
March Stream

1 message

Illinois Chapter of ASLA <communications.il-asla.org@563cb.e2ma.net>
Reply-To: communications@il-asla.org

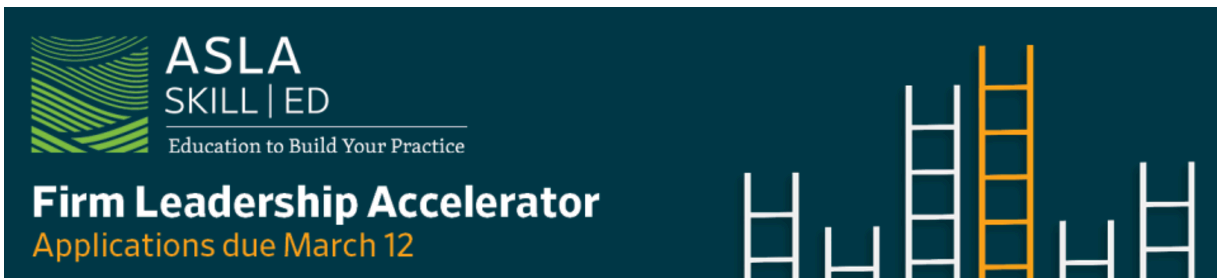
Fri, Mar 6, 2026 at 6:00 PM



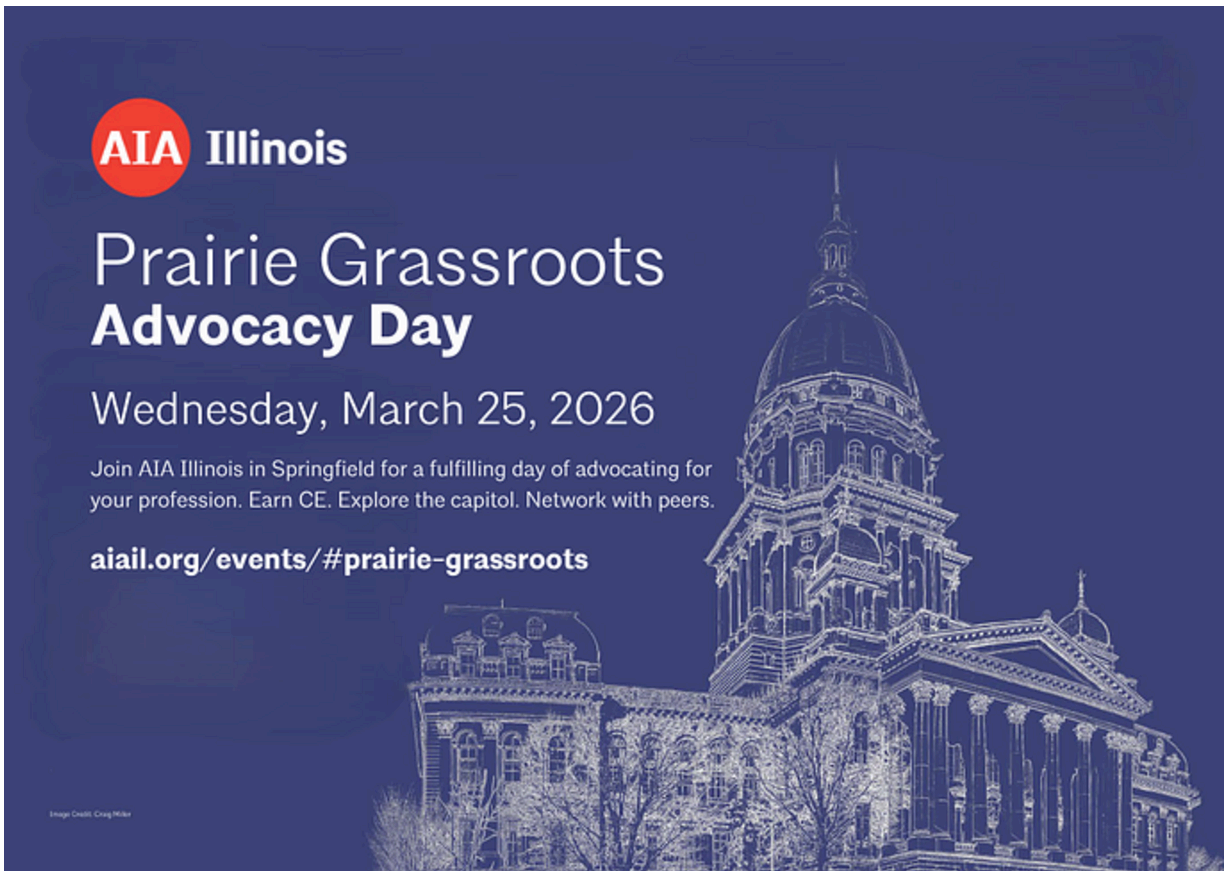
ILASLA Member Spotlight

We will be highlighting members throughout 2026. Share your member story, honor, or award [here!](#)

Call for Applications



Advocacy Day



Each year, ILASLA joins AIA for its Prairie Grassroots Advocacy Day. If you are interested in joining, contact Doug Fair, Advocacy Chair, at advocacy@il-asla.org for more information.

Upcoming Events

A colorful poster for a webinar series. The background features a blue sky with red and purple brushstrokes. At the bottom, there is a dense crowd of diverse hands, many holding red hearts. The text is centered in a white box. The title 'LIFE IN THE TIME OF ICE:' is in a large, bold, black font. Below it, 'WEBINAR SERIES' is in a smaller, bold, black font. The dates are listed with checkmarks: '✓ FEBRUARY 26, 2026', '✓ MARCH 3, 2026', and 'MARCH 18, 2026'. Below