

The Olmsted Legacy in Connecticut

# Building Sustainable Cities



**WHEN:**

Friday, April 22, 2022

**WHERE:**

Hartford Club  
46 Prospect St  
Hartford CT

**INFORMATION:**

[cities.hartford.uconn.edu/olmsted](http://cities.hartford.uconn.edu/olmsted)

**SCHEDULE:**

**8:30a Registration Opens / Continental Breakfast**

**9:00a Opening Remarks**

Phil Birge-Liberman, Associate Professor in-Residence, Urban and Community Studies, UConn  
Sohyun Park, Assistant Professor of Landscape Architecture, UConn

**9:15a Olmsted: Shaping a Legacy of Sustainability in the American Landscape**

Presenter: Lisa Benton-Short, Professor of Geography, George Washington University

**10:00a Urban Parks and Public Health**

Moderator: Julia Smachylo, Assistant Professor of Landscape Architecture, UConn  
Panelists: Bruce Gould, Professor of Medicine, UConn Health  
Susan Masino, Vernon D. Roosa Professor of Applied Science, Trinity College  
Stephanie Stroud, Community Planner, National Park Service

**11:00a Coffee Break**

**11:15a Urban Parks and Ecological Health**

Moderator: Mark Healey, Professor of History, UConn  
Panelists: Raul Irizarry, Parks for People Connecticut Program Manager, Trust for Public Land  
Mary Pellitier, Director, Park Watershed  
Herb Virgo, Executive Director, Keney Park Sustainability Project

**12:15p Lunch**

**1:15p Tracking the Olmsted Legacy in Connecticut**

Presenters: Chris Wigren, Deputy Director, Preservation Connecticut  
Jenny Scofield, National Register Coordinator, State Historic Preservation Office

**1:45p Urban Parks and Economic Health**

Moderator: Phil Barlow, Manager of Landscape Architecture, FHI Studio  
Panelists: Laura Brown, City Plan Director, City of New Haven  
Peter Viteretto, Principal, Heritage Landscapes  
Mike Zaleski, President & CEO, Riverfront Recapture

**2:45p Coffee and Snack Break**

**3:00p Toward Park Equity: Projects, Policies, and Systems Change**

Presenter: Alessandro Rigolon, Assistant Professor of City and Metropolitan Planning, University of Utah

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