OlmstedOnline.org Status

WELCOME TO OLMSTEDONLINE.ORG
a project of the National Association for Olmsted Parks (NAOP)

OlmstedOnline.org provides an accessible, digital platform to showcase the Olmsted legacy of designed landscapes. NAOP intends to build out and populate this geographically-based website over time with selective inclusion and/or links to archive materials both nationally and locally.

With the goal of providing the context and tools for understanding the breadth and complexity of the Olmsted firm’s work, OlmstedOnline.org will allow users to locate Olmsted jobs, compare archival materials with current-day maps and images, and visit the sites with a greater appreciation of the national treasure of Olmsted design heritage.

OlmstedOnline.org is currently populated at a prototype level for projects in Washington State. Projects elsewhere are populated at a minimum level, which includes mapping, the plan list, and most recently links to the Olmsted Archives digital collection. Watch for additions and join us in helping build out the content in your area.

Current Effort

OlmstedOnline.org is working with Palos Verdes Library District to showcase some of their collection of historic images and other documents related to Olmsted projects in Palos Verdes, California. When uploaded later in 2017, this will serve as another prototype in expanding the content of Olmsted Online. This current effort is being made possible by a matching grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

NAOP is currently seeking funds to continue building out the site. A goal is to produce digital tours when possible of key projects once the jobs are populated for an area. NAOP will focus its efforts based on where there is local interest and, ideally, knowledge of the resources and available funding.
Sample Jobs

To view some sample jobs on OlmstedOnline.org, check out Job Numbers 02690, 02695 and 02699 in Seattle, Washington, to explore some of the capabilities that are available.

Georeferenced Plans

Click the green MAP button to switch to the map view. If there are georeferenced plans for that job, then you can adjust the transparency slide for the overlaid plan to see the map below.
Finding Current Day Images

There are sample images for some of the Washington State jobs uploaded to the image gallery. These can be selected by job and show both historic and current day images of the job sites.

NAOP will be building this repository of current day images over time. If you have current day images to share that illustrate the Olmsted design and character of any Olmsted project site, or wish to participate in building out OlmstedOnline.org in any other way, please contact info@naop.org.

Be sure to return to OlmstedOnline.org to continue your exploration.