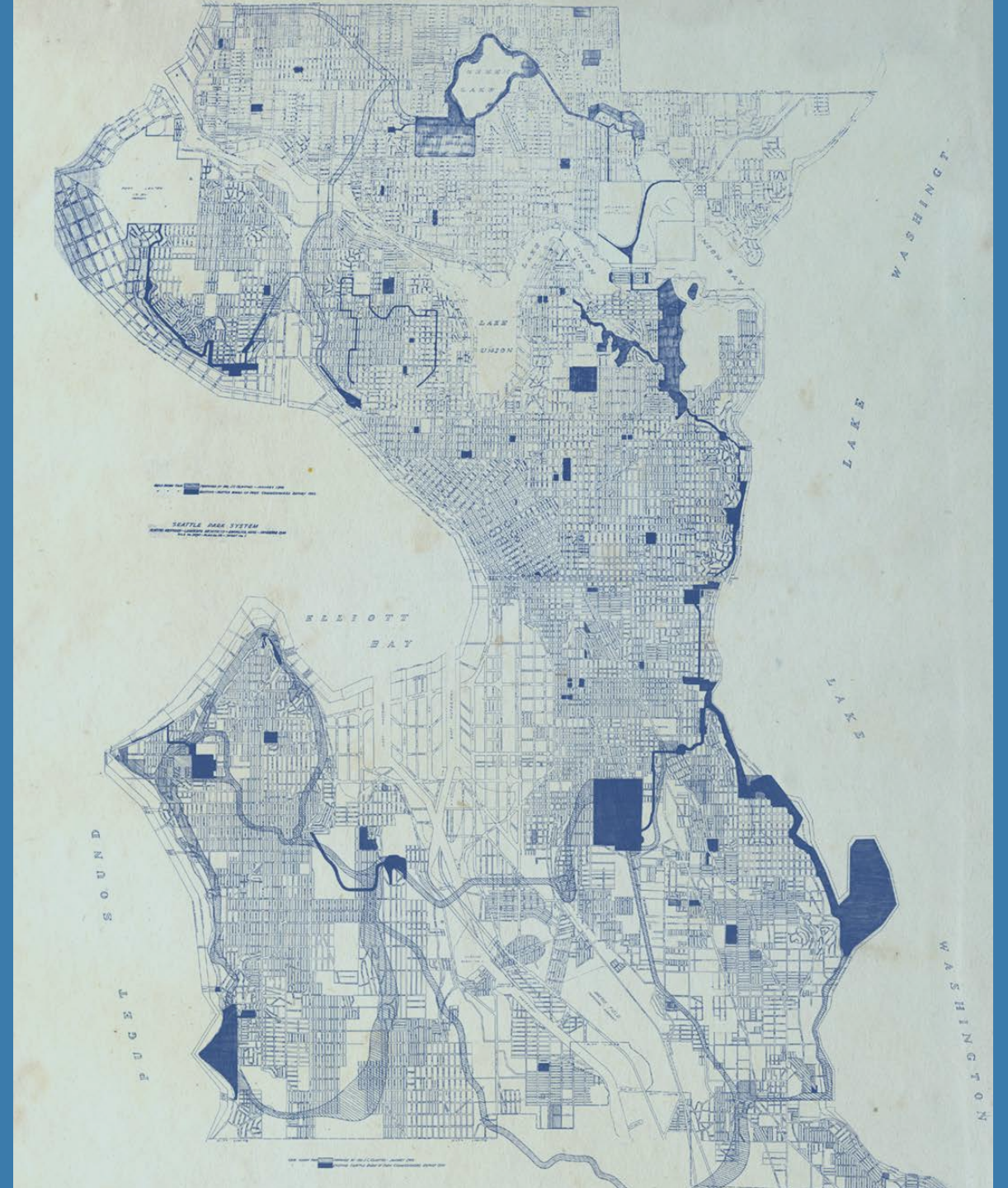


# Olmsted in Seattle

## *Creating a Park System for a Modern City*

Jennifer Ott  
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Bird's Eye View of  
Seattle, 1891  
Courtesy Library of Congress

*“Parks are the breathing lungs and  
beating hearts of great cities...and  
in them are whispers of peace and joy.”*

1892 Annual Report of the Park Commissioners

*“designed with express reference to the pleasure with which they may be used for walking, riding, and the driving of carriages; for rest, recreation, refreshment, and social intercourse; and that these ways must be so arranged that they will be conveniently accessible from every dwelling house”*

*– Olmsted and Vaux, 1868*



Scene in Kinnear Park, Seattle, Wash.

