



# 2014 HALS Challenge

## Documenting Landscapes of the New Deal

The **Historic American Landscapes Survey (HALS)** was created in 2000 to document our country's dynamic landscapes. Much progress has been made in identifying cultural landscapes but more is needed to document these designed and vernacular places.

For the 2014 HALS Challenge, we invite you to document landscapes of the New Deal. People from every state are hereby challenged to complete at least one HALS *short format history* to document the landscapes created during the Great Depression. These great public works were typically funded by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) and built by programs such as the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). Workers planted nearly 3 billion trees to help reforest America, constructed more than 800 new parks nationwide, upgraded most state parks, restored countless historic sites, and built a network of service buildings and public roadways across the nation. Many of these landscapes remain in all 50 states, but their history may go unnoticed. The Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS, a companion program to HALS, and the sole surviving New Deal program) was created 80 years ago in 1933, the same year as the CCC!

**Short format histories\* should be submitted to HALS at the National Park Service no later than July 31, 2014. For more information, contact Chris Stevens, 202-354-2146, [Chris\\_Stevens@nps.gov](mailto:Chris_Stevens@nps.gov)**

**Cash prizes\*\* will be awarded to the top 3 entries. See next page for tips.**



*Spirit of 1938* by Harry Rossoll



*I pledge you, I pledge myself, to a New Deal for the American People.*

--President Franklin D. Roosevelt



WPA marker, Upper Doughty Dam, Atlantic County, NJ (HAER NJ-78-15)



CCC Work Camps, 1933 (National Archives)



Galena Forest CCC Camp, Mount Baker National Forest, WA, 1936 (National Archives)

\* HALS Short Format History guidelines, brochure and digital template may be downloaded from the HALS website: [www.nps.gov/history/hdp/standards/halsguidelines.htm](http://www.nps.gov/history/hdp/standards/halsguidelines.htm)

\*\* Employees of the National Park Service, American Society of Landscape Architects, and Library of Congress may submit HALS Short Format Historical Reports, but are ineligible for prizes.

**2014 HALS CHALLENGE: DOCUMENTING THE LANDSCAPES OF THE NEW DEAL  
JUDGING AND RATING SCALE**

**Judging**

The jury will consist of historians from the NPS HABS/HAER/HALS programs.

**Rating Scale** (100 POINT MAXIMUM + up to 5 point BONUS)

**Appropriate Statement of Significance and Site History (20 Point Maximum)**

**Appropriate Physical Description of Landscape (20 Point Maximum)**

**Clarity and Supporting Nature of Graphic(s) and Caption(s) Accompanied by Signed Copy(s) of HALS Release Form as Necessary (20 Points Maximum)**

**Depth of Research and Proper Citations/Sources (20 Points Maximum)**

**Overall Quality and Clarity of Writing (20 Points Maximum)**

**Bonus Points (5)**

Measured/Interpretive Drawings and/or Large Format Photography to accompany the history

**TIPS REGARDING THE HALS SHORT FORMAT HISTORY TEMPLATE  
AND THE HALS COPYRIGHT RELEASE FORM**

Please do not stray from the formatting supplied in the HALS Short Format History Template. This digital template is intended to maintain consistency among all donated HALS short format historical reports and simplify the process for you. The template is a table, and you may enter text and graphics in the appropriate cells. You may insert rows as necessary depending on the amount of graphics/captions. There is no need to add "section breaks." Please delete the provided instructions from the template as you go.

Please submit your final report(s) in MSWord Format (not PDF). If your file is too large for email please use a service like Google Drive, Hightail, or make arrangements with the HALS office to use the NPS ftp site.

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Blank copies of the Release and Assignment Form are provided on page 3 of the digital HALS Short Format History template as well as in Appendix A of the HALS Guidelines. Completed copies of OUR Release and Assignment Form(s) must accompany all donated HALS histories to cover the history and all accompanying graphics, if any. Materials must be copyright-free to be included within the Library of Congress collection. If signed copies of OUR copyright releases cannot be obtained for graphics, the graphics may still be referenced and described in the text with their repository source named. A thoroughly written analysis may be even more useful to readers than a copy of historic graphic itself.

