



9th Annual New Partners for Smart Growth: Building Safe, Healthy and Livable Communities

February 4-6, 2010

Seattle, Washington

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About the Event

February 4-6, 2010 ■ Seattle, Washington

Smart Growth Arrives in the Emerald City

Named one of the top 10 green cities in 2005 by National Geographic's *The Green Guide*, Seattle continues to be a wonderful example of what can be accomplished when neighbors, community nonprofits, businesses and city departments work together to make their city a healthier place to live. Come learn about some of the country's best models for livable towns, cities and streets, and why the region is considered to be an urban lab for a more sustainable North America.

Today, more than ever, we are faced with environmental and economic challenges that will define our generation, shape our future, and test our resilience as cities, regions, states and a nation. Join leaders from across the U.S. as we tackle these challenges head-on and demonstrate solutions to curbing greenhouse gas emissions by reducing our dependence on foreign oil, creating a green economy, expanding transportation and housing options for all Americans, and building safer, healthier and more livable communities.

Join us in the beautiful Pacific Northwest for the latest in smart growth, including the latest research, cutting-edge implementation tools and techniques, best practices, model projects, policies and codes, and new partners. Most importantly, this dynamic event offers you the opportunity to network and coordinate with your peers as well as practitioners from many different disciplines.

Who Will Benefit

A significant factor in this event's tremendous success is its appeal to so many different disciplines. The conference will draw an audience of local elected officials, city and county staff, planners, transportation professionals and traffic engineers, public health professionals, social equity and environmental justice advocates, landscape architects, developers and builders, realtors, urban designers, architects, parks and recreation professionals, school superintendents, school board members and facilities staff, environmentalists, crime prevention professionals, advocates for older adults and youth, bicycle and pedestrian advocates, advocates for affordable housing, labor representatives, bankers and others.

Smart Growth in Small Towns Tour

■ Pre-Conference Tour • February 1-3

Join walkability expert Dan Burden for an action-packed 2-1/2 day tour of small towns in the Pacific Northwest by motor coach, bicycle, walking and ferry. The tour starts at noon on Monday from SeaTac Airport and ends at the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Seattle Wednesday night.

The Pacific Northwest has been a leader in the smart growth and healthy communities movements. Small towns are often flexible enough to bring about change faster than large metropolitan areas. The tour will visit over 10 neighborhoods, towns and small cities to explore key issues facing many communities, including downtown revitalization, infill housing, green development and transformation of suburban bedroom communities to complete towns and cities.

For more information and a tour flyer, visit www.NewPartners.org.

Conference Sponsors

We would like to thank our many funders and the more than 100 co-sponsoring organizations that have helped shape and promote this event.

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Conference Agenda



The three-day program includes 95 sessions and over 300 speakers. Below are just some of the plenaries, workshops, breakouts and trainings you will find on the program.

The complete list of sessions and a current list of invited speakers can be found online, including the date and time for each session.

Conference Sessions

■ Thursday Plenary

New *Federal* Partners for Smart Growth: Leadership to Create Sustainable Communities across America

■ Friday Plenaries

Smart Growth at the Intersection of Environmental Justice and Green Jobs

The State of Smart Growth in a Climate of Economic Uncertainty

■ Saturday Plenaries

Cutting Greenhouse Gases: Getting There with Smart Growth and Green Building

Closing Plenary: Sustainable Partnerships

■ Workshop, Breakout and Training Session Topics include:

Newest Research on Built Environment and Health

Talking about Race and Smart Growth

Value Capture — Innovations in Transportation Finance

Envisioning and Implementing Smart Growth in Small Towns and Rural Communities

Rural Public Policy: Updates and Opportunities for Smart Growth Communities

Models for Adapting to Climate Change Impacts in Cities

Bringing an Equity Focus to Smart Growth by Engaging Marginalized Populations

Innovations in Healthy Food Planning Practice

Strange Bedfellows: Building Smart Growth Partnerships among Diverse Groups

Wheel Urbanism: Bicycling's Innovative New Contributions to Smart Growth

Corridor Development Initiative: Who Says Smart Growth Can't Be Fun?

Market Acceptance of Smart Growth: Housing Premiums in Smart Growth Communities

Integrating Green Infrastructure into the City

Implementing State Climate Action Plans

Post-Disaster Planning for Recovery and Resilience

What's the Next Frontier for Stormwater Management?

A New Lease on Life: Transforming Surplus Schools into Thriving Community Centers

Beyond Design: How to Plan for Infrastructure to Support Smart Growth

Beyond Clean Cars and Fuels: Transportation and Land-Use Planning in a Carbon-Constrained World

Carrying Out Smart Growth Projects in the Current Economic Climate: Opportunities in Adversity

Community Energy and Climate Action Planning

Walkability as the Policy Foundation for Health, Environment and Community-Building Goals

Making Form-Based Codes the Rule, Not the Exception

Retrofitting the Suburban Landscape

The Complete Guide to Complete Streets

The Dollars and Sense of Sustainable Zoning Codes

Green Preservation of Affordable Rental Housing

The Role of Technology and Visualization in Collaborative Decision Making

Envisioning and Creating Sustainable Metropolitan Regions

Take Action: Building Political Will to Reduce Childhood Obesity

Prioritizing Green Space: Land Use Strategies for Cities

Safe Routes to School: Early Outcomes and Future Benefits

Navigating the VMT Curve: Emerging Travel Trends and Implications for Public Policy

Conference Special Features

■ WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Working Together for Equitable Development: Voices and Lessons from Environmental Justice and Smart Growth

The smart growth movement has often been criticized for not meeting the needs of disadvantaged communities. This day-long workshop will bring together leaders from the smart growth, environmental justice and equitable development movements to assess this critique and identify opportunities for these three movements to work together more effectively. Hear from community and national leaders as they discuss their experiences and seek to improve the understanding of why integrating these efforts is critical and necessary to right past wrongs; revitalize America's disadvantaged communities; grow the economy; and create healthy and sustainable urban, suburban, rural and tribal communities. Pre-registration is required.

■ THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

FTA-Sponsored Lunch — Regional Planning for Sustainable and Livable Communities: Opportunities to Support Smart Growth and TOD

The interagency partnership among DOT, HUD and EPA to coordinate federal transportation, housing and environmental quality identified principles and opportunities to help American families gain better access to affordable housing, more transportation options and lower transportation costs. This session features facilitated discussion among practitioners on strategies for advancing livability and sustainability within a regional planning context. The session includes a complimentary box lunch for the first 50 people who attend.

For more details on the program and tours or to register, visit www.NewPartners.org



Optional Tours of Local Model Projects

All tours carry a small fee to cover transportation costs and refreshments. Visit the conference web site for tour details and fees. Space on each tour is limited, and pre-registration is required.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4 MORNING TOURS

- Tour 1 – Seattle: Beauty and the Beast of Environmental Justice
- Tour 2 – Small Places Provide Big Answers in Smart Growth
- Tour 3 – Redmond: A Tale of Two Centers
- Tour 4 – Farming for Smart Growth
- Tour 5 – South Lake Union – Integrating Sustainable Transportation, Life Sciences and Housing in Seattle’s Newest Neighborhood
- Tour 6 – Ride the Rail: Exploring Seattle’s Most Diverse Neighborhoods

AFTERNOON TOURS

- Tour 7 – Multimodal and Mixed Use for a Sustainable Future
- Tour 8 – How Seattle Celebrates Rain: A Walking Tour of Two Smart Growth Communities Built around the Creative Treatment of Seattle’s Famous Weather Condition
- Tour 9 – Evolving 1950’s Suburbs to the 21st Century
- Tour 10 – Growing Smart: Downtown Bellevue and the Bel-Red Corridor
- Tour 11 – Healthy Parks Building Healthy Communities

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7 MORNING TOURS

- Tour 12 – Emerging Town Centers: Density, Diversity and the Devil Is in the Details
- Tour 13 – Downtown Seattle Walk Audit with Walkability Guru Dan Burden
- Tour 14 – The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

■ CONFERENCE FEES AND REGISTRATION

To register, please visit the online registration system on our conference web site – www.NewPartners.org. You can also download the registration form and mail it in.

Registration fees cover all materials and sessions (except where noted) and several conference meals. The registration deadline is January 15, 2010. All registrations received after this date will be subject to a \$50 late fee. All walk-in registrations will be subject to an additional \$35 walk-in fee. For a complete list of conference meals included in the registration fee, visit the conference web site.

■ GROUP RATES

A \$20 discount off the registration fee will be offered to groups sending five or more participants. The discount applies only to the public/nonprofit and private-sector “full conference rates.” Visit the web site for more details.

■ SCHOLARSHIPS

A limited number of need-based scholarships to cover registration fees will be given to participants who would not otherwise be able to attend. Priority will be given to individuals representing small nonprofits, community-based and grassroots organizations, and local governments.



■ LOCATION AND ACCOMMODATIONS

The 9th Annual New Partners for Smart Growth conference will be held February 4–6, 2010, at the Washington State Convention and Trade Center in downtown Seattle. The Sheraton Seattle Hotel is the headquarters hotel for the conference, and is offering a special group rate of \$159 single/double occupancy. Make your reservations by calling (888) 627-7056, and indicate you are attending the New Partners Conference.

■ FREE TRANSIT PASSES FOR CONFERENCE ATTENDEES

Sound Transit is sponsoring FREE transit passes for all conference participants, over the dates of the New Partners for Smart Growth Conference! The passes will be distributed prior to the conference and can be used on both Sounder Light Rail and ST Express Bus Service. Visit the conference web site for more information on transportation options throughout the region.

■ REDUCE YOUR CARBON IMPACT – OFFSET YOUR TRAVEL!

Help us reduce the carbon footprint of this event by purchasing carbon offsets for your travel to and from the conference. When registering online, select the voluntary contribution of \$11 as part of your registration to offset the carbon you generate to participate.

■ ACCREDITATION

The LGC is currently pursuing the availability of accreditation for AICP Planners. Visit the conference web site for more details.

■ Full Conference Rates (all 3 days)

- \$309 Public/nonprofit
- \$359 Private-sector
- \$289 LGC member public/nonprofit
- \$339 LGC member private-sector
- \$289 Group public/nonprofit
- \$339 Group private-sector
- \$219 College student

■ Daily Registration Fees

- \$199 Thursday, Friday or Saturday only (does not include optional tours)

■ Registration deadline: January 15