Kinnear Park  
Courtesy J&A Collections



Entrance to  
Woodland Park.

Courtesy Seattle Municipal  
Archives, 30710



Denny Park, 1909.

Courtesy Seattle Municipal  
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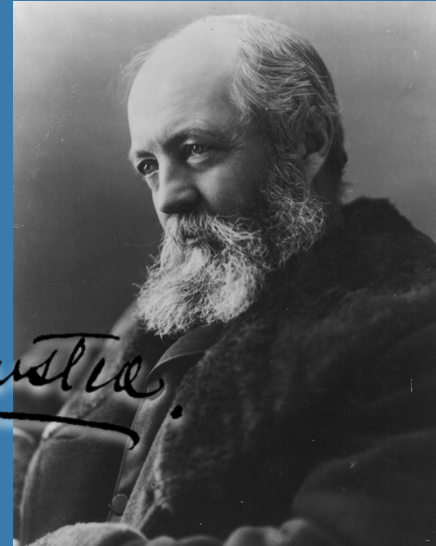
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Gold from Alaska, 1899  
Courtesy MOHAI, 1988.33.234

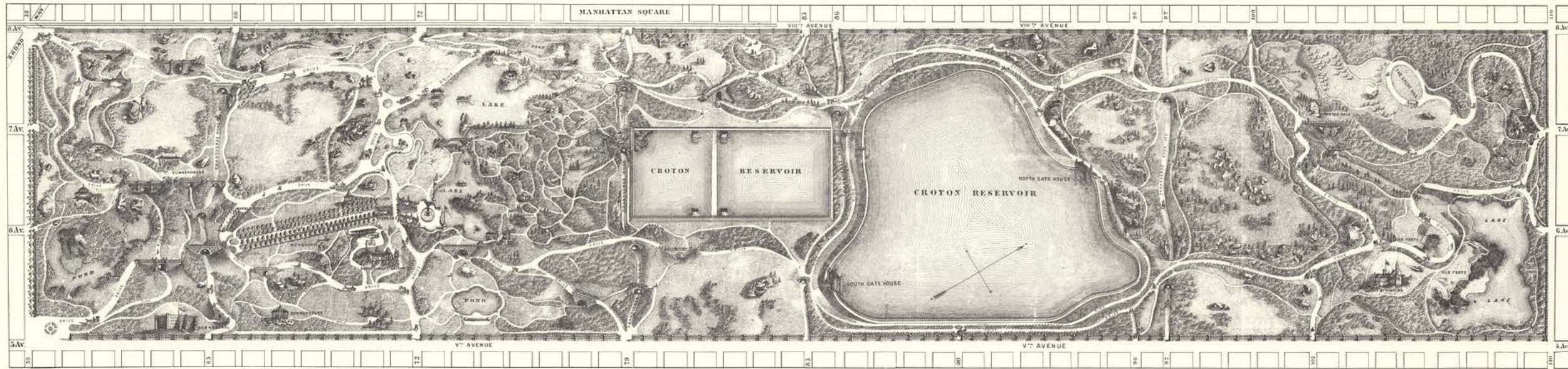
**Frederick Law Olmsted**

*Father of Landscape Architecture*

*Frederick Law Olmsted*







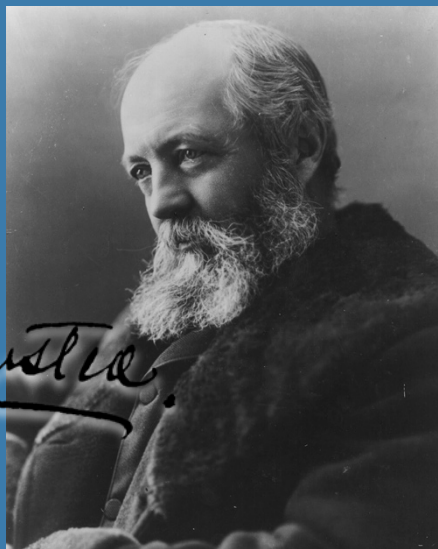
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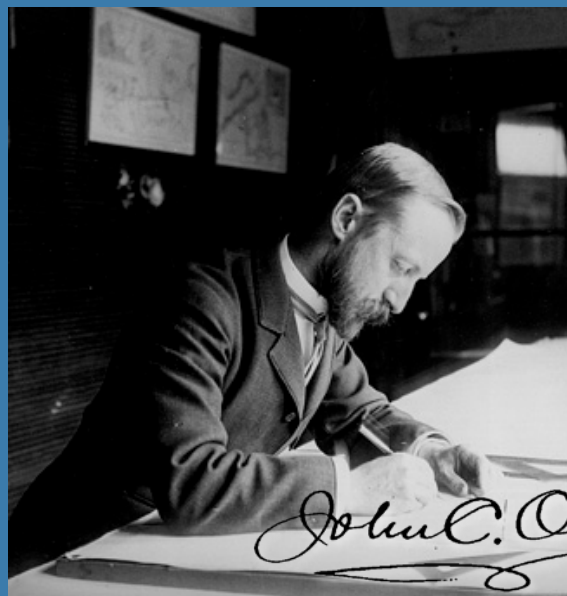


Souvenir map of the World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago, 1893

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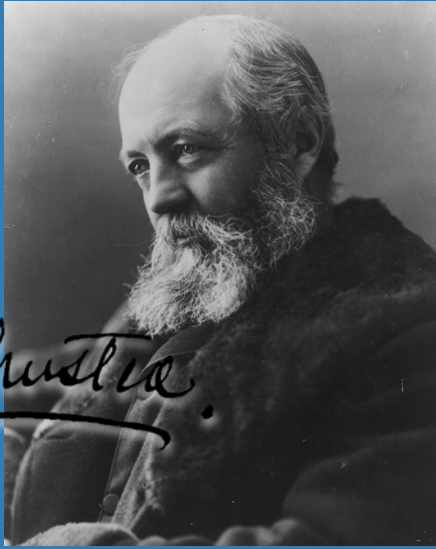


