

April is International Landscape Architecture Month

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Promoting Landscape Architecture in Your Community

During **April** landscape architects in Canada will join with their colleagues around the world to celebrate **International Landscape Architecture Month!** As the national association representing landscape architects, CSLA is pleased to join with other national and international landscape architecture organizations in celebrating our work and our profession. The month of April encompasses **Earth Day on April 22nd** as well as the **April 27th birthday of Frederick Law Olmsted**, who founded the landscape architecture profession in America.

Here are some **suggestions how you can celebrate** your profession by **setting an example in your community**. As you will discover, there are **no limits** to the possibilities **for celebrating landscape architecture** with your colleagues, family, friends and neighbours!

CELEBRATING BY SETTING AN EXAMPLE IN YOUR COMMUNITY:

- Organize landscape architect participation in a **tree planting** or a **clean-up campaign** in your local park or along a riverbank in cooperation with your municipality and its community associations. Aim to hold your event in conjunction with Earth Day on April 22nd.
- Create a team of landscape architect practitioners and students to participate in **food bank drives** and in **walkathons, sports tournaments and other charity fundraising events**.
- Offer a **volunteer work opportunity** in your landscape architecture office to local high schools to help students meet volunteer hour requirements to obtain their diplomas.
- Donate **the design of a specially designed playground facility** that is accessible to all children regardless of physical ability to your local park or school playground. Once the facility is installed, stage an event celebrating inclusionary playground design that provides a place where children of all abilities play together to help raise awareness about landscape architecture and how it affects our lives.
- Serve as a **mentor to a student** who is studying landscape architecture. Contact your local high school principal or guidance councillor to volunteer to be a mentor to students who may be considering landscape architecture among their career options.