnson (NPS staff) Dalton LaVoie (ASLA California Sierra Chapter) will share their recent experiment with hosting a virtual design workshop for the Sacramento Riverfront project.

The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station will host a [webinar](#) on Wednesday, **February 17** (Noon) featuring a presentation by Sefra Alexandra and Dina Brewster, of CT NOFA, on [The Ecotype Project](#), a plant- and place-based approach to land stewardship and agrarian resilience in the northeast.

ASLA-NY will host another webinar in its Let's Talk Native Plants series, [Keeping It Alive: Specifications & Maintenance](#), on **February 17** (5-6 p.m.). Panelists will share their experience and tips for developing maintenance specifications that are effective and enforceable, as well as discuss the importance of communicating expectations and landscape needs to clients and stakeholders.

Berkshire Botanical Garden's 24th Annual Winter Lecture, on **February 20** (2:00 p.m.) will feature Charles Birnbaum, FASLA, President and CEO of The

Cultural Landscape Foundation, who will give a talk called [Make Visible, Instill Value, and Engage the Public in Our Shared Landscape Heritage](#). This lecture will highlight a diversity of resource types throughout the U.S., emphasizing stewardship strategies and opportunities for public engagement.

New York Botanical Garden's Annual Winter Lecture Series continues on **February 25** (11:00 a.m.-Noon) with a lecture on [Gardens of Sanctuary](#) by Leslie Bennett, who runs Pine House Edible Gardens and designs, builds, and maintains edible and culturally resonant landscapes that are beautiful and productive.



CT-DEEP will conduct a webinar on **February 26** (10-11:30 a.m.) to train people in [making maps in GIS with the free Avenza app](#). Users will learn how to download a map into Avenza, collect data and navigate in the field, and integrate with other GIS systems.

Save the Sound will host a webinar on **March 4** (Noon) on [Climate Change in the 2021 Legislative Session](#), delving into STS's priorities for this legislative session that protect clean air and combat climate change.

The Connecticut Bar Association Planning and Zoning Section will host a full-day webinar on [Connecticut Land Use Law for Municipal Land Use Agencies, Boards, and Commissions](#) on **March 6**. This introductory level course will provide a broad review of the municipal land use process, including zoning, planning, zoning board of appeals, and wetlands issues.

Save the Sound will host a webinar on **March 10** (Noon) on [Healthy Yards: Get Ready for Spring](#), exploring natural alternatives to fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, how to create pollinator pathways, and how to put best practices in place to build a healthier yard for you and your community.



The [Joint Conference](#) of the Connecticut Conference on Natural Resources and Connecticut Outdoor & Environmental Education Association will take place virtually on **March 15-16**. The theme of the conference is Creating a More Equitable & Inclusive Environmental

Sector. [Oral presentations and posters](#) are welcomed on a variety of topics are welcomed under natural resources and environmental education sub-themes. Abstracts are due Monday, **February 15**.

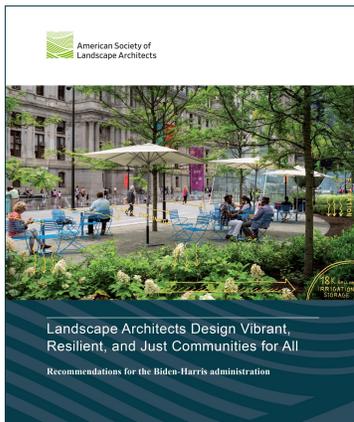
The Native Plant Center at Westchester Community College will hold its Spring Landscape Conference, [Places for Pollinators: Designing Welcoming Landscapes](#), on **March 15**, exploring the needs and challenges of pollinators, native plants to use in creating beneficial habitats, and designs that change backyards and communities while helping critical creatures survive.

See [additional online learning resources](#) from ASLA.

ZOOM IN ON THE GC3

On Friday **January 15**, with opening remarks from Governor Lamont, the Governor's Council on Climate Change (GC3) met to release the final draft of the text of the GC3 Phase 1 report, entitled *Taking Action on Climate Change and Building a More Resilient Connecticut for All*.

The report provides an assessment of the state's progress toward mitigating carbon emissions and addressing climate change adaptation and resilience, and outlines 61 near-term strategies to meet these challenges. [Access the recording, minutes, and the presentation.](#)



FROM THE READING PILE

ASLA has shared a report it delivered to the Biden-Harris administration before they took office. *Landscape Architects Design Vibrant, Resilient, and Just Communities for All — Recommendations for the Biden-Harris Administration* outlines specific actionable policy recommendations that ASLA hopes will guide the administration, as well as the new Congress, in these first 100 days and beyond.

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