CNU 26. Savannah

The 26th Annual Congress for the New Urbanism | May 16-19, 2018
The annual Congress for the New Urbanism, now in its twenty-sixth year, is the premiere national event on building better places. Each year, nearly 1,500 attendees convene to hear from speakers, participate in workshops, collaborate on projects, and learn new strategies from leaders in dozens of fields.

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CORE SESSIONS
Core sessions are in-depth primers on the history, principles, tools, and concepts of New Urbanism geared toward first-time Congress attendees or attendees who’d like to know the basics of a specific subject area. These one-hour sessions provide Congress participants with the opportunity to hear from founding members and experts on New Urbanism. Core sessions are presented as a daylong series of lectures and are open to any and all Congress participants.

202 WORKSHOPS
202 Workshops are advanced learning courses led by thought leaders and innovative practitioners. These sessions include high-level instruction that goes beyond that of a typical breakout session. 202 Workshops are longer—typically lasting three to four hours—and more in-depth; they’re geared toward professionals who already know the basics. These courses are much more personal than breakout sessions and are hands-on and interactive. All 202 Workshops incur an additional fee.

PLENARY SESSIONS
Plenary sessions bring the entire Congress together for a shared experience. They feature innovative and expert practitioners detailing the latest advances in urbanism.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS
Breakout sessions are concurrent sessions that take place throughout the Congress, organized around several tracks or themes. Breakout sessions make up the heart of Congress programming. Breakout offerings include sessions for first-time attendees and seasoned New Urbanists alike, allowing you to create an agenda that suits you.

OPEN INNOVATION (OI)
In Open Innovation (OI), attendees present a series of seven-minute presentations clustered around loosely related topics. OI showcases the cutting-edge work of members and attendees covering a variety of topics from brand-new theories of urbanism still in the formation stage to completed projects available for critique.

FORUMS
CNU Forums are typically three-hour, deep-dive sessions that feature multiple speakers and perspectives on some of the most challenging urban issues of the day.

SAVANNAH DAY
Whether Savannah is new to you or very familiar, Savannah Day will captivate you with a series of programs on Savannah’s past, present, and future. The sessions will explore what Savannah is famous for - the Oglethorpe and Savannah Plans, and its rich architectural tableaux. But Savannah is much more than that—it’s a living, breathing, and very modern city. It’s a city that struggles with balancing its historic nature with contemporary needs, and it’s a city that continues to struggle with poverty and social divisions. Prepare to dig deep—Savannah Day will give you a picture of the beautiful and the underbelly.

SAVANNAH AS PLATFORM
Led by local experts, Savannah As Platform sessions illuminate the results of the Legacy Charrettes, co-sponsored in March 2018 by CNU, the Cities of Savannah and Brunswick, the Georgia Conservancy, and expert design teams drawn from the CNU membership. The Savannah As Platform program will take place on Saturday and will culminate with a talk by Stefanos Polyzoides on the lessons we can learn from Savannah.

ART ROOM
The CNU Art Room features up-close or hands-on workshops to help you hone your skills. Are you interested in learning design, sketching, illustration, photography, and other techniques from New Urbanism’s leading practitioners? Here’s your chance! Participants of all skill levels are welcome—no prior illustration or design experience is needed.

MEMBER-LED
Led by CNU members, these typically 1-hour working meetings and discussions are meant to move an initiative, idea, or conversation forward. They are an excellent opportunity to get involved in shaping the work of the New Urbanism movement.

A **ICON INDICATES A PUBLIC EVENT**
THE AMERICAN CONSERVATIVE
theamericanconservative.com/urbs

Through a magazine series and regular online feature, “New Urbs,” The American Conservative promotes the importance of traditional neighborhood design in sustaining strong communities.

DOVER, KOHL & PARTNERS
doverkohl.com

The Dover, Kohl & Partners town planning team is focused on revitalizing traditional towns, building great new places, growing neighborhoods, and fixing sprawl — by design. We create visions that guide the future of neighborhoods, cities, and regions. Our revitalization plans, new community designs, corridor plans, and regulatory tools nurture valuable places where people want to be.

GIBBS PLANNING GROUP
gibbsplanning.com

GPG is considered one of the foremost urban retail planning consultancies in America. For three decades, GPG has offered expertise in commercial development, market research and town planning to highly regarded clients including Alexandria, Charleston, Houston, Madison, Portland, Rosemary Beach, Seaside, Simon Property Group, Steiner Associates, Taubman Centers, and the Walt Disney Company. We advocate for the revitalization of downtowns and the development of mixed-use town centers which satisfy the community’s needs and desires, while achieving economic sustainability for the private sector.

