

**THE USGA JOINS THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DURING US OPEN WEEK IN A CELEBRATION OF
FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED'S INFLUENCE ON AMERICAN GOLF DESIGN.**

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JUNE 1, 2022. (Brookline, MA)—The 122nd US Open at The Country Club coincides with the year-long celebration of the 200th birthday of Frederick Law Olmsted, the founder of American landscape architecture. Olmsted established the world's first full-scale professional landscape design practice after moving to Brookline in 1883. Olmsted's home, Fairsted, which doubled as his office, is a short walk from The Country Club, where Olmsted was a member before the club built its golf course.

On Tuesday, June 14, 2022, during US Open week at The Country Club, Franklin Park will be the setting for a panel discussion entitled **"From Greensward to Putting Greens: Frederick Law Olmsted's Influence on Golf Course Architecture."** Four prominent members of the American Society of Golf Course Architects including current president Jason Straka, past president Jan Bel Jan, and members Richard Mandell and Brandon Johnson, will be joined on the panel by Olmsted historian and Friends of Fairsted board member, Alan Banks.

Franklin Park is the largest park in the Olmsted-designed Boston Park System. Fairsted is administered by the National Park Service as the Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site, stewarding the Olmsted legacy through public engagement, management of the historic design studio and cultural landscape, and preservation of and access to the Olmsted archives.

ASGCA Associate John Strawn will moderate a discussion reflecting on Olmsted's influence on golf course design, the links between the Olmsted legacy of thoughtful design and golf architecture, and a look into how parks and golf courses contribute to sustainability.

This event is supported by the United States Golf Association, the American Society of Golf Course Architects, Friends of Fairsted, Olmsted 200, Olmsted Now, and the Emerald Necklace Conservancy. It is sponsored by Strawn & Sampson, publishers of commemorative golf club histories.

The event will be recorded and available for viewing online in July.

The discussion will take place from 1:30-3:00 p.m. After the program ends, panelists will be available for additional conversation and questions. This program is free and open to the public- reservations are required (link can go at the bottom: [Greensward to Putting Greens: Frederick Law Olmsted's Influence on Golf Tickets, Tue, Jun 14, 2022 at 1:30 PM | Eventbrite](#))