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Ms. Levee has lectured across the country on aspects of landscape history, research, preservation and advocacy. She served as a consultant in the development of the Olmsted Research Guide Online [ORGO, a joint project of the F.L. Olmsted National Historic Site (FLONHS) and the National Association for Olmsted Parks (NAOP) and for the NAOP's subsequent data base *OlmstedOnline*. Additionally, she was a consultant to FLONHS in the development of their site exhibits.

She is the author of articles about Olmsted firm designers and their projects, in particular "An Enduring Legacy: Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr. in the Nation's Capital," a chapter in *Civic Art: A Centennial History of the US Commission of Fine Arts* (2013). Her work as the historical consultant to Reed Hilderbrand Landscape Architecture in their work to rebuild the once notable Blue Garden in Newport resulted in an award-winning book, *The Blue Garden: Recapturing an Iconic Newport Landscape* (2016, republished in 2019). This renewed garden is now open to the public by appointment.

She has worked extensively with non-profit groups involved in landscape stewardship, such as the NAOP, The Cultural Landscape Foundation [TCLF] and the Friends of Fairsted. A former trustee of Historic New England she continues to serve on various committees for this organization and had been a member of the Belmont Historic District Commission for 12 years. In 1995, she was appointed to serve on the Citizen's Advisory Committee for the Muddy River Restoration, a consortium of state, city and local groups to oversee the recapture of a 'missing link' in Boston's Olmsted-designed Emerald Necklace of parks. This lengthy project is now in the second phase of its rehabilitation, and she continues to serve on its Maintenance Oversight Committee to ensure that design integrity is sustained in the recapture of this iconic park network.