The first volume in NAOP's newly launched Workbook series has been published and was on sale at the May Massachusetts-NAOP conference. This Workbook, funded by a Warhol Foundation grant to NAOP, is about Charles Eliot (1859-1897), the outstanding regional planner known for his role in establishing Massachusetts' Trustees of Public Reservation (1891) and Boston's Metropolitan Park System (1892). Written by Keith N. Morgan, chairman of Boston University's Department of Art History and author of numerous articles on landscape history, this NAOP workbook is entitled Charles Eliot 1857-1897 Held in Trust; Charles Eliot's Vision for the New England Landscape.

Eliot's intellectual and aesthetic development and his remarkable accomplishments in his life, cut short by meningitis, are clearly and succinctly traced by Mr. Morgan. The different approaches to landscape design of Eliot and his mentor, Frederick Law Olmsted, are discussed. For Eliot his landscape work, according to Mr. Morgan, was a challenge of choice and improvement; of managing the resources for their inherent landscape qualities, while Olmsted saw landscape work as an opportunity for creation and development. Eliot's work on the reservation of rural landscapes and wilderness is shown by Mr. Morgan to combine Eliot's interest in those landscapes themselves, their antidotal function for urban dwellers, turn-of-the-century reformist activities, and Eliot's vision of the New England landscape. This vision drew on his Olmsted inheritance, English and German landscape theory, and the Barbizon School of landscape planting, as well as his outdoor enthusiasms, and his eye for New England's cultural landscape. To order this informative and attractively designed first volume, fill out and mail to NAOP the order form on the last page of this newsletter. The volume, together with a special binder to hold this and future Workbook volumes, is $12.00 including the cost of special packaging/mailing (vol. only-$4.00, binder only-$8.00). Order now while the first printing lasts.

Second Volume
Planned For Fall Publication

The next volume in the Workbook series, underwritten by a grant from the Greenacre Foundation, will be on urban woodlands and is expected to be available for NAOP's Philadelphia conference on "Woodlands in Urban Parks" in October.

Changing of the Guard

At NAOP's annual meeting on May 5th, new members and officers were elected to the board of trustees. Eleanor Ames and Nicholas Quennell remain as co-chairmen. Eloise Hirsh, Gretchen Hull, Catherine Joy Johnson, Peter Odell, and Marion Pressley were elected as vice-chairmen. Sandra Sparks continues as secretary and Eric O'Brien as treasurer. Susan L. Klaus was elected assistant treasurer.

New members to the board are:
- Marianne Cramer, planner for the Central Park Conservancy
- Janet Olmsted Cross, architect, N.Y. City
- Susan L. Klaus, FLO, Jr. scholar
- Newton Levee, attorney
- Edward Straka, Town Councillor, Riverside, IL
A new Board of Advisors of active NAOP participants has been established. Each of the fourteen advisors will serve one year and work on one or more of NAOP's committees. Past trustees who have shown exceptional interest in, or commitment to, NAOP are eligible for nomination to the Board of Advisors. The advisors for 1991-92 are: Charles E. Beveridge, Joan Rozer, Charles Eliot II, Clyde Eller, Betsy Shure Cross, Don Harris, Charlotte Olmsted Kursch, Arleyn Levee, Charles McLaughlin, Sanford Parisky, Laura Wood Roper, Ann Satterthwaite, Tupper Thomas, and Dana White.

Massachusetts Conference

Over 450 people attended the May 3rd and 4th conference in Boston "Held in Trust: 1890s Legacies, 1990s Challenges, The Landscape Vision", sponsored by Historic Massachusetts, Inc. and co-sponsored by the National Association for Olmsted Parks and the Massachusetts Association for Olmsted Parks. The conference celebrated several important events in landscape and planning history including the centennials of the Trustees of Reservations and the Metropolitan District Commission, the 160th anniversary of Mt. Auburn Cemetery, the 75th anniversary of the National Park Service, the 25th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act, and the tenth anniversary of the Boston meeting of NAOP.

The conference looked at the remarkable vision and accomplishments of the 1890s when so many city, regional, state, and national park services, as well as Charles Eliot's land trust, were established. Not only did the conference reassess this remarkable heritage of the past, but it also looked ahead as to how our stewardship of the built and natural environment could continue with the vision and vigor of the 1890s. Chaired by Betsy Shure Cross, former co-chairman of NAOP, the conference had many NAOP attendees and participants, including Noni Ames, Nicholas Quennell, Charles Beveridge, Arleyn Levee, Marion Pressley, Don Harris, Tupper Thomas, Elizabeth Igleheart, and Shary Berg. Both the lectures and the tours were as stimulating and enjoyable as those at other NAOP conferences.

NAOP's October Conference:
Woodlands In Urban Parks

Mark October 4th and 5th on your calendars for the important Philadelphia conference on managing urban woodlands. They are a critical part of the urban environment now in danger of "destruction", according to Peter Odell, Management and Development Administrator of Philadelphia's Fairmount Park, NAOP trustee, and conference chairman.