the dates is '& tbd'. At the bottom, there are logos for 'bethany rydmark LANDSCAPES', 'CROW', 'ASLA ARIZONA', and 'TERRE MOTO'. There are also small logos for 'MD', 'NY', 'IL', 'NV', and 'CAN'.

Learn: A session to know your rights led by an ACLU attorney. Register [here](#).

Join our emerging professionals for

A NIGHT OF NETWORKING & GAMES



Thursday, March 19th



5:30-7:30 pm



Punch Bowl Social

Chicago West Loop

310 N Green St, Chicago, IL 60607
Chicago, Illinois 60607

Games, light bites, and drinks!



Thank you to our
Platinum sponsors:

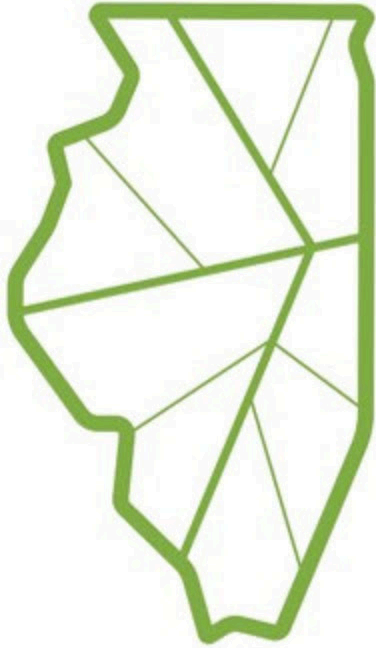


Register [here!](#)

SAVE THE DATE
ILASLA SPRING INTO
ACTION
a fundraiser for
advocacy

JUNE 11, 2026
Watch for Details





LANDSCAPE ILLINOIS

**THE STATEWIDE ASSOCIATION
FOR LANDSCAPE PROFESSIONALS**

Dive into Stormwater Solutions! Join Us for an In-Depth, One-Day Workshop:

Wading into Stormwater

Are you ready to make a splash in stormwater management? Trevor Smith is back to guide you through innovative Nature-Based Solutions that can transform how we handle stormwater!

