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- The ASLA Fund is raising money for ASLA's inaugural Minecraft Design Camps to take place in underserved high schools around the country in conjunction with ASLA Chapters. For more information: https://donorbox.org/minecraft-design-camp
- A video of the ASLA 2030 Vision presentation at the ASLA Conference on Landscape
 Architecture by immediate past ASLA President Tom Mroz, FASLA, and ASLA CEO Torey
 Carter-Conneen, along with the 2022-2024 Strategic Plan with milestones, was publicly released
 and incorporated into the <u>About ASLA</u> section and home page of ASLA.org
- Nationally, ASLA is tracking 165 occupational licensing bills, up from 125 last month.
- ASLA activated the iAdvocate Network to urge members to apply for <u>Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grants</u>, which may be used for a wide variety of projects including active transportation, Complete Streets, recreational trails, and more. ASLA also informed members about a series of "How To Compete For RAISE Grants" webinars sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration.
- Recently, the White House unveiled the <u>Guidebook to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law</u> a
 roadmap to funding available under the law, which informs the public about what to apply for,
 who to contact, and available funding.
- ASLA has joined with coalition partners and allied organizations in sending a letter to leaders of the House Natural Resources Committee supporting the Environmental Justice for All Act (H.R. 2021, S. 872), which supports more equitable access to parks and recreational opportunities; provide grants for research and program development to improve health in environmental justice communities.
- Building on the success of Dream Big with Design, a new Basecamp workspace was created for PreK-12 Education Committees. This space is designed for committee members to exchange ideas and collaborate around Career Discovery activities.
- Generally, ASLA is seeing an upward trend for all membership categories. The stark dip at the
 end of July/August/September is caused by the steep decline in student membership. It is
 evident from the data that students do not renew their membership although it is free. Beginning
 with the new student applications, ASLA will change the process and sign them up until they
 graduate.