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■ Smart Growth in Charm City
The 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.

Over the last 20 years, Baltimore has used a wealth of smart-growth and sustainability tools and policies to transform itself from primarily a major port and manufacturing center, into a multi-industry economy that promotes a built environment that is vibrant, walkable and livable.

New Partners 2015 is an ideal gathering place for leaders from across the country to share and learn about successes for implementing smart-growth principles and techniques in tackling many of the most crucial social, health, economic and development priorities in our communities.

■ An Action-Packed Event
The conference will kick off on Thursday, Jan. 29, and continue through Saturday, Jan. 31, afternoon. 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. Learn from hundreds of speakers who cross disciplines to share insights, best practices, and valuable tools and strategies for making smart growth a success in your community. The program will also be infused with sessions and case studies addressing equity and environmental justice issues.

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

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Conference registration opens in early October