This urban woodlands conference, co-sponsored by NAOP and Philadelphia's Fairmount Park Commission, will focus on the protection of the urban forest ecosystems and all the interacting elements such as the forest floor, understory, and trees. In bringing together urban park professionals and volunteers, NAOP will examine restoration, protection, maintenance and public education techniques and programs that can help save our nation's urban woodlands and wilderness areas.

The conference sessions will be led by experts in urban forestry, park management, ecology, planning, funding and public involvement, education, volunteerism, and design. Case studies of innovative forest restoration projects such as Prospect Park's Ravine and recent woodland surveys undertaken in Baltimore, Memphis, and New York's Central Park, will be analyzed. Ralph Cohan of England, who has worked on imaginative and practical management plans for the Blenheim Palace grounds in Oxfordshire, England and the Vanderbilt's Biltmore in Asheville, North Carolina, will give the keynote speech on his work on three Olmsted landscapes, Biltmore, the Emerald Necklace parks in Boston and Moraine Farm, a private residence. Tours of Philadelphia's forests in Pennypack Park and Wissahickon are planned. A brochure describing the program and speakers for the conference, which will be held at the Arch Street Friends Meeting in Philadelphia, as well as the post conference tour in England, has been sent to you previously.

In the current period of severe economic problems in our cities, this timely conference will help the public volunteer supporters of parks, and park managers and professionals see how they can become an effective force to protect the woodlands and local wilderness in cities and towns.
throughout this country. The conference plans to bring together a wide range of people from different disciplines and backgrounds working on woodland park problems in order that they may share information on techniques, materials, resources, and programs. It should be a unique opportunity for professionals and non-professionals, community activists, and concerned citizens to develop creative solutions for woodland preservation in urban areas. (Special Student Rate $64.49)

Please indicate on the form (at bottom of page) if you plan to attend the conference and mail the form to NAOP, 7315 Wisconsin Ave, #504-E, Bethesda, MD 20814.

NEWS

Due to the limited space in this newsletter, local and regional news will be covered in the fall issue. If you have news for the fall newsletter, please send it to: Newsletter Editor, NAOP, 7315 Wisconsin Ave, #504-E, Bethesda, MD 20814.

However, LOUISVILLE'S elaborate and lengthy celebration of the centennial of its Olmsted parks deserves mention. Since April when Louisville's mayor, Jerry Abramson, launched "Grounds for Celebration", the city has staged community-wide programs to observe the centennial and provide a "kick-off" of an effort to preserve and restore its Olmsted parks. These events, which will go on for five months in all the 16 Olmsted parks, include walking tours, landscape clean-ups and improvements, a photographic exhibit at the main library, and a world premiere of "The Birth of Our Parks" by the Olmsted Players. The cast includes the CEO of a local TV channel, a ward alderman, newspaper columnists, and other community leaders. A Children's Fun-Fest, a golf tournament, and a Centennial Kite-Fly are all on the program. The celebration will end in early September when the Louisville Wheelmen sponsor a Tour de Parks on September 7th and 8th. The city will sponsor a clean-up "blitz" of three Olmsted parks on September 9th as part of the city's Operation Brightside. Certainly, Olmsted has been well introduced to Louisville through this comprehensive and well co-ordinated celebration that has involved educational programs on Olmsted and the city's Olmsted parks in schools, libraries, and neighborhoods.

CALENDAR — Future Conferences
SEPTEMBER 10-14

Two part training course, The Preservation of Outdoor Monuments, co-sponsored by the National Park Service and the National Institute for the Conservation of Cultural Property. Part One, limited to 40 people, will include lectures, field trips and demonstrations from Sept. 10-13 in Washington and Gettysburg. Part Two, limited to 15 people, will be a hands-on training session in Gettysburg from Sept 14-16. Registration fee of $50 must be received by July 31. For information, call Robert Powers, or Dennis Montagna, at 215-597-5824.

OCTOBER 4-5
NAOP's Woodlands in Urban Parks: Management of Urban Woodlands, a critical urban resource being damaged ecologically and aesthetically by neglect, overuse and misuse, will be the subject of a two day conference co-sponsored by NAOP and The Fairmount Park Commission with national and international experts. For details see article in this Newsletter and brochure sent separately.

OCTOBER 16-20
National Trust for Historic Preservation, Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.

OCTOBER 18-22
National Recreation & Parks Association's Annual Conference focusing this year on Urban Gateways & Greenways, Baltimore, MD.

OCTOBER 19-22
American Society of Landscape Architects, Annual Conference, Kansas City, MO.

NOVEMBER 7-10
Planning History Conference, Richmond, VA. For further information: The Society for American City & Regional History, 3635 Darbyshire Dr., Hilliard, OH 43026.

NOVEMBER 13-17
American Forestry Association, Alliances for Community Trees.

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I plan to attend the Oct. 4-5 NAOP conference on Woodlands in Urban Parks and will send in the registration form later.

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