

WEST 8'S JAMIE MASLYN LARSON TO SPEAK AT THE 'LEADING WITH LANDSCAPE II: THE HOUSTON TRANSFORMATION' CONFERENCE

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Houston— America’s fourth largest city—is known for being car-centric and zoning-averse. Now, however, it is undergoing a monumental landscape architecture-led [transformation](#) whose scale and impact could fundamentally change the city.

World-class projects such as [West 8's Master Plan for Houston Botanic Garden](#), will be the focus of a daylong conference hosted by [The Cultural Landscape Foundation](#) entitled [Leading with Landscape II: The Houston Transformation](#), took place on Friday, March 11, 2016 at The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston Brown Auditorium, TX. The conference will also be accompanied by [What's Out There Weekend Houston](#), featuring two days of free, expert-led tours on March 12-13.

West 8 New York Principal-in-Charge, [Jamie Maslyn Larson](#) will be speaking in the second of three consecutive moderated panel discussions that will tackle numerous issues including those that deal with the city’s identity and the influences of culture, history, and ecology on the evolving Houston cityscape.

Today areas that were once abandoned or deemed otherwise unusable within the city of Houston are now recognized as prized opportunities for creating parks that will become vital connective tissue. This work builds on a foundation of some 370 parks, parkways, and open spaces comprising more than 23,000 acres managed by the Houston Parks and Recreation Department. “Houston's exceptional parks have been made possible by great landscape architects, visionary civic leaders, generous philanthropists and ardent citizen supporters,” said Joe Turner, Director of Houston Parks and Recreation Department. “We look forward to sharing our rich legacy and planning insights with a broad national audience.”

A summary of the event can be found [here](#), to see Jamie's presentation click [here](#).

About The Cultural Landscape Foundation

The Cultural Landscape Foundation (TCLF), founded in 1998, is a non-profit foundation that provides people with the ability to see, understand and value landscape architecture, its practitioners, and our shared landscape legacy in the way many people have learned to do with buildings and their designers. Through its website, lectures, outreach and publishing, TCLF broadens the support and understanding for cultural landscapes nationwide. Here are the TCLF [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) page.

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