*Ernst Haeckel*

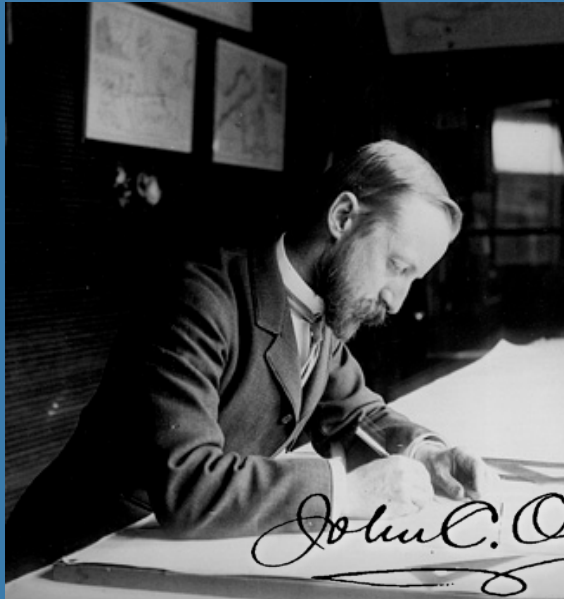


*John C. Oensted*

*Mr. Law Olustad.*



*Olustad Brothers*



*John C. Olustad*



*Frederick Law Olustad*



**Genius of Place**

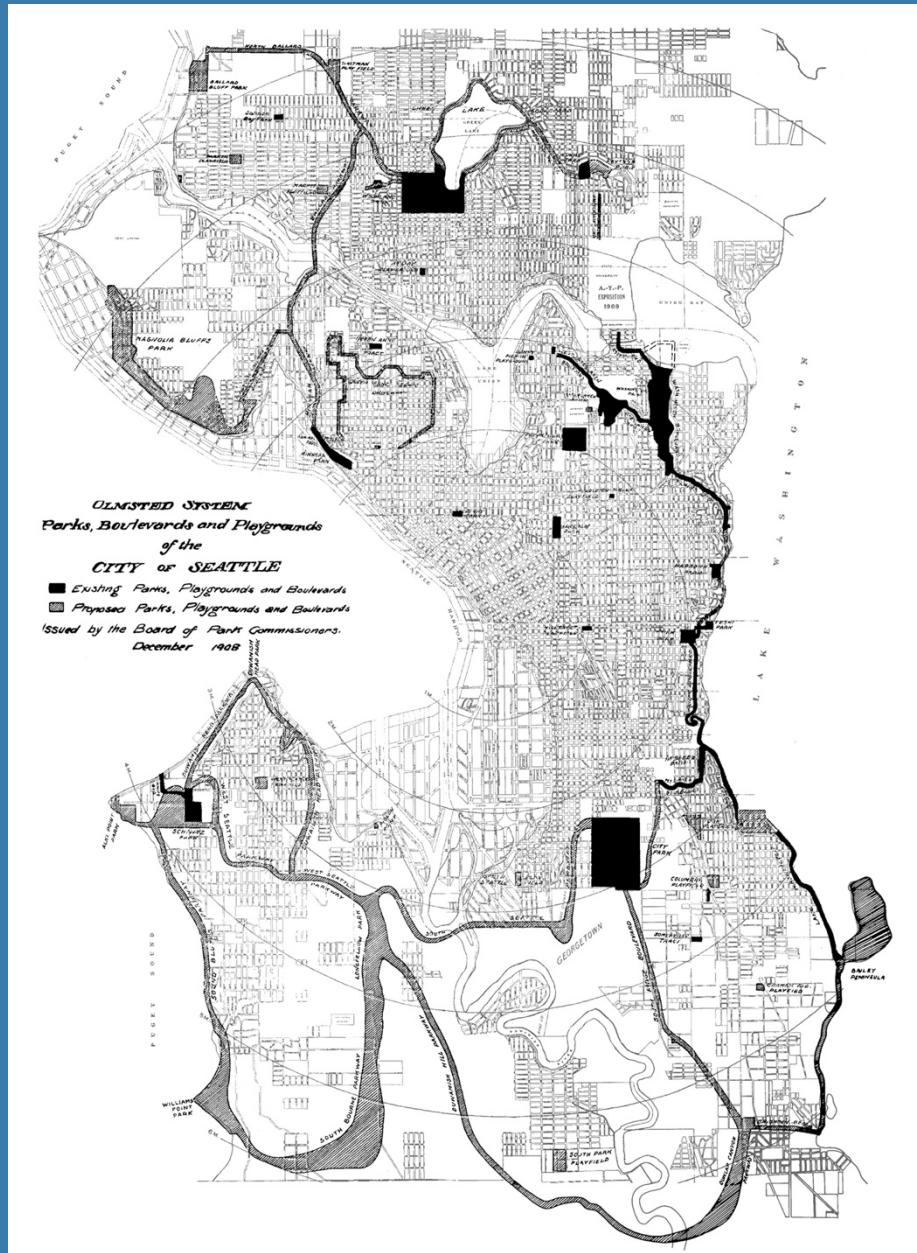
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**Orchestration of Movement**