GRIDICS
gridics.com

Gridics is working to develop simple tools that solve complex problems to drive smarter real estate decisions. Gridics software applications combine numerous real estate and GIS data layers with its proprietary modeling to simplify complex real estate development and acquisition decisions, saving customers weeks of work and thousands of dollars.

LANDUSEUSA
landuseusa.com

LandUseUSA is a modern approach to Target Market Analysis, focused on migrating household preferences for missing housing and shopping choices in urban places.

Market Research & Analysis | Land Use Economics | Highest and Best Use Studies | Supply-Demand & Gap Modeling | Downtown Market Strategies | Location Intelligence | Revenue Forecasts | Sharon Woods, CRE – certified Counselor of Real Estate

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parasoleil.com

Parasoleil designs and manufactures an exceptional line of laser-cut architectural metal panels with unique patterns that offer a profoundly artistic aesthetic to any space. Engineered to withstand the elements and manufactured in the United States, these decorative panels provide a functional and durable design that is warranted to last. Parasoleil’s project guidance, proprietary hardware and installation system, production dependability, and beautiful powder coats ensure your project’s vision comes to life in a memorable and lasting way.

TOWN PLANNING & URBAN DESIGN COLLABORATIVE (TPUDC)
tpudc.com

Town Planning & Urban Design Collaborative LLC. is a national multi-disciplinary consultancy that works with private developers, municipalities, non-profits and universities. TPUDC specializes in urban design, form-based codes, public outreach and engagement processes, and comprehensive and regional planning. We work on projects that emphasize the creation and strengthening of walkable, compact, mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly environments and memorable places that withstand the test of time.

URBANFOOTPRINT
urbanfootprint.com

UrbanFootprint is a cloud-based software built to help planners, architects, advocates, and analysts design more sustainable, resilient places. With an extensive, built-in data library, advanced scenario planning capabilities, and real-time analytics, planners can save time and resources to focus on what truly matters – designing healthy and thriving communities.”

VINYL SIDING INSTITUTE (VSI)
vinylsiding.org

VSI is the trade association for manufacturers of vinyl and other polymeric siding and suppliers to the industry. As industry advocates, VSI furthers the development and growth of the vinyl and polymeric siding industry by helping to develop material, product, and performance standards in cooperation with standards-making organizations and code bodies.
Congress Venues

1 THE DESOTO
15 East Liberty Street
Bus/Trolley Tours meet in Valet Parking on Liberty Street. Walking/Biking Tours meet in Madison Square. Please refer to the map on page 2 for room locations.

2 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – COUNCIL 631
3 West Liberty Street

3 CHRIST CHURCH
28 Bull Street at Johnson Square

4 CONGREGATION MICKVE ISRAEL
20 East Gordon Street at Monterey Square
The Social Hall is on the main floor, entered via the Atrium on Wayne Street, located between Bull Street and Drayton Street.

5 JOHNSON SQUARE
2 E Bryan Street

8 CHIPPEWA SQUARE
Bull Street, Between Hull Street and Perry Street

9 THE HISTORIC SAVANNAH THEATRE
222 Bull Street at Chippewa Square

10 THE JOHNNY MERCER THEATRE AT THE SAVANNAH CIVIC CENTER
301 West Oglethorpe Avenue
The Savannah Civic Center is located at the corner of Liberty and Montgomery Streets. To access the Johnny Mercer Theatre, enter the Civic Center from the East Porch facing Barnard Street and Orleans Square.
★ No parking available. Please use the nearby City Lots and Garages.

11 JEPSON CENTER FOR THE ARTS
201 West York Street
Take the Cay Grand Staircase from the Eckburg Atrium to the second floor and the Neises Auditorium.

12 TELFAIR SQUARE
121 Barnard Street

13 SERVICE BREWING CO.
574 Indian Street
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**CNU Form-Based Code Bootcamp**

**Project for Public Spaces – Placemaking and New Urbanism: Complementary Approaches & Tools**

**Plenary: Downtown Savannah 2033**

**Welcome Reception in Johnson Square**

**Exhibitors Reception**

**Orientation Breakfast**

**Making the Business Case for New Urbanism**

**202 / Workshop: Principles for Urban Retail Planning and Development**

**Local Government Breakfast**

**Scaling Up Tactical Urbanism**

**Lunch**

**VR and the Future of Urban Design**

**Absolution**

**O1: Why Are We So Afraid of the Flesh?**

**Strong Towns Podcast**

**Plenary: Just Sustainabilities in Policy, Planning and Practice with Julian Agyeman at the Johnny Mercer Theater in the Savannah Civic Center**