March 25, 2026 at the Morton Arboretum, Lisle, IL

March 26, 2026 at the College of Lake County, Grayslake, IL

Time: 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Registration Fees:

\$175 for Members (Member Fee has been extended for ILASLA Members!)

\$190 for Non-Members

Don't miss this opportunity to wade deep into stormwater management. Register to attend or sponsor the workshops below!

Click [here](#) to register - Lisle

Click [here](#) to register - Grayslake

Questions? Contact Melissa Custic at mcustic@landscapeillinois.org

2026 ASLA Central States Conference



April 15-17th, 2026 - St. Louis, MO

Early Bird Registration ends March 6th! [Register](#) now to lock in reduced pricing and book your hotel!

Event Recap



Photos: Living Habitats - [Illinois Capital Development Board & Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Illinois Beach State Park Shoreline Stabilization](#)

The Great Lakes Region Climate Action Seminar convened seven ASLA state chapters and the Ontario Association of Landscape Architects for a dynamic two-day program focused on climate leadership in the Great Lakes basin. The seminar featured two keynote speakers and 11 speaker groups, offering a total of 10 CEUs to attendees.

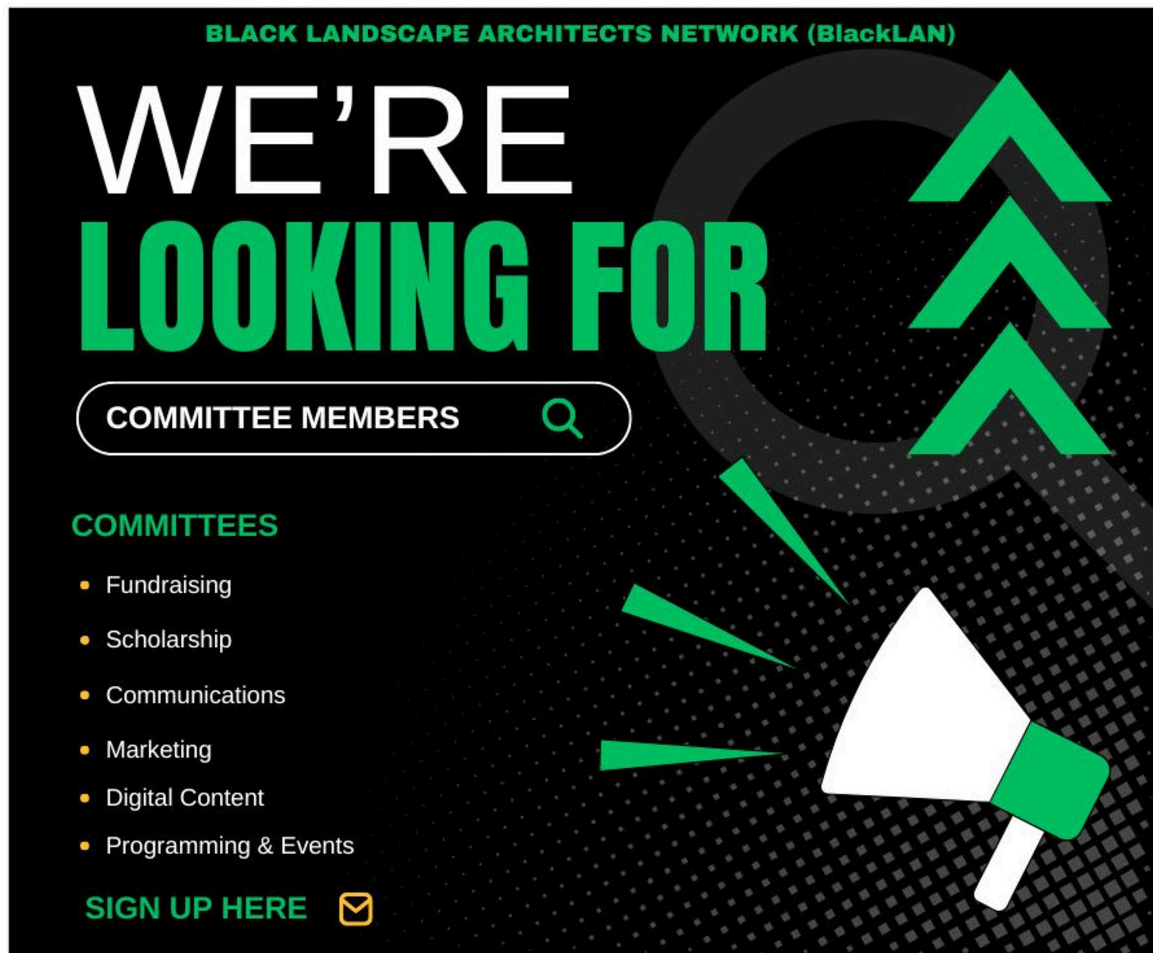
Day one opened with a timely discussion on how climate change is already reshaping the Great Lakes region and how landscape architects can prepare communities for future environmental shifts and migration. From the Illinois Chapter, Hannah Cusick and Jessica Gonzalez of Living Habitats shared insights from their work at Illinois Beach State Park, highlighting ecologically driven habitat strategies integrated into critical infrastructure improvements. Brett Weidl of MKSK explored how meaningful community engagement in climate adaptation planning can advance environmental justice, often in