**Unified Composition**

**A Comprehensive Approach**

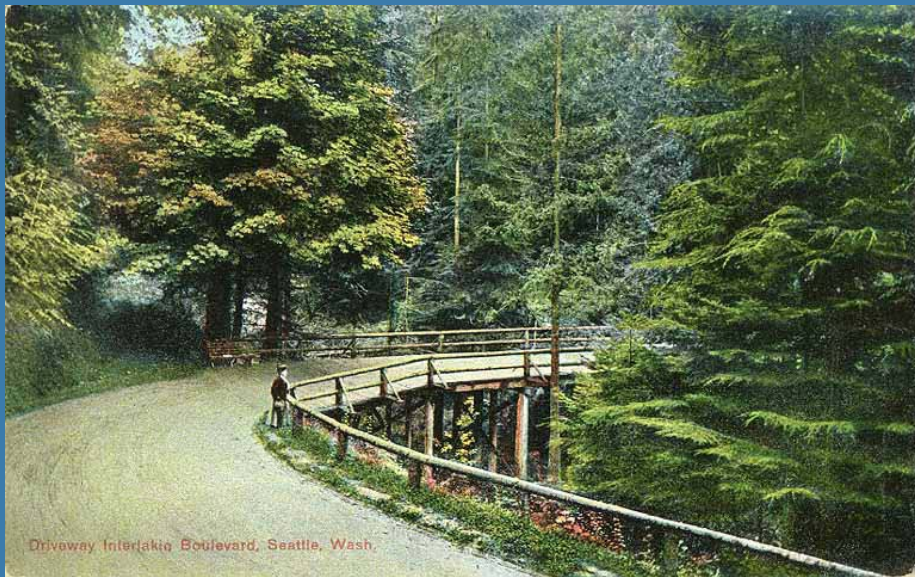
**Sustainable Design &  
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Map of 1908 Comprehensive Plan.  
Courtesy Seattle Municipal Archives, 2390.