**Bar Crawl**
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- **Repositioning Small Towns as Complete Communities**
- **Ol: Walk the Walk if You Are Going to Talk the Talk**
- **From Rust Belt to Ruby Choker: Turning Loss into Gain**
- **View from De-Basement: New Urbanism’s Architecture**
- **Lunch (Concurrent with Member-Led Sessions)**
- **Member-Led: Advancing and Empowering CNU’s Chapters**
- **Ol: The Urban Reset Now that the Great Sprawl Experiment has Finally Come to an End**
- **Member-Led: Religion in the Public Squares**
- **Complete Streets and New Urbanism: Can We Converge Once and For All?**
- **New Urban Research: Realizing Safe, Resilient, and Equitable Cities**
- **Progressive Transportation: A Tool for Small Town Transition?**
- **Ol: The Nexus of the Faith-based and New Urbanism**
- **Affordability: The Intersection of Everything, Part 1**
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### NEW URBAN GUILD

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### SAVANNAH DAY

Join us from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Thursday and 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Saturday at varied locations for sessions focused on the promise and challenges of historic and modern-day Savannah.

### CNU URBANISTAS

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In the spirit of amplifying the voices of women to make cities better for everyone, there will be happenings occurring each day that serve as opportunities to meet, think, collaborate, empower, and support one another.

The dates and times for the meetings, events, and activities can be found at facebook.com/groups/CNUUrbanists or on Twitter at #CNUUrbanistas.

### POP-UP PUBLIC SPACE

W Projects and The Revival Society will be collaborating to transform a section of the Savannah Civic Center parking lot into an interactive and engaging communal space. Utilizing the themes of tactical urbanism, this pop-up park is intended for both the attendees of the CNU conference as well as, the general public of Savannah to gather, meet, and mingle within a temporary installation.
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May 12-16

**CITYBUILDING EXPRESS**

Saturday, May 12, 9:00 AM - Wednesday, May 16, 8:45 AM

The CityBuilding Exchange is taking learning on the road May 12-16, 2018 with its first CityBuilding Express (CBX) (formerly known as the Magical Mystery Tour), an intensive tour of over 20 innovative neighborhoods/developments that highlight CityBuilding best practices and how to implement them (with the assistance of local experts and leading practitioners).

The CBX will start at the Mississippi River and end on the Atlantic Coast. Specifically, it will begin in Memphis, and speed its way to CNU 26 in Savannah with stops in Huntsville, Chattanooga, Atlanta, Greenville, Charleston, and Beaufort.

After visiting each site, the participants will discuss and identify the lessons to learn from each place. This is the perfect learning environment for community leaders wanting to enhance their knowledge in a compressed amount of time.

Tuesday Morning

**CNU FORM-BASED CODE BOOTCAMP**

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM / Harborview, DeSoto Hotel

Form-based codes are being drafted regionally and nationwide at a steady clip, with the question remaining of how to achieve the greatest implementation success. Some results are off the charts, and others are almost as if nothing happened. This bootcamp will have you roll up your sleeves and do some heavy lifting to dig into those details.

The session is a series of short talks followed by working sessions, closing the day with a round table discussion on the issues you’re facing locally. The bootcamp should toughen up your muscle needed to legalize the traditional American neighborhood, using form-based code to foster greater economic, environmental, and social resilience, and increase options for businesses and residents alike.

Hazel Borys, Managing Principal, PlaceMakers, LLC / Susan Henderson, Principal, PlaceMakers LLC / Joseph Kohl, Co-founder, Dover, Kohl & Partners / Mary E. Madden, Principal, Ferrell Madden

Tuesday Afternoon

**TOUR: BICYCLING BACK TO THE FUTURE**

12:00 - 3:00 PM / Madison Square

In Savannah you can see most parts of the urban transect on one historic street. This tour will proceed from historic Savannah’s colonial center to the outer reaches of the city.

Brent Buice, GA + SC Greenway Coordinator, East Coast Greenway Alliance
TOUR: COASTAL GEORGIA: BURLINGTON, SMALL IS GOOD, TOO
12:00 - 4:30 PM / Valet Area, DeSoto Hotel
This coastal Georgia city has squares and streets that mimic Savannah’s, however, subtle differences in scale and orientation create a much different urban experience. Local leaders are fostering development and embracing the concepts of Complete Streets and infill development. In particular, Brunswick was the site of a recent Legacy Project sponsored by CNU, which brought national and local planning and design experts in to work with residents on the revitalization of the Norwich business corridor. Come see how Brunswick embraces new urbanist principles now and how the city intends to shape itself according to those principles in the future.

