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Annual Report and Financial Statement

January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008

President's Letter

June 2009

Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to write to you about the achievements of Friends of Fairsted in 2008, our third year of existence. We have met the challenges of the past year and have accomplished much as we look forward to the re-opening of Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site, scheduled for late 2010.

• We continue to work closely with the site preparing for its re-opening. As part of the preparation we participated in the Scholar's Roundtable and public meeting, gathering ideas to shape the site's future.

• Generous contributions have helped complete the curriculum materials for the park model making activity for the Good Neighbors education program. The third grade students use videotaped comments from park users to design a model park that is genuinely responsive to community needs, so the connection between community and landscape comes vividly alive for them. Friends of Fairsted funded the production of the video and is proud to be part of this innovative and inspiring education program.

• We have joined with a number of state and local organizations to co-sponsor a variety of programs, including "Looking Back at Mission 66" by Ethan Carr, a lecture setting the stage for the centennial of the National Park Service in 2016, and the Sounds and Scenes Family Festival celebrating music and landscape in Olmsted Park.

• We presented copies of the newly revised and expanded *Master List of Design Projects of the Olmsted Firm, 1857-1979* to officials in Brookline and Boston. This beautiful book has recently received national awards from the American Society of Landscape Architects and the Foundation for Landscape Studies as well as the Award of Excellence of the Boston Society of Landscape Architects, clearly demonstrating the national and international significance of the Olmsted legacy.

We have achieved a great deal and look forward to another productive year.

Sincerely,

Caroline Loughliin

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26%