Playground, ca. 1900  
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# Lake Washington Boulevard



Lake Washington Boulevard, 1913  
Courtesy Seattle Municipal Archives, 29530..



Lake Washington Boulevard at  
Mount Baker Park, 1914  
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# Frink Park



Lake Washington Boulevard in Frink Park, 1911  
Courtesy Seattle Municipal Archives, 29054..





**UW Campus  
Alaska-Yukon-Pacific  
Exposition**

**AUTHORIZED BIRDS EYE VIEW OF THE ALASKA YUKON PACIFIC EXPOSITION  
SEATTLE, U.S.A. 1909**



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**Birds Eye View of AYP**

Courtesy National Park Service Frederick Law  
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# Magnolia Boulevard



Magnolia Boulevard, 1955  
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# Schmitz Park



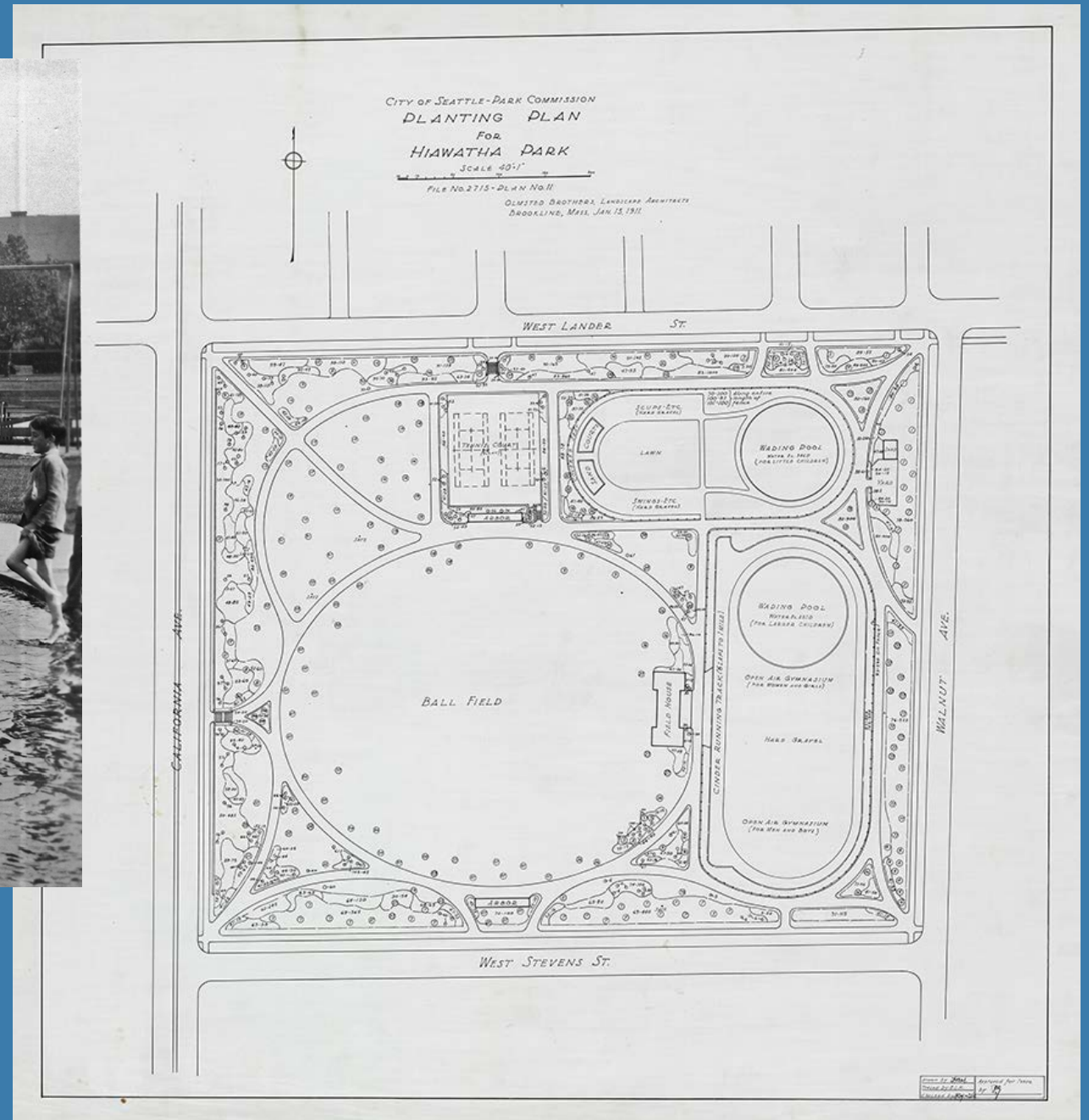
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# Hiawatha Playfield