Brenda White Daiss, Director of Planning, Development, and Codes, City of Brunswick

PLACEMAKING AND NEW URBANISM: COMPLEMENTARY APPROACHES & TOOLS
1:00 - 6:00 PM / Ossabaw Ballroom, DeSoto Hotel
In this session, participants will get an overview of the Project for Public Spaces Placemaking approach, diving in head first (and hands on) to learn the tools used in creating vibrant places. Participants will learn the basics of a Place Led process, principles of transforming a public space, how to use Placemapping (aka the Power of 10) to look at placemaking at multiple scales, how to develop streets that function as places, not just moving vehicles, and how to implement and manage public spaces with a Lighter, Quicker, Cheaper (LQC) approach. LQC style projects are currently being carried out all over the country and also go by the names of action-planning, guerilla urbanism, pop-up projects, city repair, D.I.Y. Urbanism, and Tactical Urbanism. Weather permitting, participants will use PPS’s Place Game tool to evaluate a public space in downtown Savannah.

Gary Toth, Director, Project for Public Spaces / Elka Gotfryd, Senior Associate, Project for Public Spaces / Laura Torchio, Deputy Director, Transportation Initiatives, Project for Public Spaces

REGISTRATION
4:00 - 7:00 PM / Foyer, DeSoto Hotel
Pick up your badge, bag, and printed program at the Registration Desk in the Foyer of the DeSoto.

Tuesday Evening

PLENARY: DOWNTOWN SAVANNAH 2033
5:30 - 6:30 PM / Cumberland, DeSoto Hotel
In 15 years, Savannah will celebrate the 300th anniversary of its founding by General James Oglethorpe. In order to take advantage of and prepare for this landmark event, a unique, community-led effort has produced a vision for how downtown Savannah can grow and change over the next generation. The plan creates a bold vision to enhance and extend Savannah’s unique network of public space, rethink the greater downtown’s transportation system and accommodate the demand for urban living. A group of community leaders and plan participants will present and discuss the vision, the struggles of growth in a historic community, and what else the Savannah community needs to be considering as it looks toward 2033.

Kevin Klinkenberg, Principal, K2 Urban Design / Eric Brown, Principal, Brown Design Studio / John R. Bennett, Executive Director, Savannah Bicycle Campaign / Dicky Mopper, Principal, Mopper Property Management / Denise Grabowski, Principal, Symbioscity / Kellie Fletcher, Superintendent, Facilities Department, Savannah State University

EXHIBITORS’ RECEPTION
6:30 - 8:00 PM / Madison Ballroom
Join CNU and CNU Savannah for a special Exhibitors’ Reception in the Madison Ballroom.

The Forrest Gump scene where Tom Hanks’ character says “life is like a box of chocolates” was filmed in Savannah.
Wednesday 5/16

All 202 workshops and tours require an additional fee. Please visit the registration desk in the Foyer of the DeSoto Hotel to register.

Morning

REGISTRATION
7:00 AM - 7:00 PM / Foyer, DeSoto Hotel

Pick up your badge, bag, and printed program in the Foyer of the DeSoto at the Registration Desk and interact with exhibitors in the nearby Madison Ballroom.

BREAKFAST
7:00 - 9:00 AM / Madison Ballroom, DeSoto Hotel

Enjoy continental breakfast and visit our exhibitors.

ORIENTATION BREAKFAST
7:45 - 9:00 AM / Pulaski, DeSoto Hotel

First-time attendees are invited to participate in this informational breakfast. Leaders of CNU will guide you through Congress events and sessions. Grab your breakfast in the Madison Ballroom, then join us in the Pulaski room.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BREAKFAST
7:45 - 9:00 AM / Ossabaw, DeSoto Hotel

Municipal employees and officials will have the opportunity to meet and connect at this special breakfast just for them, focusing on the ideas and approaches most valuable to local governments from among the Congress offerings.

BOOK PRESENTATION: DAVID DEBS DIXON
8:00 - 9:00 AM / Madison Ballroom Backstage, DeSoto Hotel


TOUR: THE SAVANNAH PLAN
8:00 - 10:00 AM / Madison Square

As the city of Savannah expanded into its common space it adapted the original town plan in ways never anticipated by General Oglethorpe. These variations helped shape architecture and led to remarkable subtlety and hierarchy in the city’s architecture.