unexpected and impactful ways. Additional sessions addressed the economic value of landscape architecture as climate disaster prevention, conservation planning frameworks, carbon sequestration field guides, and the development of a nature-based shoreline restoration and adaptation toolkit.

The seminar drew 226 registered participants on the first day and 234 on the second—nearly an 80% increase over attendance at the 2024 seminar. Participants represented the Great Lakes host states and Ontario, along with Connecticut, Iowa, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia, Washington, and Washington, DC. Planning is underway for the next Climate Action Seminar in June 2027, pending approval from ASLA National in coordination with the 2027 national conference.

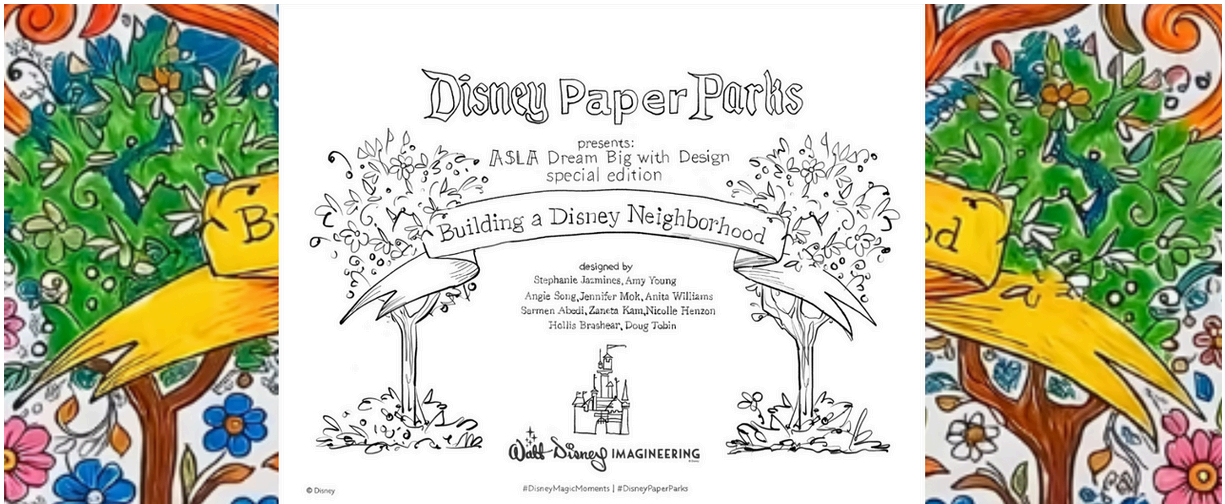
See additional photos [here!](#)