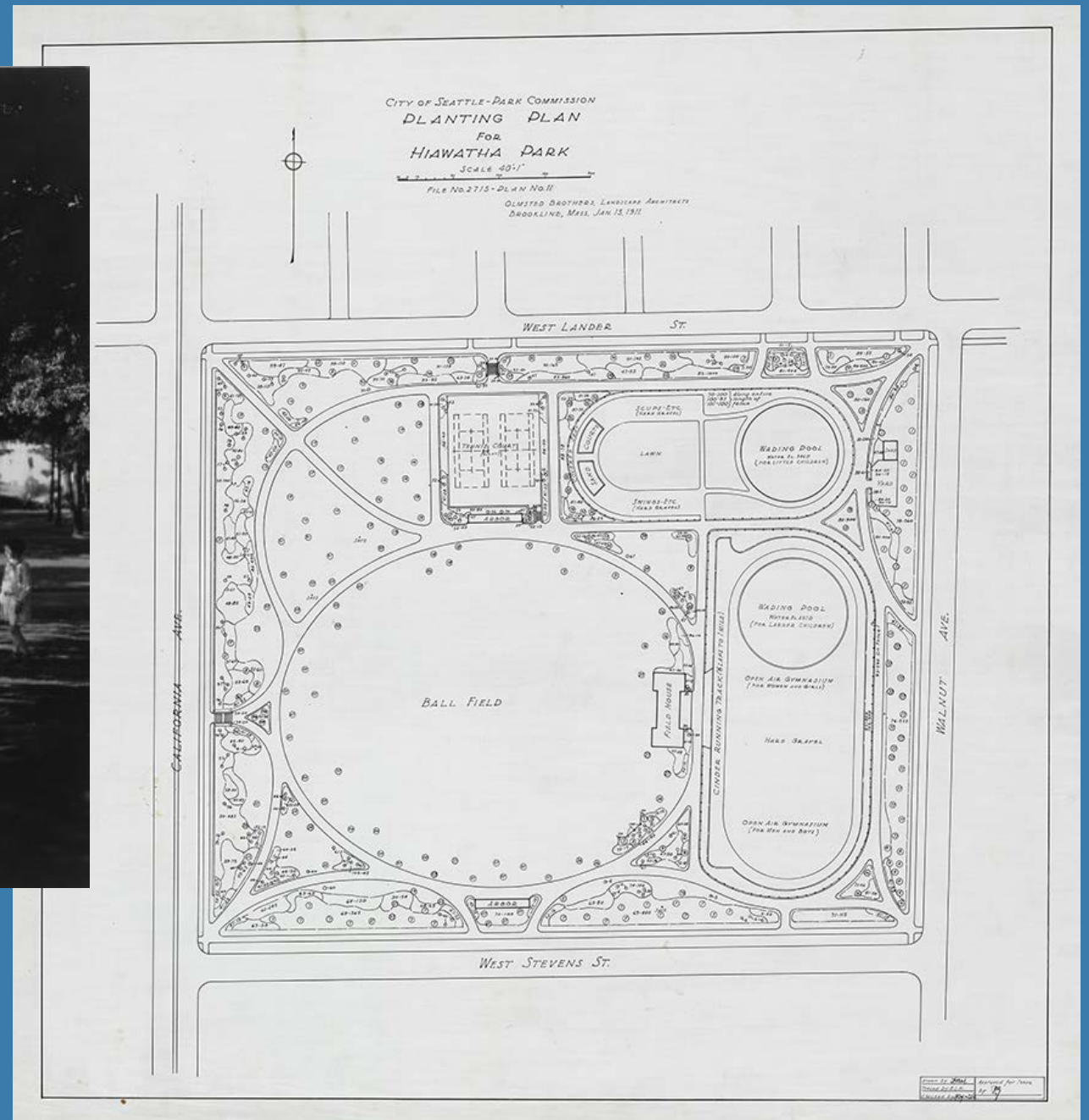
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