

Mission Statement

In 1868, landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted and his partner, Calvert Vaux, were commissioned to plan a unique community just west of Chicago, Illinois. The result was Riverside, a beautiful community along the Des Plaines River, complete with curving lanes, abundant greenery, and gas street lights.

One hundred years later, the Frederick Law Olmsted Society of Riverside was formed by a small group of residents trying to get Riverside listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Their efforts were successful, and the organization has continued on for more than 40 years focused on preserving the Olmsted landscape that makes the Village of Riverside so special.

Today, The Frederick Law Olmsted Society is dedicated to sustaining Olmsted's vision for Riverside for generations to come. Its members are guided by his concern for humanity, nature, sense of community and the innovative and thoughtful essence of his work.



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