David Gobel, Ph.D, Professor of Architectural History, Savannah College of Art and Design / Robin Williams, Ph.D, Chair, Architectural History, Savannah College of Art and Design

TOUR: THE OGLETHORPE PLAN
8:00 - 10:00 AM / Madison Square

Multilayered and connecting the urban core to agricultural areas, the Oglethorpe Plan was intended by its author to both exhibit and foster his utopian ideas of agrarian equality. Participants will learn about Savannah’s historic urban design and the events that shaped the city’s form.

Steve Smith, Curator, Massie Heritage Center

TOUR: BEAUFORT COUNTY: NORTH OF THE BROAD
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM / Valet Area, DeSoto Hotel

This full-day tour will explore Historic Beaufort, Newpoint, Port Royal, and Habersham. A wide range of topics from historic preservation to town design will be discussed.

Leslie Pickel, Habersham Ambassador, Habersham Land Company

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The New Urban Guild is dedicated to promoting the creation of better places through traditional patterns and languages of architecture and urbanism. The New Urban Guild views the pervasiveness of disposable buildings, placeless buildings, forgettable buildings, and unlovable buildings as the natural end-product of any theory of architecture that is not based primarily on human beings.

**MORNING SESSION**

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM / Social Hall, Congregation Mickve Israel

Key tools can make housing and urbanism inherently more affordable. This session begins with particular building and development types, focusing on how-to issues and useful rules of thumb for implementing these types in a sustainable way. Following each brief presentation, a jury will be convened from the audience, similar to early Congresses and Charter Councils. Specific topics include:

- **Inaugural Condition:** The session will look at Inaugural Condition Residences (types that can start inexpensively and grow); Inaugural Condition Workplaces (ephemeral shops, food carts, shop shackes, residence frontage additions); Incremental Urbanism (methods for starting with very light infrastructure); and Starting With Sprawl (when the inaugural condition is subdivisions and strip centers).

- **Residential Types:** The session will examine Detached Multifamily Types (pocket neighborhoods, bungalow courts, cottage courts); Attached Fee Simple (townhouses, mews courts); and Missing Middle Housing (courtyard buildings, duplexes, triplexes, mansion condos).


**AFTERNOON SESSION**

12:00 - 5:00 PM / Social Hall, Congregation Mickve Israel

Mixed-use building types can be both durable and frugal with mindful construction techniques. Session begins with particular building or construction types, focusing on how-to issues and useful rules of thumb for implementing these types in a sustainable way. Following each brief presentation, a jury will be convened from the audience, similar to early Congresses and Charter Councils.

Specific topics include: Mixed-Use Buildings: Live/Work Types (Live Above, Live Behind, Live Beside, Live Within, Work Within, Live Nearby); Dedicated Mixed Use (larger buildings, no fee simple); T5 Public Frontages (Main Street, townhouse streets, commercial side streets).

- **Cold Climate:** sealing & insulating; Warm Climate: tropical SmartDwellings; Durability: masonry and frame, hurricane and inland.

Gary Brewer, Partner, Robert A.M. Stern Architects / Clay Chapman, Founder, Hope for Architecture / Principal, Fairfax & Sammons / Eric Moser, Principal, Moser Design Group / Gate Pratt, Founder, Limehouse Architects
Wednesday Core Sessions

9:00 AM–5:00 PM, Savannah Theatre

**CORE: PRINCIPLES OF NEW URBANISM**
9:00 - 10:15 AM / Savannah Theatre

New Urbanists measure success by aligning practical strategies with the principles most identified with places people love. Andrés Duany, one of the founders of the movement, talks about the components of community, the failure of post-WWII planning to deliver them, and what New Urbanists have learned about restoring relationships between planning, design, and great places.

Andrés Duany, Partner, DPZ CoDESIGN

**CORE: MAIN STREETS & PLACEMAKING**
10:45 AM - 12:00 PM / Savannah Theatre

Downtowns are the hearts of our communities—they are places of economic opportunity, of shared history, and of great potential. Yet even amidst the backdrop of the success many cities are enjoying, downtowns and neighborhood commercial districts in smaller and mid-sized cities often struggle to regain their former vitality. Drawing on examples from across the country, this session examines the 10 fundamentals of creating quality downtowns. (Example: rehabbing those old buildings matters more than you might think.) While lessons learned are applicable to communities of all sizes, this session will focus on the revitalization of downtowns in smaller and mid-sized cities.

Patrice Frey, President & CEO, Main Street America

**CORE: BUILDING ECONOMICALLY RESILIENT COMMUNITIES: A STRONG TOWNS APPROACH**
1:00 - 2:15 PM / Savannah Theatre

Charles Marohn explains how so many American cities have found themselves in decline after decades of “growth.” The problem lies in the current model of development—one that values short-term gains over long-term prosperity. To strengthen our cities and ensure their economic success, we must look to traditional ways of building cities. In this presentation, Marohn will explain how active citizens, local officials and design professionals can change the negative trajectory in their towns and help them to become more resilient—no matter what challenges lie ahead.

