Smart Growth in Charm City

The 2015 New Partners Conference is coming back to the East Coast — Baltimore — after stops in America’s Heartland and the Rockies the past two years.

The nation’s largest smart growth and sustainability event, the theme for New Partners 2015 is “Practical Tools and Innovative Strategies for Creating Great Communities,” underscoring this year’s stronger emphasis on implementation. The program will feature tools, strategies, focused training and new technologies that will help communities NOW.

The conference will explore practical strategies for identifying and overcoming barriers to more sustainable development along the East Coast and the rest of the nation.

As attendees have come to expect, New Partners’ engaging pre-conference events, exciting tours of local model projects, networking forums, implementation workshops and other special features make this “more than a conference.” With over 80 sessions spanning three-plus days, there’s something for everybody, from veteran experts to smart-growth novices.

Join leaders from across the U.S. as we tackle our communities’ economic, environmental and social challenges head-on and demonstrate smart-growth solutions that will create a more vibrant economy, assure a healthy population, foster more equitable development, and expand transportation and housing options for all Americans.

Working Together

A significant factor in this event’s tremendous success is its appeal to so many different disciplines. The conference will draw a national audience of local elected officials and city/county staff; state and federal agency leaders; professionals in planning, transportation, public health, landscape architecture, architecture, parks and recreation, housing, public works and crime prevention; realtors, developers, builders and bankers; advocates for equity and environmental justice, youth, older adults, and walking and biking; labor representatives; school leaders and staff; and environmentalists.

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“I was blown away by the numerous multi-disciplinary sessions dedicated to helping economically struggling communities from across the nation reinvigorate their communities by implementing smart growth techniques.”
– Dean Katerndahl, Director, Government Innovations Forum, Mid-America Regional Council

“This conference brings together local government officials, planners, health care advocates, bicycle advocates… as the name implies, all the new partners you can imagine, to discuss areas of mutual interest and how we can grow smarter, so that is the great value, bringing all those people together working for the same goal.”
– John Frece, Former Director, Office of Sustainable Communities, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

“I find this to be one of the best places to go if you are a planner who thinks outside of particular silos. It brings together many different kinds of folks on the ground doing really important work. Whether you are a planner, a policy person, a community organization, an industry person or a regulator, this is a good conference to bring all those things together.”
– Martha Matsuoka, Urban and Environmental Policy Institute, Occidental College

2015 Program and Agenda
✴ The conference spans three full days from Thursday, January 29, through Saturday afternoon, January 31.
✴ The event will include a dynamic mix of over 80 plenaries, breakouts, implementation workshops and networking activities, along with 16 exciting tours of local model projects around the Chesapeake region on Thursday, Jan. 29, and Sunday, Feb. 1.
✴ Our popular Indoor Parklets and innovative Technology Fair for public engagement and scenario planning tools are back!
✴ The program will feature an interactive, half-day workshop on Thursday morning (Jan. 29), focused on the intersection of critical equity, environmental justices and smart growth issues.
✴ A pre-conference workshop exploring smart-growth opportunities through the lens of healthy and equitable food systems, will be offered on Wednesday afternoon (Jan. 28).
✴ The agenda will be infused with several sessions and case studies that focus on equity and environmental justice issues.

Conference Location
Conference sessions and hotel accommodations will be at the Hilton Baltimore Hotel near Camden Yards in Baltimore’s Inner Harbor. The group rate until January 5, 2015, is $119 single/double occupancy. Call (800) 445-8667 to make a reservation and indicate you are attending the New Partners Conference.

Online registration starts October 6
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