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## HALS News

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### **2019 HALS Challenge: *Historic Streetscapes* & New 2020 HALS Challenge: *Vanishing or Lost Landscapes***

The Historic American Landscapes Survey (HALS) was created in 2000 as a federal program to document historic landscapes in the United States and its territories. Documentation is critical to preserving these significant sites for the benefit of future generations. Like its companion programs, the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) and the Historic American Engineering Record (HAER), HALS produces written and graphic records used by educators, land managers, and preservation planners as well as the general public. The National Park Service (NPS) administers the planning and operation of HALS, standardizes formats and develops guidelines for recording landscapes, and catalogs and/or publishes the information when appropriate ([www.nps.gov/hdp/standards/halsguidelines.htm](http://www.nps.gov/hdp/standards/halsguidelines.htm)). The American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) provides professional guidance and technical advice for the program through its Historic Preservation Professional Practice Network. The Library of Congress (LOC) accepts and preserves HALS documents, furnishes reproductions of material, and makes records available to the public ([www.loc.gov/pictures/collection/hh/](http://www.loc.gov/pictures/collection/hh/)).

Results of the 10th annual HALS Challenge were announced at the HALS Meeting of the San Diego annual ASLA Conference on Landscape Architecture in San Diego on Saturday, November 16, 2019. Congratulations to the winners! Sponsored by the National Park Service, cash prizes were awarded to the top 3 submissions. This challenge resulted in the donation of 15 impressive HALS short format historical reports and a few measured drawings and large format photographs to the HALS collection.

#### **2019 HALS Challenge: *Historic Streetscapes*, Sponsored by HALS-NPS**

- 1st Place:** Carretera Central HALS PR-2, Puerto Rico.  
By Teresita M. Del Valle, RA, ASLA.
- 2nd Place:** Larchwood HALS MA-5 Cambridge, Massachusetts.  
By Allison A. Crosbie, ASLA, Preservation Administrator and Kathleen Rawlins, Assistant Director, City of Cambridge Historical Commission.
- 3rd Place:** Broad Street HALS SC-20 Charleston, South Carolina.  
By John Bennett, Kayleigh Defenbaugh, Monica Hendricks, Tanesha High, Elliott Simon, and Rachel Wilson – Clemson University / College of Charleston. Faculty Sponsor: Carter L. Hudgins, Director, Graduate Program in Historic Preservation.
- Honorable Mention:** Main Street HALS SC-21 Greenville, South Carolina.  
By Rebekah Lawrence.

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The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

### **2020 HALS Challenge: *Vanishing or Lost Landscapes***

The HALS office is continuing the challenge again in 2020 with a new theme, *Vanishing or Lost Landscapes*, chosen to encourage the documentation of these almost forgotten vestiges of America's landscape history.

Many historic American landscapes are under threat or have been lost. Threats include development pressure, neglect and climate change. You may increase historic landscape awareness with your local governments and preservation commissions by documenting vanishing or lost historic landscapes for HALS. Your HALS documentation will be archived by the Library of Congress for perpetuity and will allow future generations to learn about the site(s) you record.

These sites are or were located in all areas of the country, often hidden in plain sight. We challenge you to find them and to document them for HALS. Short format histories should be submitted to HALS at the NPS no later than July 31, 2020 (c/o Chris Stevens, 202-354-2146, Chris\_Stevens@nps.gov). Sponsored by HALS, cash prizes will again be awarded to the top three submissions. Results will be announced at the Miami 2021 ASLA Conference on Landscape Architecture during the annual HALS Meeting. Good luck and thank you for helping to preserve American landscapes!

### **2019 HALS Challenge: *Historic Streetscapes***

We received 15 very strong entries this year from 11 states from all over the country!!! The list is below.

Thank you to all entrants for expanding the HALS collection and raising awareness of the historic landscapes they documented.

We will share the winners on our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/HeritageDocumentationPrograms](http://www.facebook.com/HeritageDocumentationPrograms)) and on our website ([https://www.nps.gov/hdp/competitions/HALS\\_Challenge.html](https://www.nps.gov/hdp/competitions/HALS_Challenge.html)) soon in December 2019.

### **The 15 Entries for the 2019 HALS Challenge: *Historic Streetscapes*:**

**Arizona – WINTERHAVEN NEIGHBORHOOD HALS AZ-25**

**California – LYTTON SQUARE HALS CA-145**

**California – SAN FRANCISCO BOULEVARD, HALS CA-146**

**California – THE SUNSET STRIP HALS CA-147**

**Florida – OVERSEAS HIGHWAY HALS FL-29**

**Indiana – OHIO BOULEVARD HALS IN-13**

**Indiana – VIRGINIA AVENUE HALS IN-14**

**Massachusetts – LARCHWOOD HALS MA-5**

**New York – BROADWAY HALS NY-15**

**Ohio – EUCLID AVENUE HALS OH-14**

**Pennsylvania – BUTLER STREET HALS PA-34**

**Puerto Rico – CARRETERA CENTRAL HALS PR-2**

**South Carolina – BROAD STREET HALS SC-20**

**South Carolina – MAIN STREET HALS SC-21**

**Virginia – KING STREET HALS VA-80**