



2017 HALS Challenge

Documenting City or Town Park(s)

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

For the **8th annual HALS Challenge**, we invite you to document a historic city or town park. In 2016, the National Park Service celebrated its centennial with the **FIND YOUR PARK** movement to spread the word about the amazing national parks and the inspirational stories they tell about our diverse cultural heritage. Find Your Park is about more than just national parks! It's also about local parks and the many ways that the American public can connect with history and culture and make new discoveries. With more than 80% of Americans living in urban areas, urban parks are becoming more important than ever.

Perhaps the city or town park you choose to document may:

- +be so popular that it is threatened by overuse;
- +be challenged with incompatible additions or updates;
- +suffer from neglect and deferred maintenance;
- +be unnoticed with its significance unappreciated;
- and/or
- +be documented to encourage its preservation.

There are many fascinating historic city and town parks in all 50 states. People from every state are hereby challenged to complete at least one HALS *short format history* to document these beloved resources.

Preservation Through Documentation!

Short format histories* should be submitted to HALS at the National Park Service no later than July 31, 2017. For more information, contact Chris Stevens, 202-354-2146, Chris_Stevens@nps.gov

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top 3 entries.**

IMPORTANT: See next page for tips and updates to the HALS Challenge rules and to the digital HALS Short Format History Template.

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Roeding Park, HALS CA-59, Fresno, CA



Ala Moana Park, HALS HI-21, Honolulu, HI



Wilcox Park, HALS RI-1, Westerly, RI

* HALS Short Format History guidelines, brochure and digital template may be downloaded from the HALS website: www.nps.gov/hdp/standards/halsguidelines.htm NOTE: There are changes to digital template for the 2017 HALS Challenge!!!
** Winners will be announced at the HALS Subcommittee meeting at the 2017 Annual ASLA Meeting and Expo in Los Angeles.
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 FOR 2017: 2017 HALS CHALLENGE: DOCUMENTING YOUR FAVORITE CITY OR TOWN PARKS

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.

NEW FOR 2017: TIPS REGARDING 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.

NEW FOR 2017: TIPS REGARDING 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!!!**

NEW FOR 2017: TIPS AND RULES REGARDING REPORT GRAPHICS

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: 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



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Documenting National Register Listed Landscapes 2016 Results & New 2017 HALS Challenge: Documenting City or Town Park(s)

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/or 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 7th annual HALS Challenge were announced at the HALS Meeting of the New Orleans ASLA Annual Meeting and Expo on Saturday, October 22, 2016. 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 43 impressive HALS short format historical reports and a few measured drawings and large format photographs to the HALS collection.

2016 HALS Challenge: Documenting National Register Listed Landscapes, Sponsored by HALS-NPS

- 1st Place:** Empire Ranch HALS AZ-19, Greaterville vicinity, Pima County, Arizona.
By Gina Chorover, MLA, Heritage Conservation Program, University of Arizona; Helen Erickson, MLA, Drachman Institute, University of Arizona; Robin Pinto, Ph.D., Consultant; and University of Arizona Heritage Conservation Program Student Researchers: Abrar Abdullah H. Alkadi, Heather Leigh Havelka, Armando Lagunas, Gabrielle Miller, Taira Lynn Newman, Genna Renee Vande-Stouwe, Jessica Paola Estrada, Rachelle Hornby, Nicole Lavelly, Kathryn Elizabeth McKinney, and Chelsea Parraga.
- 2nd Place (Tie):** Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace, Garden HALS GA-4, Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia.
By Daves Rossell, Ph.D., Professor of Architectural History, Savannah College of Art and Design, and his students: Anthony Nicholas, Stephanie Heher, Carleigh Hessian, Ricardo Chiu, Paul Fritz, Chelsea Lyle, and Lois Watts.
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Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Commemorative Groves HALS VA-66, Along Potomac River from McLean to Mount Vernon, Virginia
By Paul Kelsch, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Landscape Architecture Program, Virginia Tech, Washington Alexandria Architecture Center.
- 3rd Place:** Lincoln Park, Lily Pool HALS IL-15-A, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois
By Melanie Bishop and Meredith Stewart, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Historic Preservation Program with Faculty Sponsor Charles Pipal, AIA
- Honorable Mentions:** Wilcox Park HALS RI-1, Westerly, Washington County, Rhode Island
By Elena M. Pascarella, RLA, ASLA with assistance from Richard Sheridan, RLA, ASLA, Professor of Landscape Architecture, University of Rhode Island; Alan Peck, Superintendent of Wilcox Park; and Students from the University of Rhode Island Landscape Architecture Program: Brynn Armstrong, Brian Bieszard, Emily Condon, Benjamin Congdon, Romeo D'Andrea, Gabriella D'Angelis, Zack Driver, Pabel Fernandez, Olivia Fow, Casey Harrington, Kelvin Huang, Brian Males, Katie Meegan, Kyle Savistano, Joseph Tricarico, and Emma Winkler.
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Justin Smith Morrill Homestead HALS VT-6, Town of Strafford, Orange County, Vermont
By Devin Colman, State Historic Preservation Office, Montpelier, Vermont.
&
Brook Road Plaza HALS VA-70, Richmond, Virginia
By Liz Sargent, HLA, Charlottesville, Virginia

