



2015 HALS Challenge

Documenting Modernist Landscapes

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 6th annual HALS Challenge, we invite you to document modernist landscapes unique to your region of the country. During the mid-20th century, landscape architects responded to the regional environment using design as an agent of social change, creating human scale space, modern forms, and sculptural compositions, which were intended to be experienced rather than simply viewed.

The designs of renowned modernist landscape architects like Church, Eckbo, Kiley, Halprin, and Rose face developmental threats despite growing national awareness. The lesser known works of many other regional designers must be documented to encourage their preservation.

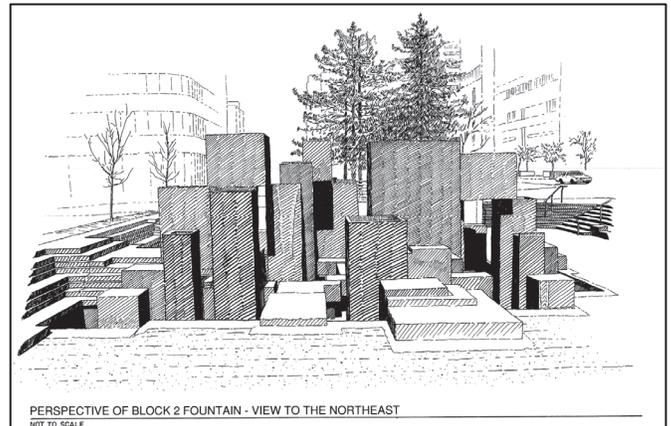
Robert E. Marvin, fondly referred to as the father of Southern landscape architecture, designed landscapes that celebrated the unique regionalism of the South Carolina low country, and Guy Greene, a pioneer in desert landscape architecture in Tucson, founded the University of Arizona's landscape architecture program. Which modernist landscape architect shaped your region?

Many modern landscapes remain in all 50 states, but they may be unnoticed, their significance unappreciated. People from every state are hereby challenged to complete at least one HALS *short format history* to document these rapidly vanishing and often overlooked resources. *Preservation Through Documentation!*

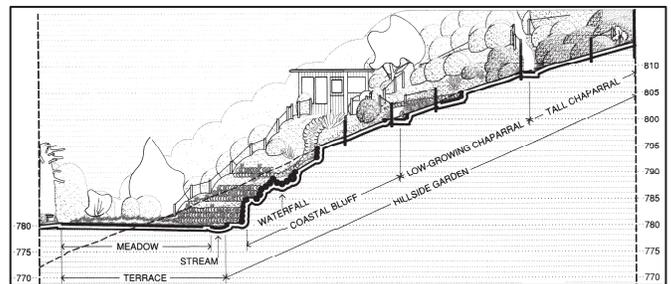
Short format histories* should be submitted to HALS at the National Park Service no later than July 31, 2015. For more information, contact Chris Stevens, 202-354-2146, Chris_Stevens@nps.gov

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

"How do you design an environment where man can grow intellectually...a total environment that encourages and develops the self expression of every individual in it?"
-Robert E. Marvin



Skyline Park, HALS CO-1, Denver, CO



Fleming Garden, HALS CA-43, Berkeley, CA



Southwest Waterfront, HALS DC-856, Washington, DC

* HALS Short Format History guidelines, brochure and digital template may be downloaded from the HALS website: www.nps.gov/hdp/standards/halsguidelines.htm

** Winners will be announced at the HALS Subcommittee meeting at the 2015 Annual ASLA Meeting and Expo in Chicago. 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.

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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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