Charles Marohn, President, Strong Towns

**CORE: STRATEGIES FOR DESIGNING, FINANCING, AND BUILDING SMALL-SCALE AFFORDABLE INFILL HOUSING**
2:30 - 3:45 PM / Savannah Theatre

More than a half-century of contorting regulatory and finance systems to support large single-family homes in the ‘burbs has made it tough to resupply small-scale housing types (cottage courts, duplexes, quads, etc.) that provided affordable choices before the era of auto dependency. New urbanist practitioners have been exploring strategies to restore “Missing Middle” housing using combinations of “lean,” incremental development techniques. This session, led by Bruce Tolar and R. John Anderson, who are among the pioneers in small-scale infill development, will present case studies linking innovative design, finance, and construction oversight in projects throughout the U.S. Emerging success stories point to the potential for applying similar strategies wherever infill supply/demand gaps are growing.

R. John Anderson, Principal, Tolar|Anderson|Kim Architecture + Urban Design / Bruce B. Tolar, Principal, Tolar|Anderson|Kim Architecture + Urban Design

**CORE: WALKABLE CITY**
4:00 - 5:00 PM / Savannah Theatre

While making more walkable places is a worthy goal in its own right, the concept of walkability may be most useful as a framework for understanding the design decisions, at every scale, that distinguish successful urban places. Join city planner and best-selling author Jeff Speck for a lively discussion of the techniques that new urbanists use to help communities thrive.

A book signing will take place in the Madison Ballroom of the DeSoto Hotel, at 5:30. Pick up your copies of Walkable City at the CNU 26 Bookstore, open Tuesday through Friday, and conveniently located in the Madison Ballroom, as well.

Jeff B. Speck, Principal, Speck & Associates LLC
Morning 202 Workshops

202: THREAT OR SAVIOR: ADJUSTING URBANISM TO AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM / Cumberland, DeSoto Hotel

Connected Autonomous Vehicles will have profound impacts on cities. They offer the potential to improve the safety and efficiency of streets, allowing for more walkable, vibrant places. On their current trajectory, they'll do far more damage to cities than autos did in the 20th century. If you can sleep, meet, and watch cat videos on your commute, why not live three hours away from your job? Why take the bus when you can be whisked door to door alone in a Google pod for the same price? How will your city fund streets as parking, gas tax, and sales tax revenue plummet?

In this workshop, participants will learn the likely unintended consequences of autonomous vehicles and the steps city and state governments must take now to avoid the worst outcomes, and ensure technology is in the service of the public good. Participants will leave with detailed policy and legislative strategy for cities and states, along with design guidance for architects dealing with vehicle transition, including the current effect of Uber/Lyft on curb management, and curb and parking design.

Corey Ershow, Transportation Policy Manager, Lyft / Eric Ganther, Principal, Nelson \Nygaard / Rahul Kumar, Vice President of Growth, TransLoc / Nico Larco, Associate Professor of Architecture, University of Oregon / Lily Shoup, Principal, Nelson \Nygaard / Gerry Tierney, Associate Principal, Perkins+Will / Jeffrey Tumlin, Principal, Nelson \Nygaard Consulting Associates

202: APPLYING RESILIENCE SOLUTIONS
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM / Sapelo, DeSoto Hotel

This intensive learning workshop will offer participants the opportunity to learn about resilient design solutions available to regions, cities, and towns. The audience will break into groups and collaborate on where solutions (provided and developed) would be best applied, using aerial imagery showing the natural and built environments of three cities of different size and with different risk factors: New York City, NY; Savannah, GA; and Wharton, TX.

Our CNU 25 Seattle Open Innovation Session, ‘Sustainability & Resilience,’ pointed to the importance of knowing how and where approaches to resilience and recovery can be shared. This session will show how cities with similar geographies and hazard types can benefit from connecting to share best practices of resilience activities. This type of cross-jurisdiction coordination will be particularly helpful to small jurisdictions with limited funding and capacity.

As we articulate where resilience fits in the lexicon for The New Urbanism, collaboration in workshop settings is essential to organizing our approach. This will empower our members to better engage an extensive community of practice related to emergency planning, response, and recovery. By leveraging our capacity to share and develop solutions, we can determine where known and innovative approaches best fit in our communities.

