

# New Partners for Smart Growth

Practical Tools & Innovative Strategies for Creating Great Communities

February 11-13, 2016

15TH ANNUAL

## A Mecca for Smart Growth

The New Partners Conference is heading back to the West Coast – Portland – after stops in America’s Heartland, the Rockies and the Chesapeake Bay over the past three years.

The nation’s largest smart growth and sustainability event, the theme for New Partners 2016 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.

Portland is internationally recognized as one of the most walkable, bikeable and transit-friendly “green” cities in the world. The starting point of countless model innovations in smart growth, sustainability and public engagement, the Portland region is also an environmental wonderland – even if it rains a lot! – and has one of the nation’s best urban parks and trails systems.

Dubbed “Silicon Forest” for its high concentration of tech companies, Portland has maintained a diversified “desks and docks” economy with active heavy-manufacturing and port-related shipping industries. It is both a mecca for young people and one of the best places for baby boomers to retire.

The 15th annual national conference will explore practical strategies for identifying and overcoming barriers to more sustainable development in the Portland region and the rest of the nation.

New Partners 2016 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.

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*“There is no other conference that brings together such a cross-section of disciplines. The information gained on smart growth strategies, equitable development and sustainability was invaluable.”*

– Richard Dolesh, Vice President for Conservation and Parks,  
National Recreation and Park Association



The Local Government Commission is committed to local community revitalization through innovative approaches to environmental sustainability, economic prosperity and social equity.



## February 11-13, 2016 Portland

### Hilton Portland & Executive Tower

A national, multi-disciplinary smart growth conference  
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# New Partners for Smart Growth Portland 2016

## 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, crime prevention and the arts; 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.

*“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

*“While others may be jumping the shark, New Partners continues to reinvent and reinvigorate, with cutting-edge practices, and most important, fresh reframing and new ideas.”*

– Anthony Flint, Fellow and Director of Public Affairs, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy

*“New Partners covered it all! Quality of life, environmental impacts, social-equity development, promoting youth leadership, disaster preparedness and even funding opportunities. It was comprehensive and fun!”*

– Sue Frost, Mayor, Citrus Heights, CA



## 2016 Program and Agenda

- ✦ The conference spans three full days from Thursday, February 11, through Saturday afternoon, February 13.
- ✦ The program will include a dynamic mix of over 80 plenary keynotes, implementation sessions, breakouts, workshops and networking opportunities for participants.
- ✦ Pre-conference events will also be offered, along with 14 exciting tours of local model projects around the Portland region on Thursday, Friday and Sunday (Feb. 11-12-14).
- ✦ Our popular Indoor Parklets and innovative Technology Fair for public engagement and scenario planning tools are back!
- ✦ The agenda will be infused with several sessions and case studies that focus on equity and environmental justice issues.
- ✦ 2-Day Pre-Conference Tour (February 9-10): Experience a transformative discovery of walkability, transit-oriented design and vibrant placemaking in the Portland area – with lots of bike-riding this year! Led by place-making experts Dan Burden, Samantha Thomas and Paul Zykofsky.

## Conference Location

Conference sessions and hotel accommodations will be at the Hilton Portland & Executive Tower in downtown Portland. The group rate until January 18, 2016, is \$137 single/double occupancy (plus local taxes). Call (800) 445-8667 to make a reservation and indicate you're attending the New Partners Conference.



Online registration starts in early October

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