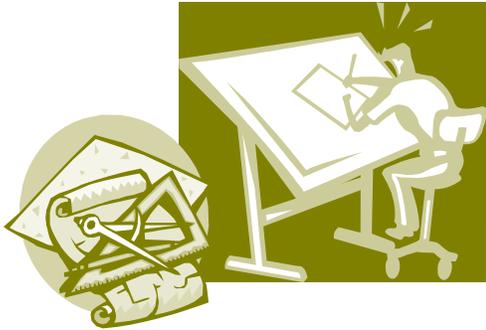


MUSEUM SERVICES



Our construction project planned for 2007-2008 will significantly reduce the threat of collections loss as a result of fire, flooding, and climate changes.

What museum collections are managed by Olmsted NHS?

Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site was established by Congress in 1979 to preserve and interpret the home and office of Olmsted, the great American landscape architect, and his firm. The congressional act also authorized the purchase of the Olmsted archival collection which is housed on-site.

The Olmsted Archives documents over 5,000 landscape design projects undertaken by the Olmsted firm from the 1860s to 1980. Included in the collection are plans for major metropolitan park systems, parks and parkways, our national and many state capitol grounds, school and college campuses, residential suburbs, arboretums, and private estates.

The Olmsted Archives contains an estimated 140,000 landscape architectural drawings and plans, 30,000 photographic negatives, 60,000 photographic prints, 70,000 planting lists, 12,000 lithographs, financial records, job correspondence, reports, and models. There are also study collections on urban design, landscape architecture, and the fine arts in general, and a reference collection of maps and atlases.

What are our museum services goals?

- Preserve and protect the archives and museum collections through museum quality storage, ongoing preservation maintenance, and preservation reformatting
- Provide public access to archives and museum collections through comprehensive collection descriptions and effective outreach to current and potential users
- Enhance educational programming and scholarship through dissemination of information contained in the archives and historic collections



MUSEUM IMPROVEMENTS *resulting from CONSTRUCTION*

FIRE PROTECTION

The House currently has NO fire suppression system, and the c.1925 sprinkler system in the Office and Barn does not meet modern standards. Fire could quickly overwhelm these connected structures, damaging or destroying them, along with the vast archival collections housed within.

Project will replace historic fire suppression system in Office and Barn with a new, code-compliant system. A fire suppression system will be added to the House for complete coverage. Fire detection systems and emergency lighting will be upgraded throughout.

HVAC SYSTEMS

An ancient, unreliable heating system and NO centralized cooling or humidity control endangers archival and museum collections stored throughout Olmsted NHS.

Project provides heating, cooling, and ventilation systems to all buildings and dehumidification in archives research areas where feasible.

DRAINAGE & WATERPROOFING SYSTEMS

Olmsted NHS is situated at the bottom of a granite drumlin with shallow soil, and the entire site is periodically flooded with storm water drainage from surrounding hills.

Project will upgrade inadequate site drainage systems to eliminate flooding of buildings, grounds, and archives storage areas.





What research opportunities and services will be available during construction in 2007-2008? What other resources should researchers be aware of?

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Research opportunities

To protect the Olmsted archives and museum collections during construction, we have relocated many materials stored in the office wing at Olmsted NHS to a temporary location off-site. The drawings and plans collection will remain on-site and safety stored in our plans vault.

The Olmsted Archives is currently available on a limited basis for use by researchers with assistance from Museum Services staff. Limited research visits may be arranged by advance appointment. Requests for information will be answered in the order received, and it may be several days or longer before you receive a response. To expedite service, please include the following contact information:

- Name and Affiliation
- Mailing Address, E-Mail Address
- Scope and purpose of research
- Olmsted Job Number(s), if known
- Client name at the time of firm's activity
- City and State of Olmsted job

Once you have contacted us, we will gather materials related to the subject of interest and mail them to you. After you have reviewed all preliminary materials, you may request a research appointment. We encourage researchers to contact us as early as possible since an appointment may take several weeks to schedule:

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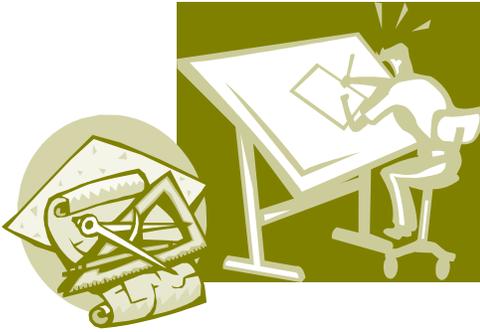
Other services and resources

Museum staff will offer reprographic copies of original archival materials in our collection on a more limited basis during construction. It is necessary for us to retrieve materials for research and reprographic requests from multiple locations due to construction conditions. If you are interested in obtaining reprographic copies, please contact us for details regarding this service. Be advised that available formats are dependent on the size and condition of the original documents in the Olmsted Archives.