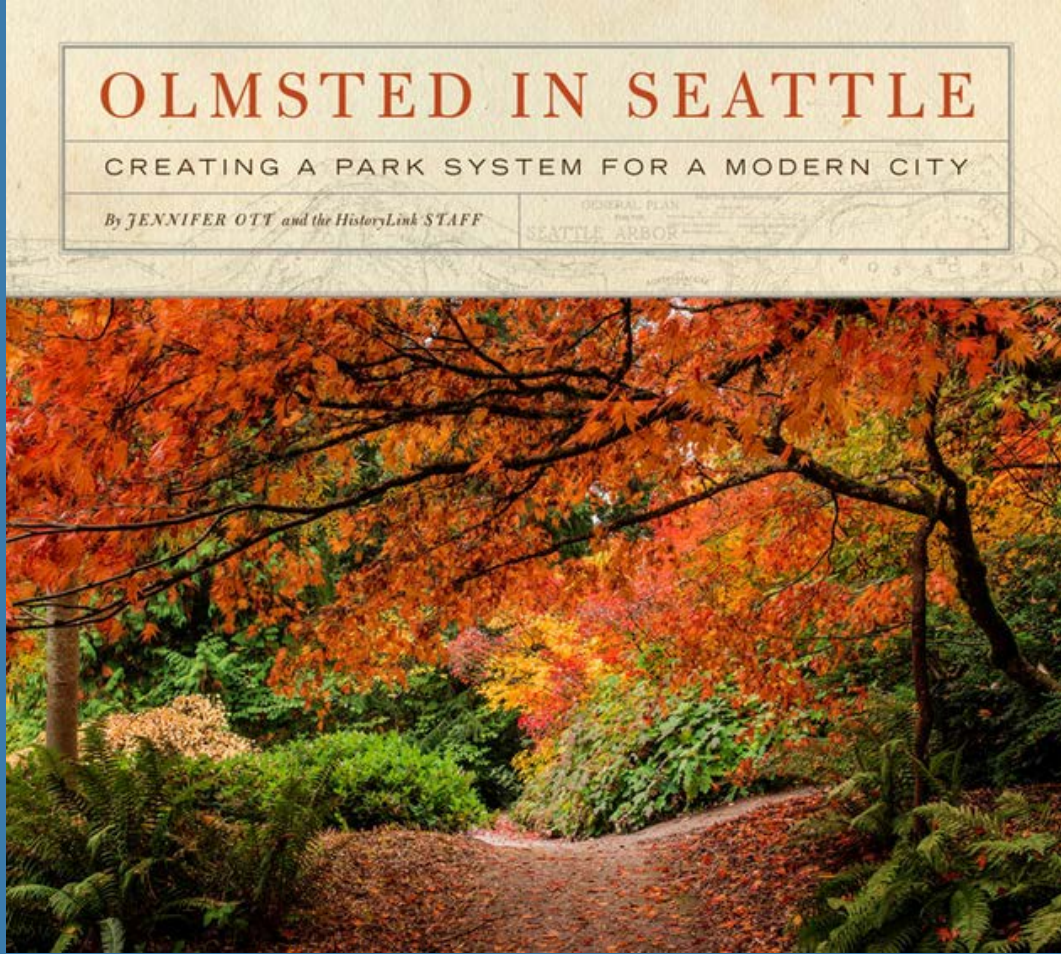


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