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From a large list of issues, here are a few questions to stimulate your thinking in advance of the public meeting. How would you address these? What other ideas should be considered?

Historic Neighborhood

- F.L. Olmsted was deeply attracted to the scenic qualities of Green Hill. How can we balance the modern, evolving needs of the neighborhood with the desire to preserve its historic character and setting?
- What are the best ways to allow more people to enjoy the site without adding traffic? How might we encourage use of alternative transportation?

Visitor Experience

- We serve a professional audience with deep knowledge of the Olmsteds' work and visitors who are just beginning to explore the subject. How can we best meet the needs of both?
- What programs or events would be fun or interesting for you to attend, either at Olmsted NHS or other places designed by them?
- Some have suggested a satellite visitor contact station along the Emerald Necklace with shuttle service to the site. Do you like or dislike this concept, and why?

Education

- We receive inquiries from educators serving students from young children to senior citizens. What are your thoughts about how we might best serve different learners?

Audience Development

- The country's demographics are rapidly changing. How can we make this site, and the Olmsteds' work in general, relevant and interesting to ethnically diverse urban audiences?

Historic Archives

- We have focused on conserving the original, hard copy Olmsted archives. How important is it to make them available online or via electronic formats?
- How can we best ensure wide access to the Olmsted archives while preserving them safely for future generations?

Operating the Site

- We'd love to have more people enjoy the site, but want to protect it from wear-and-tear. What are your ideas for how to manage this?
- The shared staff for three national historic sites (Kennedy, Longfellow & Olmsted) is headquartered at Fairsted. How can we best balance the needs for administrative space with the importance of providing access to visitors?
- Given Frederick Law Olmsted's national impact, should our site attempt to take on a national leadership role regarding his legacy? If so, what form should it take?

Partnerships

- Based on our legislated mission "to preserve and interpret for the benefit, inspiration, and education of present and future generations the home and office of Frederick Law Olmsted..." are there partnerships you think we should explore or deepen with other organizations, either locally or nationally?

Thank you very much for your interest in, and support of, the National Park Service and Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site. We look forward to many interesting and fruitful exchanges as we pursue this planning process together.