

# Temporary Closure of the Olmsted Archives During Move Back to Fairsted



Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site is pleased to announce that the work to improve the site drainage, the security system, the electrical service, and the fire detection & suppression systems is nearly complete.

These improvements have reduced the threat of collections' loss from flooding and fire, and have provided a much safer preservation environment for the 140,000 plans, the 70,000 planting lists, the 60,000 photographs and other collections, thus increasing their longevity so they will be available to future generations of researchers. During construction the Archives operation was moved to a secure, museum-quality space in South Boston where we continued to serve the research public, responding to 14,978 research requests and hosting 310 archives visits.

In the fall of 2010, the Olmsted Archives will temporarily close to research access as the staff moves the collection back to Fairsted. Archives staff will need several months to carefully pack, move and unpack the vast array of items in the museum, ranging from Olmsted business and design-related records to historic office furniture, equipment, and framed items. For this reason, after August 2010 there will be a delay in answers to requests for information and unfortunately we will not be able to schedule appointments for several months. We know how important your research is, and we will make every effort to try to respond in a timely way. We thank you for your patience during this time. As soon as we know what the operating hours will be when we re-open at Fairsted we will share that information with you.

As always, researchers may access collections information using our online data base, ORGO (Olmsted Research Guide Online) at <http://www.redisov.com/olmsted/>.

[www.nps.gov/frla](http://www.nps.gov/frla)



**The following repositories contain Olmsted materials or related information:**

Olmsted Papers and Records which includes project related correspondence is available through the U. S. Library of Congress.

<http://www.loc.gov/>  
(202) 707-5387.

The American Memory project sponsored on line by the Library of Congress contains many Olmsted project related materials.

<http://memory.loc.gov/>

John Charles Olmsted papers and other related materials are available through Harvard University Graduate School of Design  
Frances Loeb Library, Gund Hall  
48 Quincy Street, Cambridge MA 02138

Central Park drawings can be found at the New York City Department of Records and Information services.

[http://www.nyc.gov/html/records/html/collections/collections\\_parks.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/records/html/collections/collections_parks.shtml)

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