EXPERIENCE YOUR AMERICA

The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

2017 HALS Challenge: Documenting City and Town Park(s)

The HALS office is continuing the challenge again in 2017 with a new theme, Documenting City or Town Park(s), chosen to celebrate these vital urban pleasure grounds and to continue the NPS FIND YOUR PARK movement. Short format histories should be submitted to HALS at the NPS no later than July 31, 2017 (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. Results will be announced at the Los Angeles 2017 ASLA Annual Meeting and Expo during the HALS Meeting. Good luck and thank you for helping to preserve American landscapes!

2016 HALS Challenge: Documenting National Register Listed Landscapes

We had 43 very strong entries this year from all over the country!!! The list is below. This high number of entries is second only to 2014's HALS Challenge Theme: Documenting Landscapes of the New Deal for which there were 47 entries.

Two of the entries represent the very first HALS documentation of any kind for their state!!!
WILCOX PARK HALS RI-1 for Rhode Island & MUKAI FARM HALS WA-1 for Washington

Thank you to all entrants for expanding the HALS collection and raising awareness of the historic landscapes they documented. 2016 is a big year for the National Park Service with the centennial and with the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act. Thank you for helping us celebrate!!!

We will share the winners here on our Facebook page and on our website (https://www.nps.gov/hdp/competitions/HALS_Challenge.html) soon in late-October or early-November 2016.

The 43 Entries by State:**Arizona**

+Empire Ranch HALS AZ-19

Arkansas

+Hicks Hotel and Store HALS AR-6

California

+Golden Gate Park HALS CA-49
+Sutter's Fort State Historic Park HALS CA-130
+The George White and Anna Gunn Marston House, Gardens HALS CA-131
+John Muir National Historic Site HALS CA-132

Colorado

+Arapahoe Acres HALS CO-15

District of Columbia

+Woodrow Wilson House, Garden Parterre HALS DC-53
+The Causeway HALS DC-54
+Meridian Hill Park, Noyes Armillary Sphere HALS DC-55
+Freer Gallery of Art, Courtyard HALS DC-56
+Pan American Union Building, Blue Aztec Garden and Aztec Fountain HALS DC-57

Florida

+Downtown Boca Grande Historic District HALS FL-18
+Saint Augustine Town Plan Historic District HALS FL-24
+Lincoln Road Mall HALS FL-25

Georgia

+Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace, Garden HALS GA-4
+Savannah -Ogeechee Canal HALS GA-5

Illinois

+Lincoln Park, Lily Pool HALS IL-15-A

Louisiana

+Crowell Sawmill Historic District HALS LA-10

Mississippi

+Friendship Cemetery HALS MS-4

New York

+Warner Castle, Sunken Garden HALS NY-10
+Oriskany Battlefield HALS NY-11

Ohio

+Great Serpent Mound HALS OH-9
+Seip Earthworks and Dill Mounds District HALS OH-10
+Hunt-Wilke Farm HALS OH-11

Pennsylvania

+Curtis Arboretum HALS PA-29
+Awbury Historic District HALS PA-30

Rhode Island

+Wilcox Park HALS RI-1

South Carolina

+Simmons-Edwards House HALS SC-11
+Nathaniel Russell House HALS SC-12
+McLeod Plantation HALS SC-13
+William Blacklock House HALS SC-14

Texas

+Bayou Bend HALS TX-11

Vermont

+Taylor Park HALS VT-5
+Justin Smith Morrill Homestead HALS VT-6
+Goddard College, Greatwood Campus and Gardens HALS VT-7

Virginia

+Salona HALS VA-65
+Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Commemorative Groves HALS VA-66
+Barboursville HALS VA-67
+Green Spring HALS VA-68
+Daughters of Zion Cemetery HALS VA-69
+Brook Road Plaza HALS VA-70

Washington

Mukai Farm HALS WA-1