



VA-ASLA News

VA-ASLA Newsletter, July 2023

Upcoming Programs

We had a great virtual event on June 8th, with over 165 attendees from Virginia, Maryland and Potomac chapters. Did you miss it? It isn't too late to get your PDH! Sign up to review the recordings before August 1, and you can be a part of the conversation too!



[Register Here](#)

News from ASLA: Updates from our Trustee

[Registration has launched for the ASLA 2023 Conference on Landscape Architecture!](#) The early bird deadline is July 12. For best savings, sign up for field sessions, the Council of Fellows Investiture Dinner, and the President's Dinner and Installation of Officers. It is important to book with the official ASLA housing block managed by Maritz Global Events. This year we are offering discounted rates at eleven hotels, all within walking distance of the **[Minneapolis Convention Center](#)**.



The **Historic American Landscapes Survey (HALS)** Subcommittee of the Historic Preservation PPN is highlighting the 2023 HALS Challenge, ***Working Landscapes***, via *The Field* through the July 31 competition deadline. See **[Consider Participating in the 2023 HALS Challenge](#)**, by **Douglas Nelson, ASLA**, and **[An Introduction to Historic Working Landscapes](#)**, by **David Driapsa, FASLA**

Government Affairs

- The United States Supreme Court's recent ruling in *Sackett v. Environmental Protection Agency* (May, 2023) weakens federal protections of **[Waters of the United States](#)** by removing Clean Water Act protections for certain wetlands. Following the Court's ruling, ASLA CEO Torey Carter-Conneen **said** "This short-sighted decision ignores science and the well-documented hydrological understanding of the interconnection of water sources... Landscape architects will continue to lead in implementing nature-based solutions and other design techniques that protect water quality and create thriving communities and economies."
- ASLA is working with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) to highlight new opportunities for landscape architects concerning biodiversity conservation and project analysis. Specifically, programs can support implementing innovative strategies that promote wildlife conservation, habitat restoration, and ecological resilience. ASLA encourages all its members to **[SIGN UP HERE](#)** to receive information about NFWF opportunities, funding announcements, requests for proposals, and more. Read more in **[LAND](#)**.

Recent Job Postings

[Landscape Architect--Quinn Evans Architects](#)

[Landscape Architect-LandDesign](#)



Member News

We are excited to announce that one of Virginia's members has been selected as an ASLA Fellow. "Landscape architects help build a better world for all of us, and ASLA Fellows represent the most respected and accomplished professionals in the entire field," said ASLA President Emily O'Mahoney, FASLA. "This year's class of ASLA Fellows has made outstanding contributions to people's health, safety, and welfare; environmental sustainability and climate resilience; and stronger communities. Congratulations to the 2023 class of ASLA Fellows!"

**Congratulations to C.L. Bohannon, ASLA, University of Virginia, Charlottesville!!
We are so proud of your accomplishment!**

[Read the full announcement here.](#)



News from the Field

Using Artificial Intelligence in Your Design Process

Midjourney will not necessarily save you hours of work, probably on the contrary. But it may help you get more interesting results. It comes as a super powerful tool when we work with genius loci. The part of the design approach where we would normally use mood boards and collages, and when we construct atmosphere and ambience. It will give you clues, that is its main power.

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