



HALS News Release

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2021 HALS Challenge: *Historic Black Landscapes* & New 2022 HALS Challenge: *Olmsted Landscapes*

The [Historic American Landscapes Survey \(HALS\)](#) was created in 2000 as a federal program to document historic landscapes in the United States and its territories. Documentation is critical to preserving these significant sites for the benefit of future generations. Like its companion programs, the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) and the Historic American Engineering Record (HAER), HALS produces written and graphic records used by educators, land managers, and preservation planners as well as the general public. The National Park Service (NPS) administers the planning and operation of HALS, standardizes formats and develops [HALS Guidelines](#) for recording landscapes, and catalogs and/or publishes the information when appropriate. The [American Society of Landscape Architects \(ASLA\)](#) provides professional guidance and technical advice for The HALS Program through its Historic Preservation Professional Practice Network. The Library of Congress (LOC) archives [HALS Documentation](#), furnishes reproductions of material, and makes records available to the public.

Results of the 12th annual [HALS Challenge competition](#) were announced at the ASLA Conference on Landscape Architecture in Nashville on Sunday, November 21, 2021. Congratulations to the winners! Sponsored by the National Park Service, cash prizes were awarded to the top 3 submissions. This challenge resulted in the donation of 26 impressive HALS short format historical reports and a few measured drawings to the HALS collection.

2021 HALS Challenge: *Historic Black Landscapes*, Sponsored by HALS-NPS

- 1st Place:** Golden Gate Village HALS CA-158, Sausalito, California. By Douglas Nelson, ASLA, RHAA Landscape Architects.
- 2nd Place:** [River View Farm HALS VA-87, Charlottesville, Virginia. By Liz Sargent, FASLA, Principal, Liz Sargent HLA, with Steve Thompson, Dede Smith, and Nell Boeschenstein.](#)
- 3rd Place (Tie):** Beltane Ranch HALS CA-162, Glen Ellen, California. By Arthur Dawson, of Baseline Consulting, Kara Brunzell, of Brunzell Historical, and Janet Gracyk & City Hall Park (Oscar Grant Plaza) HALS CA-157, Oakland, California. By Cecilia Distefano, Kelly Flairty, Cathy Garrett (CA PLA, NVLA, LEED AP, CLARB, ASLA), Evan MacGregor, Petra Marar (ASLA), Adrienne Newton (CA PLA, ASLA), Grace Tada (ASLA), and Kari Tanaka (CA PLA, ULI).

Honorable Mentions:

Eleutherian College, College Hill Cemetery, and Lyman and Asenath Hoyt House HALS IN-16, Lancaster, Indiana. By Dorna Eshrati, Jeremy Merrill, Peter J. Ellery, Malcolm Cairns, and Christopher Baas (Department of Landscape Architecture, Ball State University); J.P. Hall (Department of Architecture, Ball State University); Sean O’Neill (Classical Studies Department, Hanover College) and Darrin L. Rubino (Biology Department, Hanover College).

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Evergreen Cemetery HALS VA-86, Richmond, Virginia. By Laura L. Knott, FASLA, MSHP, for The Enrichmond Foundation.

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Val Verde HALS CA-163, Val Verde, California. By Libby Simon.

2022 HALS Challenge: *Olmsted Landscapes*

For the 13th annual [HALS Challenge competition](#), we invite you to document *Olmsted Landscapes*. 2022 marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of Frederick Law Olmsted, social reformer and founder of American landscape architecture. By documenting Olmsted Landscapes for HALS, you will increase public awareness of historic landscapes and illuminate Olmsted’s living legacy. Any site designed or planned in part or in full by Frederick Law Olmsted Sr., his firm, and the firm continued by his sons, John Charles Olmsted and Frederick Law Olmsted Junior, is eligible (see [Master List of Design Projects](#)).

Your HALS documentation will be archived by the [Library of Congress](#) for perpetuity and will allow future generations to learn about the Olmsted site(s) you record. Short format histories should be submitted to HALS at the NPS no later than July 31, 2022 (c/o Chris Stevens, 202-354-2146, Chris_Stevens@nps.gov). Sponsored by HALS, cash prizes will again be awarded to the top three submissions. This year the [National Association for Olmsted Parks \(NAOP\)](#) will also award three framed certificate prizes for the best entries in the following categories:

1. Submission by a college or graduate student.
2. Work of the Olmsted Firm in Ohio.
3. Non-park work of the Olmsted Firm.



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Results will be announced at the Seattle 2022 ASLA Conference on Landscape Architecture. Good luck and thank you for helping to preserve American landscapes!

2021 HALS Challenge: *Historic Black Landscapes*

HALS received 26 very strong entries this year from 19 states listed here. Thank you to all entrants for expanding the HALS collection and raising awareness of the historic landscapes they documented. We will share the winners on our [Facebook page](#) and on our [website](#) soon in December 2021.

HALS AL-6 Kelly Ingram Park
 HALS AR-12 African American Business District of Jonesboro
 HALS AZ-27 Camp Naco
 HALS CA-157 City Hall Park
 HALS CA-158 Golden Gate Village
 HALS CA-160 Watts Cultural Crescent
 HALS CA-161 Merritt College
 HALS CA-162 Beltane Ranch
 HALS CA-163 Val Verde
 HALS GA-7 Chattahoochee Brick Company
 HALS GA-8 Koinonia Farm
 HALS IN-16 Eleutherian College, College Hill Cemetery, and Lyman and Asenath Hoyt House

HALS LA-13 Bas du Fleuve
 HALS MA-8 Lewisville
 HALS MO-8 Chestnut Valley
 HALS NJ-8 Shady Rest Golf and Country Club
 HALS NY-16 Rapp Road Community Historic District
 HALS OH-15 Dr. Walter Thomas House
 HALS OR-7 David Carson Estate Donation Land Claim
 HALS PA-35 Fletcher Street Urban Riding Club
 HALS TN-8 Fisk University
 HALS TX-13 Garden of Eden
 HALS VA-86 Evergreen Cemetery
 HALS VA-87 River View Farm
 HALS VT-11 Journey's End
 HALS WI-22 Samuel Brown Farm