ABOUT OLMSTED 200

Olmsted 200 is a national campaign honoring the visionary father of American landscape architecture, Frederick Law Olmsted.

As an author, journalist, public official, urban planner and father of American landscape architecture, Olmsted made many valuable contributions to society that we celebrate to this day. Olmsted and his successor firms designed thousands of landscape projects across the country, transforming American life and culture. His democratic vision of public parks and their capacity to bring communities together is more important than ever.

Olmsted 200 is a celebration of Olmsted’s legacy, and will include a variety of activities and events leading up to April 26, 2022 - which marks his 200th birthday.

The national campaign is meant to engage a creative coalition of landscape architects, design professionals, city planners, public health professionals, conservationists, community leaders, historians and educators to explore the many ways in which Olmsted’s values can address today’s challenges. Rooted in Olmsted’s values of universal access to parks and the health and environmental benefits of open space and resilient designs, the celebration will examine the life, leadership and enduring influence of this American visionary.

The Bicentennial will include national and local events, advocacy and education about Olmsted’s life, legacy and values in order to build public and policy support for America’s natural and historic spaces.

Olmsted 200 is managed by the National Association for Olmsted Parks, along with founding partners, American Society of Landscape Architects, The Garden Club of America, Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site, City Parks Alliance, National Recreation and Park Association, The Cultural Landscape Foundation, The Trust for Public Land, American Public Health Association and the Landscape Architecture Foundation. They are joined by a growing network of additional celebration partners located across the country.

Additional information, including tools and resources, can be found on the campaign website: www.olmsted200.org.