Laura Clemons, Founder & CEO, Collaborative Communities / David Savarese, Sustainability and Resilience Manager, Jacobs / Marc Wouters, Partner, Marc Wouters Studio

202: FRONTAGES, FRANKLY: HOW TO WRITE A CHARACTER-BASED CODE
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM / Chippewa Square

In places with rich historic character, the most crucial zoning element to get right is where the building meets the street: the frontage. In this intensive half-day session, we will use a “codes on the road” approach to writing a form-based code as we walk, sit, and sip our way through some of Savannah’s iconic streets and squares. Bring your sketchbook and walking shoes—all ranges of drawing skill welcome. We will begin the morning on the bench on the north side of Chippewa Square, and conclude in front of E. Shaver Bookseller in Madison Square. Clipboards will be stocked with inspiration from other place-based codes, along with illustrations of common frontage types that you may want to take home to your town, and graph paper for sketching out your own as the day progresses.

The 202 offers short talks from five instructors, who will then lead small groups on different routes to make an in-depth analysis of Savannah’s frontages. Participants will take home possible zoning approaches to use in their own hometowns, along with capacity analysis of political will and administrative ability, to get local tools in line with local aptitude, and to move toward walkability.

(Participants can also join us for breakfast before this 202 at Collins Quarter on the NW corner of Oglethorpe and Bull for preliminary discussion over dutch breakfast.)

Hazel Borys, Managing Principal, PlaceMakers LLC / Susan Henderson, Principal, PlaceMakers LLC / Jennifer Hurley, Principal, Hurley-Franks & Associates / Marina Khoury, Partner, DPZ CoDESIGN / Matthew Lambert, Partner, DPZ CoDESIGN
Afternoon 202 Workshops

1 PM - All 202 workshops require an additional fee. Please visit the registration desk in the Foyer of the DeSoto Hotel to register.

202: USING URBAN DESIGN PATTERNS TO INSPIRE CHANGE IN THOMAS SQUARE
1:00 - 4:00 PM / Bull Street Library

Can urban design patterns inspire small groups of people to transform their neighborhoods into the models of well-being, equity, and sustainability envisioned in the CNU Charter and Canons? Despite having long ago mastered the physical design of neighborhoods, the New Urbanism movement lacks both theory and practice on how neighborhoods can self-govern. We can leverage the efforts of citizen volunteers working to better their neighborhoods to also tackle vexing national challenges such as sprawl and segregation by income and race. This workshop has three parts: (1) an introduction to the Thomas Square neighborhood, (2) an introduction to select forward-thinking urban design patterns and change accelerants described in Sustainable Nation, and (3) a walk-around Thomas Square pairing 202 participants with community residents to perform a pattern audit (aka “scavenger hunt”) to identify and apply relevant patterns to inspire the community’s transformation into a microcosm of a just, beautiful, and sustainable future.

Note: Participants have the option to depart from the DeSoto Hotel, on foot at 12:30pm, with one of the 202 leaders, or to meet in the Auditorium at the Bull Street Library at 1:00pm. Transportation back to the DeSoto Hotel will not be provided. Dress for heat. Ticket price includes a copy of Sustainable Nation: Urban Design Patterns for the Future, by Doug Farr. Pick up your copy of the book at the CNU 26 Bookstore, open Tuesday through Friday, and conveniently located in the Madison Ballroom of the DeSoto Hotel BEFORE attending the Workshop.


202: PRINCIPLES FOR URBAN RETAIL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
1:00 - 4:00 PM / Ossabaw Ballroom, DeSoto Hotel

This fast-paced program will demonstrate how the proven principles of retail development can be combined with the best practices of the New Urbanism to create competitive mixed-use urban town centers, suburban retrofits, and historic downtowns. Ideal for developers, planners, retailers, architects, and public officials, the session will focus on shopping center typologies, parking, streets, building design, signage, and streetscape. The impacts of consumer psychographics, online shopping, and techniques for creating place-based brands—including Tactical Urbanism—will also be presented. The instructors will illustrate the nuts and bolts of how to program, plan, and design sustainable retail in downtowns, under-performing shopping centers and new ground-up developments. Topics covered include market research, branding, national retailer criteria, and site selection principles. Participants will learn about store planning, signage, tenant mix, merchandising plans, leasing, and anchors. Also reviewed is the synergy between residential, office, civic, and governmental land uses and retailer performance. Participants will discuss how to attract leading retailers into historic downtowns and older shopping centers. This session is based on the popular Gibbs-Shook Harvard GSD Urban Retail class and Robert Gibbs’s book: Principles for Urban Retail Planning and Development

