

New Partners for Smart Growth

Practical Tools and Innovative Strategies for Creating Great Communities

Gateway to Smart Growth

Blazing trails for innovation and sustainability

Its iconic Gateway Arch honors the 19th-century explorations of Lewis and Clark and America's westward expansion, and today is a beacon for the region's 21st-century innovations in technology and sustainability.

If you haven't been to St. Louis lately, the 2017 New Partners conference will give you a fresh look at what's new. See first-hand why Popular Mechanics called St. Louis the #1 Startup City in America. A new generation of entrepreneurs, scientists and investors have emerged, making the "Gateway to the West" one of the nation's burgeoning technology and innovation hubs.

One of the most bike-friendly communities in the nation, St. Louis' Gateway Bike Plan will provide residents with more than 1,000 miles of bike lanes, shared-use lanes and other bike facilities throughout the region, while its Sustainability Plan provides a strategic framework for a more socially, economically and environmentally sustainable future.

The nation's largest smart growth and sustainability event, the theme for New Partners 2017 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 16th annual national conference will explore practical strategies for identifying and overcoming barriers to more sustainable development in the St. Louis region and the rest of the nation.

New Partners 2017 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.

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.

See next page for details on how to submit a proposal for a 2017 conference session

16TH ANNUAL



February 2-4, 2017
St. Louis, Missouri

Marriott St. Louis Grand Hotel

A national, multi-disciplinary smart growth conference
presented by the Local Government Commission

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Early Conference Sponsors Include:

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We Want You!

CALL FOR SESSION PROPOSALS

Deadline: Thursday, June 30

@ NewPartners.org/call-for-session-proposals

NEW THIS YEAR: You can save your proposal and can also collaborate with others to create a complete proposal.

The 2017 conference program will feature more than 300 speakers on multidisciplinary, diverse panels that actively engage participants, and cover 14 thematic categories – with particular emphasis on sessions that feature leading-edge, innovative implementation tools and strategies.

Conference Tracks

- Communications, Messaging and Public Engagement
- Climate Change, Community Resiliency and Energy Independence
- Equitable Development and Environmental Justice
- Financing, Real Estate and Development
- Public Health
- Implementing Smart Growth
- Land Preservation
- The New Economy, Market Trends and Demographics
- Partnerships for Success
- Planning Tools and Technologies
- Redevelopment, Infill and Retrofits
- Small Cities and Rural Areas
- Transportation, TOD and Streets
- Water and Coastal Areas

Notifications about proposal selections will be made in mid-September.



2017 Program and Agenda

- ✦ The conference spans three full days from Thursday, February 2, through Saturday afternoon, February 4.
- ✦ 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 several exciting tours of local model projects around the St. Louis region on Thursday, Friday and Sunday (Feb. 2-3-5).
- ✦ Our popular Indoor Parklets and innovative Technology Fair for public engagement and scenario planning tools are back!
- ✦ The program will be infused with several sessions and case studies that focus on equity and environmental justice issues.

Conference Location and Accommodations

Conference sessions and hotel accommodations will be at the Marriott St. Louis Grand Hotel in downtown St. Louis. The group rate until January 9, 2017, is \$125 single/double occupancy (plus local taxes). Call (800) 228-9290 to make a reservation and indicate you're attending the New Partners Conference.

Online registration starts in October at

NewPartners.org

For More Information

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