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The Olmsted Center works collaboratively with partners from the National Park Service, universities, and non-profit organizations including:

Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site
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Fort McHenry National Monument/Hampton
National Historic Site
Minute Man National Historical Park
Roosevelt-Vanderbilt National Historic Sites
Statue of Liberty National Monument
Weir Farm National Historic Site
Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University
Iowa State University
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Antiquities



The Olmsted Center prepared rehabilitation guidelines for the Historic Motor Roads at Acadia National Park.

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MISSION

Our country has a rich legacy of cultural landscapes - from carriage roads to battlefields, designed gardens to vernacular homesteads, industrial complexes to river valley settlements. The Olmsted Center for Landscape Preservation promotes the stewardship of significant landscapes through research, planning, and sustainable preservation maintenance.

Based at the Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site, the Center perpetuates the tradition of the Olmsted Office and Frederick Law Olmsted, Sr.'s lifelong commitment to people, parks, and public spaces.



Historic View of the south lawn, pre-1903, of Fairsted, now the Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site. Photo courtesy of the Olmsted National Historic Site.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

As part of the National Park Service mission to provide technical assistance to historic property managers, the Olmsted Center applies expertise in horticulture, landscape architecture, and history to the preservation of cultural landscapes.

RESEARCH: Identification, Inventory, and Documentation

- Cultural Landscape Inventory
- Analyses of significance, integrity and National Register eligibility
- Cultural Landscape Reports: site history, existing conditions, and analysis
- Historic plant identification, inventory, and mapping

PLANNING: Alternatives, Evaluation, and Plan Development

- Treatment alternatives and recommendations
- Cultural Landscape Reports: treatment plans
- Rehabilitation guidelines
- Preservation Maintenance Plans
- Pre-construction planning and impact assessment

STEWARDSHIP: Sustainable Preservation Maintenance

- Condition assessment
- Emergency stabilization field work
- Resource protection work
- Cyclic preservation maintenance work

EDUCATION: Training, Information, and Technology Development

- Historic landscape maintenance workshops
- Preservation maintenance skills training
- Gardener and arborist training programs
- Landscape preservation courses and workshops
- Cultural landscape publications
- Development and testing of new technologies and methods for landscape preservation



Landscape rehabilitation work at Minute Man National Historical Park by a multi-park preservation maintenance

OLMSTED CENTER PROJECTS

Every project involves close collaboration with site staff, relying on their knowledge of the resources, and strengthening each historic property's capacity to preserve its cultural landscapes. Sample projects include:

Cultural Landscape Inventory for Liberty Island, Statue of Liberty National Monument

Cultural Landscape Report for Independence Square, Independence National Historical Park

Historic Plant Inventory for Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site

Rehabilitation Guidelines for the Historic Motor Roads, Acadia National Park

Preservation Maintenance Plan for Dumbarton Oaks Park, Rock Creek Park

Historic Tree Condition Assessment for the National Cemetery, Gettysburg National Military Park

Propagation of historic plants for Hampton National Historic Site