



# VA-ASLA News

## June 2023 Enewsletter

### Program Review

I hope you were able to join us for yesterday's Virtual Conference, *Artful Resiliency*. It was a wonderful day of learning, and over 150 people attended! Thank you to all of our speakers and moderators!



## 2023 Awards Program

We have changed the timeframe for our [Professional and Student Awards](#) this year! While you can find out more about the awards from our website, nominations will open later this summer, to be due in September. Watch for more details!




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## News from ASLA: Updates from our Trustee

The ASLA 2023 Conference on Landscape Architecture: [REGISTRATION HAS LAUNCHED!](#)

Visit the newly designed conference website to review all the offerings for the conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota, from October 27-30.

Registration is now open for [SKILL | ED: Lean Project Delivery in Design and Construction](#). Join us June 13-15 for a three-day virtual course series aimed at helping design teams share information freely and collaboratively to solve difficult problems and make decisions quickly and efficiently. This event is hosted by the **ASLA SKILL | ED Practice Management Institute Committee**.



## Government Affairs

State Government Affairs is tracking [86 bills related to climate change](#). Each bill has the potential to create new opportunities for landscape architects to lead on state-level mitigation and adaptation efforts. Each bill also represents an opportunity for landscape architects to advocate for the profession with state policymakers.

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## Recent Job Postings

[Landscape Planner--Newport News](#)

[LSG Landscape Architecture is hiring several positions!](#)



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## ASLA Member Community Impact Opportunity

Looking for ways to leverage your skills and contacts to impact our communities and educate the next generation of Landscape Architects? As ASLA leans in fully to our Climate Action Plan, there are opportunities all around us to engage with community and help implement local, public-facing landscape and sustainability projects in cooperation with our public and private schools. For example, Henrico County Public Schools has been very proactive in seeking to implement projects on school property including rain gardens, productive landscapes, and low impact stormwater management features. They are always looking for volunteers to assist with project conceptualization, design, and implementation and engaging students in every step of that process.

If you are interested, please feel free to contact Sal Musarra PLA, LEED AP at [smoosera@gmail.com](mailto:smoosera@gmail.com) or by phone at 919-971-1091

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## News from the Field

### ASLA CEO Issues Comment on Recent Supreme Court Ruling

Today the U.S. Supreme Court [issued a ruling](#) that weakens the Clean Water Act. The American Society of Landscape Architect's CEO, Torey Carter-Conneen issued the following statement:

“At a time when we should be doing more to protect our nation’s water, the Court instead undermines the Clean Water Act that has been in place for more than 50 years. This short-sighted decision ignores science and the well-documented hydrological understanding of the interconnection of water sources. In a decade marked by both extreme drought in the West and severe soaking storms in the East, wetlands are important ecosystems that can help provide solutions in both extremes—now they are at risk.

“This decision will impact communities who can least afford to bear the burden while polluters leverage this new loophole for short term gains at the expense of water quality and biodiversity.

“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.”

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