If you have any questions about how to use the template or copyright issues please contact Chris Stevens , NPS-HALS, [chris\\_stevens@nps.gov](mailto:chris_stevens@nps.gov)

## SOME INSPIRATIONAL WEBSITES TO GET YOU STARTED FOR THE 2014 CHALLENGE

National Register of Historic Places (Is your site listed?)

<http://www.nps.gov/NR/research/>

Search the HABS/HAER/HALS Collections at the Library of Congress (Has your site already been documented? If so, sufficiently? Also search for inspiration with “ccc” or “wpa”) [www.loc.gov/pictures/collection/hh/](http://www.loc.gov/pictures/collection/hh/)

The Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) was created as a make-work program during the Great Depression under the Roosevelt administration to put unemployed architects to work documenting “a Complete Resume of the Builders’ Art” [www.cr.nps.gov/crdi/publications/CRM\\_Vol1\\_01\\_Articles.pdf](http://www.cr.nps.gov/crdi/publications/CRM_Vol1_01_Articles.pdf)

The CCC activities in the National Capital Region of the National Park Service illustrate the important role of this program in employing out-of-work youth to create a national recreation infrastructure during the 1930s. [www.loc.gov/pictures/item/dc1020/](http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/dc1020/)

National Archives, Records of the Work Projects Administration [WPA]

[www.archives.gov/research/guide-fed-records/groups/069.html](http://www.archives.gov/research/guide-fed-records/groups/069.html)

PBS-The American Experience-The Civilian Conservation Corps

[www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/films/ccc/](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/films/ccc/)

Interactive map of some CCC sites in every state:

[www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/map-widget/ccc-map/](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/map-widget/ccc-map/)

The WPA undertook work at several national cemeteries during its lifetime in the 1930s and early 1940s including Baltimore National Cemetery.

[www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/baltimore.asp](http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/baltimore.asp)

Civilian Conservation Corps Legacy

[www.ccclegacy.org/home.html](http://www.ccclegacy.org/home.html)

The CCC Legacy Annual Gathering was held in Tucson, Arizona October 24 - 27, 2013, "Celebrating the 80th Anniversary of the CCC" (1933-1942). [www.ccclegacy.org/2013\\_CCC\\_Legacy\\_Gathering.php](http://www.ccclegacy.org/2013_CCC_Legacy_Gathering.php)

National New Deal Preservation Association

[www.newdeallegacy.org/](http://www.newdeallegacy.org/)

The Living New Deal

[livingnewdeal.berkeley.edu/](http://livingnewdeal.berkeley.edu/)

WPA Today (Maryland)

[wpatoday.org/Home\\_Page.html](http://wpatoday.org/Home_Page.html)

New Deal Roadside Landscape Features (Minnesota)

[www.nps.gov/history/hps/hli/currents/newdeal/introduction.htm](http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/hli/currents/newdeal/introduction.htm)

"The Best Kind of Building" The New Deal Landscape of the Northern Plains, 1993-42

[digitalcommons.unl.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1814&context=greatplainsquarterly](http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1814&context=greatplainsquarterly)

The New Deal in Arizona: Connections to Our Historic Landscape Heritage Tourism Map Locations (Arizona)

[www.library.arizona.edu/contentdm/newdeal/brochure.pdf](http://www.library.arizona.edu/contentdm/newdeal/brochure.pdf)

Texas Parks and Wildlife Civilian Conservation Corps Legacy Parks (Texas)

[www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/findadest/historic\\_sites/ccc/](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/findadest/historic_sites/ccc/)

Civilian Conservation Corps in California State Parks (California)

[www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=24877](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=24877)