

Education Sessions

Saturday, September 21st

Session 3A 11:00am - 12:00 pm

Viewshed Registry for Virginia - Scenery & Science

1 CEU | Speakers: Richard Gibbons, FASLA, Lynn Crump, ASLA

The Commonwealth of Virginia has for a long time known the value of scenery for its citizens and visitors. From the first Outdoors Plan in 1965 the value s of its rivers and touring roads have been recognized. This recognition created the Va Scenic Byways and Scenic Rivers program. More recently, the increased awareness of the value of scenic views has created the need for a Virginia Viewshed register that will recognize significant views throughout the state. In preparation for this, Scenic Virginia hired Va Tech to develop a protocol for evaluating viewsheds based on existing research. Participants will experience the protocol by evaluating one or more views.



Richard G. Gibbons, FASLA is a graduate of Cornell University, Landscape Architecture program. His career has included landscape practice in the military, private practice and public practice at the Norfolk Virginia Redevelopment and Housing Authority and 38 years with the Department of Conservation and Recreation. As Virginia first State Park Planner I was responsible for identifying new park sites that protected unique natural resources while offering the opportunity to provide a variety of recreation and educational opportunities He was responsible for the development of the State's five year Conservation and Recreation Plan. His responsibilities included management of the State Scenic Rivers Program and the preparation of the Division of Planning and Recreation Environmental review comments for projects impacting recreation resources. He was appointed and served 12 years on the Capitol Square Preservation Council and 8 years as the Chairman of the State Scenic River Advisory Board.



Lynn Crump, ASLA is a registered Landscape Architect with a BLA and an MLA from Virginia Tech and has been practicing landscape architecture for over 30 years. Working for the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, she is the Scenic Resource Coordinator for Virginia, she is administers the VA Scenic Rivers Program and works with VDOT on the Va Byways program and Scenic Virginia on the newly developing Viewshed Register. Her experience covers a variety of landscape scales from detailed garden design to the statewide Virginia Outdoors Plan. She is responsible for several new state park master plans being responsible for public input and collaborating with internal and external interest groups. She has been president of the Virginia Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) and has served on several national ASLA boards and committees.

