

Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site

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Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site, a unit of the National Park Service, presents the home and office of the nation's premier landscape architect and the designer of New York's Central Park, Boston's "emerald necklace" park system, and Stanford University's grounds, among many

others. This site, named "Fairsted" by Mr. Olmsted, served as the headquarters for the Olmsted firm and its successors from 1883 until the

National Park Service purchased it in 1980. In addition to offering public tours and educational programs, the site holds and administers the Olmsted Archives, a collection of approximately 140,000 plans, 65,000 print photographs, and roughly one million individual pieces of archival information used by researchers from around the world.

The site is currently closed for a preservation construction project that will add up-to-date fire suppression equipment to the former Olmsted home and offices, install a new heating and cooling system to protect the Archives and museum objects, and transform a historic barn into a facility to accommodate school groups, stage exhibits, and hold meetings. Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site expects to reopen for public tours in late 2008. Please check the web site, www.nps.gov/frla, for updates on the construction project and the anticipated reopening date.

While closed, the site will continue to offer off-site walks and programs in partnership with area environmental, educational, and arts organizations. In addition, it expect to present a new lecture series beginning in the fall of 2007. Please check the web site for further information.