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LAF Annual Benefit

Register now for *Sonoran Celebration*, LAF's 27th Annual Benefit at the Phoenix Art Museum on Sept 28.
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Landscape Performance Series

Teardrop Park
New York, New York
This project in Battery Park City (and featured in LAF's 2012 Sustainable Destination Sweepstakes) provides open-ended nature play for some 200,000 children each year.
See Case Study Brief

Fast Fact Library
An eight-year longitudinal study suggests that if all children had commensurate access to parkland and recreation programs, over 9.5% of boys and 8.3% of girls would move from being over-weight to being normal weight.
More Fast Facts

LPS on the Road

American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) Annual Meeting & EXPO
Phoenix, AZ
Sept 28-Oct 1

Cities Alive: 10th Annual Green Roof & Wall Conference
Chicago, IL
Oct 17-20

Special Thanks

Joe A. Shull, Esq.

Since 2009, Joe Shull, a Partner at Venable LLP, has provided pro bono counsel to LAF. Joe was instrumental in developing and launching LAF's Sustainable Destination Sweepstakes, Case Study Investification (CSI) program and new scholarship offerings. He has also provided meeting space at Venable for several LAF Board Meetings in Washington, DC. Thank you to Joe and Venable!

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"We urge a new, collaborative effort to improve the environment and to train a new generation."
-- LAF Founders, June 1, 1966

With over $900,000 in scholarships awarded and over $700,000 invested in research since 1986, we have talked a lot about the collective impact of LAF's programs. This month, we zoom in to focus on the individual participants. Read on for first-hand accounts and reflections from several of the 2012 CSI research team participants, an update from our 2011 National Olmsted Scholar, and the experience of a 2012 Olmsted Scholar as an Americorps volunteer in coal country. See how LAF, with your help, is making a difference by supporting these talented individuals and teams.

Barbara Deutsch
Executive Director

2012 Case Study Investigation (CSI)

Reflections on the Research Process

This summer's CSI teams have been hard at work collecting data and documenting the performance of 30 exemplary landscape projects. This month, the LAF Blog features reflections (and a video) from some of the student and faculty researchers who are leading the effort.

- Utah State: Piecing Together the Performance of Streetscapes
- University of Maryland: Teaching Stewardship in Childhood Education
- Kansas State: Onsite at the Frontier Project

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Olmsted Scholar Updates

Kate Tooke: Fresh Eyes for Play Environments

After receiving her MLA from the University of Massachusetts Amherst last May, 2011 National Olmsted Scholar Kate Tooke planned to use the $25,000 award to build on her thesis work and develop a design toolkit focused on making ecosystem services transparent, educational and sustainable features of urban schoolyards. In this interview with LAF, Kate discusses how the project and her life have evolved since.
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LAF Blog to Feature 2012 Olmsted Scholars

Now through September, the LAF Blog will feature regular guest posts from the 2012 Olmsted Scholars discussing their projects, activities, and interests. The series gets underway with a post from National Olmsted Scholar Finalist Marin Braco (State University of New York) describing her experience as Americorps volunteer with the Appalachian Coal Country Watershed Team, where she developed a master plan that aims to convert an abandoned iron works into a multi-functioning park.
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Win a Trip to NYC with Tours Hosted by MVVA

2012 Sustainable Destination Sweepstakes Kicks Off

Support LAF's research and scholarship programs by making a donation and registering to win a long-weekend for two in New York City, featuring a day of private tours led by Michael Van Valkenburgh and staff. Stay at a sustainable hotel, take in a Broadway show, and visit five MVVA-designed sustainable landscape projects, including Jacob Javits Plaza, Teardrop Park, Hudson River Park, Union Square Park, and Brooklyn Bridge Park. Registration is now open, with the drawing for winners made on Sept 30 at the LAF Booth at the ASLA Annual Meeting & EXPO in Phoenix. Many thanks to Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates for providing this one-of-a-kind opportunity.
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