We strongly recommend that researchers consult other primary and secondary sources for information prior to requesting use of the Olmsted Archives. Resources such as the following often provide critical information for interpreting graphic material in the Olmsted Archives:

- The Olmsted Research Guide Online (ORGO) at www.rediscover.com/olmsted is an internet searchable database of information about existing records relating to Olmsted design work. Included is information about records held at Olmsted NHS and the Library of Congress, as well as a *Project Information* search for Olmsted design projects through a variety of access points such as client name, historic job number, project type, and city and state.
- Olmsted Papers and Records at the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress at www.loc.gov/rr/mss or (202) 707-5387
- American Memory Project at the Library of Congress at <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem>
- Papers of John Charles Olmsted (c.1860-1920) at the Frances Loeb Library, Harvard Graduate School of Design at www.gsd.harvard.edu/library or (617)496-1300

MUSEUM SERVICES



If I have a confirmed research appointment, how do I find the off-site facility where research assistance is available during construction in 2006-08?

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Fine Arts Enterprises

During our construction project in 2006-2008, many materials in the Olmsted archives and museum collections are being stored for their protection at Fine Arts Enterprises in Boston. FAE is a national provider of fine arts services for museums, galleries, auctions houses, and private collections.

The Olmsted Archives is currently available on a limited basis for use by researchers with assistance from Museum Services staff. Limited research visits to our temporary off-site facility in Boston may be arranged by advance appointment. Please see our detailed guidance for making a research appointment on the preceding page.

We encourage researchers to contact us as early as possible since an appointment may take several weeks to schedule:

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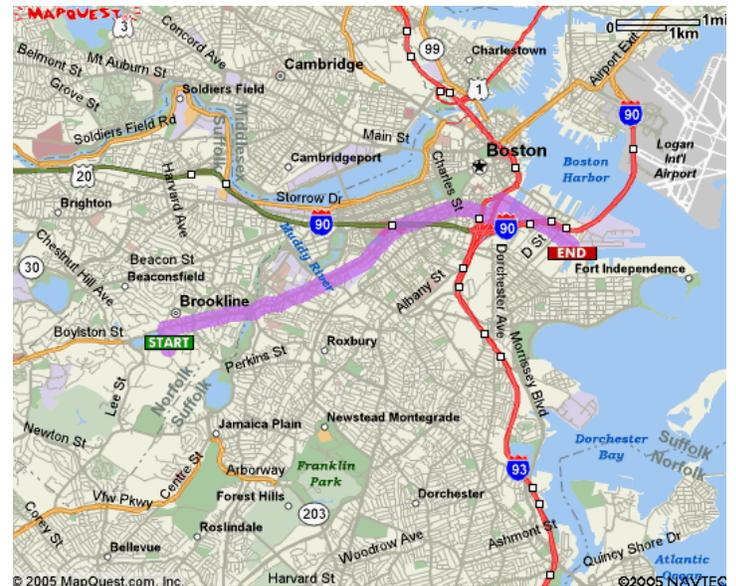
Fine Arts Enterprises is located approximately six miles from Frederick Law Olmsted NHS:

FINE ARTS ENTERPRISES
645 Summer Street
Boston, MA 02210



Map & Directions

Map & Directions to Fine Arts Enterprises:



By automobile from Olmsted NHS, 99 Warren St., Brookline:

- Follow Route 9 East which turns into Huntington Avenue
- After 1 mile, Huntington Avenue becomes Stuart Street
- After 3/10 mile, Stuart Street becomes Kneeland Street
- After 2/10 mile, turn LEFT onto Atlantic Avenue
- After 2/10 mile, turn RIGHT onto Summer Street (The Boston Convention Center will be on your right)
- At 3rd stoplight passed the convention center, turn RIGHT onto Summer Street (you will not see a sign but look for the Summer Street Bus Stop and a building with #655 on side)
- After 2/10 mile, look for the green and white Fine Arts Enterprises building on the right (#645). Park in any available space on the right side. Ring bell by entry door.

Also MBTA Bus Route "7" from South Station and City Point — ask driver for correct stop at 655 Summer St.

For more detailed driving directions and interactive maps, visit MapQuest at www.mapquest.com