The Historic American Landscapes Survey (HALS) was created in 2000 to document our country’s significant landscapes. Much progress has been made in identifying cultural landscapes but more work is needed to document these designed and vernacular places.

For the 10th annual HALS Challenge, we invite you to document historic streetscapes. Many cities have come to appreciate the cultural and commercial value of their historic streets. Disneyland and Walt Disney World have welcomed arriving visitors with an idealized nostalgic representation of Main Street U.S.A. since their inception. Main Street Programs across the nation have encouraged the revitalization of commercial historic districts, and now the Complete Streets movement is sweeping the design world.

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**Preservation Through Documentation!**

Good luck and thank you for helping to preserve American landscapes!

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*HALS Short Format History guidelines, brochure and digital template may be downloaded from the HALS website: [www.nps.gov/hdp/standards/halsguidelines.htm](http://www.nps.gov/hdp/standards/halsguidelines.htm)  **NOTE:** There were changes to digital template in 2017.

**Winners will be announced at the HALS Subcommittee meeting at the 2019 Annual ASLA Meeting and Expo in San Diego. Employees of the National Park Service, American Society of Landscape Architects, and Library of Congress may submit HALS Short Format Historical Reports, but are ineligible for prizes.*
HALS CHALLENGE TIPS AND RULES – New Since 2017

CONTACT YOUR HALS LIAISON

Please contact your state ASLA Chapter's volunteer HALS Liaison if possible when you have selected a site to document for the HALS Challenge to be sure no one else is already preparing a HALS historic report for it. HALS Liaisons' contact information may be found by clicking the orange HALS Chapter Liaisons tab on the following website: http://asla.org/HALS.aspx. If your chapter's volunteer HALS Liaison position is vacant, please consider volunteering yourself or suggesting it to a colleague who may be interested.

THE HALS SHORT FORMAT HISTORY TEMPLATE

Please do not stray from the formatting supplied in the updated HALS Short Format History Template. This digital template is intended to maintain consistency among all donated HALS short format historical reports and simplify the process for you. The template is a table, and you may enter text and graphics in the appropriate cells. You may insert additional rows as necessary depending on the amount of graphics/captions. There is no need to add “section breaks.” Please delete the provided instructions from the template as you go.

Please submit your final report(s) in MSWord Format (not PDF). If your file is too large for email please use a service like Google Drive, Hightail, or make arrangements with the HALS office to use the NPS ftp site.

THE HALS COPYRIGHT RELEASE FORM

Materials must be copyright-free to be included within the Library of Congress collection. The HABS/HAER/HALS collection is in the public domain, therefore, the authors/delineators, although given credit for their work, do not retain copyright. Completed copies of our HALS Release and Assignment Form(s) must accompany all donated HALS histories to cover you the historian(s) (author) and your accompanying existing conditions photographs with captions included in the report, if any. HALS Challenge entries will not be accepted without a digitized or paper copy of our release form, hand-signed by the primary author of the report!!!

REPORT GRAPHICS & COPYRIGHT

No more than ten (10) digital photographs may be included at the end of each HALS Challenge entry. These may ONLY consist of digital, existing-conditions photographs taken by the author(s) of the site being documented. Your research should still include analyzing historic drawings and photos of the landscape you are documenting. Historic graphics are often the most important primary source for analytically writing about a historic landscape. Due to complicated and frustrating copyright restrictions, we are banning the reproduction of all historic graphics within HALS Challenge entries. Historic graphics may still be referenced and described in the text with their repository source named. A thoroughly written analysis is even more useful to readers than a reproduced copy of historic graphic itself, and all copyright issues may be avoided. This is a writing competition!

If you have any questions about how to use the template or regarding copyright issues, or site selection please contact Chris Stevens, NPS-HALS, chris_stevens@nps.gov

JUDGING AND RATING SCALE

Judging

The jury will consist of historians from the NPS HABS/HAER/HALS programs.

