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Olmsted 200 Launches Campaign to Celebrate American Visionary Frederick Law Olmsted

Panel discussion kicks-off year of nationwide events honoring the bicentennial of the founder of landscape architecture

Washington, DC — April 26, 2021 – Today, Olmsted 200 launched its year-long nationwide campaign to celebrate the upcoming bicentennial of Frederick Law Olmsted with a Watch Party and Panel Discussion for *Olmsted and America's Urban Parks*, a documentary narrated by actress Kerry Washington.

The virtual event, held on the 199th birthday of the famed 19th-century author, public official, urban planner, and founder of American landscape architecture, was moderated by *TIME Magazine's* senior climate correspondent Justin Worland. Expert panelists included Justin DiBerardinis (Director of FDR Park, Philadelphia), Happy Haynes (Executive Director of Denver Parks and Recreation), and Dr. Thaisa Way (Program Director for Garden & Landscape Studies at Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection). The discussion examined the powerful social, environmental, economic and health impacts Olmsted's legacy of thoughtful design for parks and public spaces have on people and communities.

"Frederick Law Olmsted's vision for 'parks for all people' helped shape American culture," said Anne Neal Petri, president, and CEO of National Association for Olmsted Parks, the organization managing the campaign. "His enduring values are more resonant today than ever."

Thousands of parks and landscape projects designed and inspired by FLO and the Olmsted firm can still be enjoyed today, from New York's Central Park to the Palos Verdes community in California.

The Olmsted 200 celebration will include a variety of national and local activities and events aimed at building public and policy support for America's natural and historic spaces. The campaign runs for the entire year leading up to the 200th anniversary of Olmsted's birth, on April 26, 2022.

To learn more about how you can join the celebration and sign up for the *Olmsted Insider* monthly newsletter, please visit www.olmsted200.org. Follow @olmsted200 on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram for the latest Olmsted 200 updates.

A recording of the panel discussion can be found [here](#).

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Olmsted 200 is managed by the National Association for Olmsted Parks, along with founding partners the 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.