Engagement

A graphic for BlackLAN recruitment. At the top, it says "BLACK LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS NETWORK (BlackLAN)" in green. Below that, "WE'RE LOOKING FOR" is written in large white and green letters. A search bar contains "COMMITTEE MEMBERS" and a magnifying glass icon. Underneath, "COMMITTEES" is written in green, followed by a bulleted list: Fundraising, Scholarship, Communications, Marketing, Digital Content, and Programming & Events. At the bottom, "SIGN UP HERE" is written in green with an envelope icon. The background is black with green geometric shapes and a white megaphone icon.

We're excited to invite you to take your involvement with BlackLAN to the next level by joining one of our committees! Whether you're passionate about community engagement, event planning, or advocacy, there's a committee waiting for your unique ideas and contributions. Participating in a committee is a great way to connect with fellow members, shape BlackLAN's initiatives, and make a lasting impact. It's also an

opportunity to develop leadership skills and collaborate with others who share your vision for growth and change. [Sign up today](#) and help us continue building a vibrant, empowered community!



New Career Discovery Resource: Disney Paper Parks - ASLA Dream Big with Design Special Edition! ASLA and Walt Disney Imagineers invite K-12 students and educators to DREAM BIG with Design using the new Disney Paper Parks ASLA DREAM BIG with Design Special Edition - an imaginative, hands-on learning experience inspired and led by Walt Disney Imagineer, Jennifer Mok, ASLA. [Visit the Disney Paper Parks: ASLA DREAM BIG with Design Special Edition web page](#) to access exciting promotional videos, view sample drawings, download activity packets, and get outreach tips from one ASLA member who successfully piloted the paper parks activity.

Advocacy

Illinois Licensure Extension (HB 5428)

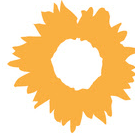
The reauthorization of the Illinois landscape architecture sunset date is moving forward following the introduction of HB 5428. Currently part of a larger omnibus package sponsored by House Labor & Commerce Chair Marcus Evans, the bill reflects critical feedback previously compiled by the Chapter and the Government Affairs team and ensures continued regulation and protection of the profession in Illinois. For questions, please contact Doug Fair, ILASLA Advocacy Chair at advocacy@il-asla.org.

LWCF Fully Funded at \$900M

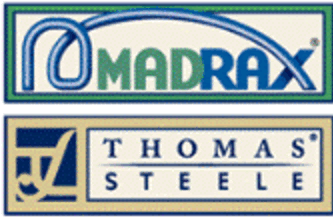
ASLA is excited to report a strong victory for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), which Congress funded at its full authorized level of \$900 million in the bipartisan FY26 appropriations minibuss enacted on February 3. The package funds most federal agencies through September 30, 2026, and includes robust investments in Army Corps of Engineers' water resources projects, nationally significant ecosystem restoration efforts, and key active transportation programs.

[More ASLA Advocacy News](#)

Stream Sponsors



Tournesol



TRANSFORMING HARDSCAPES



Play equipment for life

DIV/32

TECHO—BLOC
COMMERCIAL



MAGLIN™

Site Furniture



COUNTRY CASUAL TEAK®



COLOR CHOICE®
FLOWERING SHRUBS



Create a timeless moment.®

STANLEY®

HANOVER®
Architectural Products



COLDSPRING™



**BARTLETT
TREE EXPERTS**

SCIENTIFIC TREE CARE SINCE 1907

Est. 1992
Team REIL Inc.
SALES • SERVICE • CONSTRUCTION
Building FUN Since '92



Share this email:



[Manage](#) your preferences | [Opt out](#) using TrueRemove™

Got this as a forward? [Sign up](#) to receive our future emails.

View this email [online](#).

P.O. Box 4566
Oak Brook, IL | 60522-4566 US

To continue receiving our emails, add us to your address book.

emma®