Rating Scale (100 POINT MAXIMUM + up to 5 point BONUS)

- Appropriate Statement of Significance and Site History (25 Point Maximum)
- Appropriate Physical Description of Landscape (25 Point Maximum)
- Clarity and Supporting Nature of Photo Graphic(s) and Caption(s). New Requirement since 2017: Judiciously limit the number of graphics to no more than 10 existing-conditions photographs taken by the author(s) of the site. (10 Points Maximum)
- Depth of Research and Proper Citations/Sources (20 Points Maximum)
- Overall Quality and Clarity of Writing (20 Points Maximum)
- Bonus Points (5) Measured/Interpretive Drawings and/or Large Format Photography to accompany the history – prepared according to HALS Drawing and/or Photography Guidelines
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2018 HALS Challenge: Memorialization, Commemorating the Great War Results

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NEW 2019 HALS Challenge: Historic Streetscapes

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 guidelines for recording landscapes, and catalogs and/publishes the information when appropriate (www.nps.gov/hdp/standards/halsguidelines.htm). The American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) provides professional guidance and technical advice for the program through its Historic Preservation Professional Practice Network. The Library of Congress (LOC) accepts and preserves HALS documents, furnishes reproductions of material, and makes records available to the public (www.loc.gov/pictures/collection/hh/).

Results of the 9th annual HALS Challenge were announced at the HALS Meeting of the Philadelphia ASLA Annual Meeting and Expo on Saturday, October 20, 2018. 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 17 impressive HALS short format historical reports and a few measured drawings and large format photographs to the HALS collection.

2018 HALS Challenge: Memorialization, Commemorating the Great War, Sponsored by HALS-NPS

1st Place: Golden Gate Park, Heroes' Grove and Gold Star Mothers' Memorial Boulder
HALS CA-49-B
San Francisco, San Francisco County, California
By Cate Bainton with large format photographs by Les Tabata and Cate Bainton

2nd Place: American Academy in Rome, Thrasher-Ward Memorial HALS US-10-A
Rome, Italy*
By James O'Day, ASLA

3rd Place: Monument Terrace HALS VA-79
Lynchburg, Campbell County, Virginia
By Laura Knott, RLA, MSHP

Honorable Mention: Liberty Row HALS OH-13
Passing through Cleveland, Cleveland Heights, and Shaker Heights, Cuyahoga County, Ohio
By P. Jeffrey Knopp, ASLA

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2019 HALS Challenge: Historic Streetscapes
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2018 HALS Challenge: Memorialization, Commemorating the Great War
We received 17 very strong entries this year from 12 states from all over the country!!! The list is below.

Thank you to all entrants for expanding the HALS collection and raising awareness of the historic landscapes they documented. Veterans Day 2018 marks the centennial of the armistice that ended World War I - The Great War or The War to End All Wars. Thank you for helping us recognize this significant anniversary by documenting the traditional monuments and civic memorials that honored the Americans who fought and died in the first world war.

We will share the winners on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/HeritageDocumentationPrograms) and on our website (https://www.nps.gov/hdp/competitions/HALS_Challenge.html) soon.

The 17 Entries for the 2018 HALS Challenge: Memorialization, Commemorating the Great War:

Arizona - FORT LOWELL HALS AZ-24
California - ELYSIAN PARK, VICTORY MEMORIAL GROVE HALS CA-141-A
California - GOLDEN GATE PARK, HEROES' GROVE AND GOLD STAR MOTHERS' MEMORIAL BOULDER HALS CA-49-B
California - GOLDEN GATE PARK, PERSHING & DOUGHBODY MONUMENTS HALS CA-49-C
California - MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM HALS CA-140
California - SOLDIERS MEMORIAL MONUMENT HALS CA-142
Connecticut - NEW BRITAIN WORLD WAR MEMORIAL HALS CT-3
District of Columbia - USDA WWI MEMORIAL HALS DC-61
Italy* - AMERICAN ACADEMY IN ROME, THRASHER-WARD MEMORIAL HALS US-10-A
Massachusetts - BATTERY D MEMORIAL HALS MA-4
North Carolina - NCSU MEMORIAL TOWER HALS NC-8
Ohio - LIBERTY ROW HALS OH-13
Rhode Island -MIANTONI MemORIAL PARK HALS RI-3
Texas - CAMP LOGAN HALS TX-12
Virginia - MONUMENT TERRACE HALS VA-79
Wisconsin - HUMBOLDT PARK WWI MEMORIAL HALS WI-17
Washington - DES MOINES MEMORIAL DRIVE PARK HALS WA-2

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