

In 2000, ASLA and the National Park Service (NPS) formalized a partnership to help communities across the nation plan, design and manage their natural cultural and recreation resources. This unique partnership, first tested in the Pacific Northwest, expanded opportunities for ASLA chapters and NPS staff across the country. Dozens of community projects have benefitted from this valuable collaboration, and the two groups are excited to ramp up their efforts in 2013. Learn more about the existing partnership [here](#).

For more information, check out this [story](#) in the April 2006 issue of Landscape Architecture Magazine that featured this national partnership.

In 2013, for ASLA's Year of Public Service, the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance program (NPS) and the ASLA chapters will come together to provide landscape architecture services to the communities that will benefit from this the most.



STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS



FOR ASLA CHAPTERS

1. Click [here](#) to view the NPS list of current community assistance projects
2. Reach out to the NPS program manager for your region for assistance in coordinating with NPS project staff
3. Start a discussion about which projects your chapter is interested in and which ones can benefit most from landscape architecture help
4. Agree on a project
5. Submit a description of the NPS-ASLA partnership project, with pictures, video, etc. at start, and a summary when completed, through the [YPS2013 website](#)

FOR NPS PROGRAM MANAGERS

1. Identify projects that could use help from ASLA chapters and landscape architect volunteers
2. Contact ASLA's PR & Communications Coordinator Phil Stamper at pstamper@asla.org to get the contact information of a local chapter representative
3. Reach out to chapters and start building an alliance, even if you don't have a project ready for partnership action
4. Start a discussion with your local contact about what type of help is needed for which projects and when
5. ASLA chapter rep will coordinate with chapter leadership to reach out to members to find landscape architects who can volunteer their services to the project
6. Submit a description of the NPS-ASLA partnership project, with pictures, video, etc. at start, and a summary when completed, to the NPS Communications Team (collaborate on and use the same information the Chapters submit to ASLA link)



**All images are from a 2012 NPS/ASLA charrette to design an educational trail in a conservation area in Boise, Idaho.*



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