Robert Gibbs, President, Gibbs Planning Group / Terry Shook, FAIA, Founding Partner and Principal, Shook Kelley, Inc.
202: FOSTERING AUTHENTICITY: NEW TACTICS FOR MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT
1:00 - 4:00 PM / Sapelo, DeSoto Hotel

Does your downtown have an empty parking lot that needs infill development? Does your town need a small and unique hotel? What can you do about that failing shopping mall? From City Market to Broughton Street, this session will explore the hard lessons learned and tactics used in creating great places. This session will bring together key team members who helped implement several of the New Urbanist movement’s most unique projects to share stories about how empty historic buildings were given new life as hotels and apartments, how long-forgotten vacant lots and parking fields were infilled with stunning new development, and how commercial centers of all shapes and contexts were re-imagined with new life and vibrancy. The goal of this 202 is to create an expanded shared knowledge base for CNU’s small-scale developers and builders to use.

Russell S. Preston, Design Director, Principle / Francis X. Scire, Jr., Vice President, Leasing UpMarkets / Kennley Montrose Selby, Director of Design, South Main / Jed Selby, President & Co-founder, South Main / Jonathan Minkoff, Founding Partner & CFO, ASH NYC / Kara Wilbur, Director, Portland, Maine Office, Principle

202: WORKSHOP: DESIGN LESSONS OF SAVANNAH’S SQUARES
1:00 - 4:00 PM / Cumberland, DeSoto Hotel

Savannah is known for its public space and human-scale design. This hands-on workshop will teach the fundamentals of designing great public spaces in an urban context. Participants will learn the grammar and vocabulary of Savannah’s squares, then venture into the field to measure these squares and the streets that surround them. Afterward, participants will apply these skills in an exercise where they will redesign one of Savannah’s “lost squares”.

Eric Brown, Principal, Brown Design Studio / James Dougherty, Director of Design, Dover, Kohl & Partners Planning / David Gobel, Ph.D., Professor of Architectural History, Savannah College of Art and Design / Eduardo Castillo, Principal, Castillo Arquitectos / Anthony J. Cissell, Senior Associate, Sottile & Sottile, Architecture Professor, SCAD / Kenneth Garcia, Town Planner, Dover, Kohl & Partners

202: HACKING FEMA: HOW TO HELP CITIES IN THE FIRST 60 DAYS
1:00 - 4:00 PM / Knights of Columbus

Hundreds of cities and counties are catastrophically impacted by natural disasters every year. Planners, architects, and engineers who live and work in these communities often want to help, but don’t know the FEMA Public Assistance programmatic rules that dictate timing, funding, and project eligibility. This 202 session provides an in-depth education for CNU members on how to effectively assist communities within the first 60 days after a disaster, to secure funding that can be used to build back better places.

Tangible takeaways will include an understanding of the three key things that every jurisdiction must know to have a successful recovery and how to support this process regardless of their area of expertise. In addition, a hands-on component will walk attendees through a real jurisdiction’s recovery through the creation of a FEMA Project Worksheet. This process will involve looking at actual damage images, developing a FEMA-compliant Damage Description, Scope of Work, components of the Estimate and a Hazard Mitigation proposal. Lastly, attendees will be challenged with how to address typical FEMA push-back on these Project Worksheet elements.

Laura Clemons, Founder & CEO, Collaborative Communities

Savannah’s First African Baptist Church was the first black church in the country and served as a stop on the Underground Railroad.
Morning Sessions

MAKING THE BUSINESS CASE FOR NEW URBANISM
9:00 - 10:15 AM / Pulaski, DeSoto Hotel

The financial tools used to evaluate the New Urbanist development are not unique to New Urbanism. However, the business model is distinct from conventional development models, and the approach to these projects must take these differences into account. For New Urban development to become the dominant physical form going forward, the financial opportunities need to be firmly understood and clearly articulated. This session presents the business case for New Urbanism at a variety of scales, from a single garage apartment up to a complete neighborhood. Participants will learn how sound financial principles can lead to successful and sustainable urbanism.

This presentation will be valuable to a wide range of participants, from experienced real estate developers to design professionals looking to understand how their clients make decisions to municipal officials.

Frank Starkey, President, People Places LLC / Ward Davis, Co-Founder, High Street Real Estate and Development

A NATIONAL MODEL FOR SOCIAL EQUITY IN REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT
9:00 - 10:15 AM / Harborview, DeSoto Hotel

The luxury market is saturated. With the influx of new capital sources used to build cities, we can find creative ways for organizations and people who are normally left out of transaction paths to participate in the “equity” of real estate projects. Private equity is learning how to work with companies that rarely have access to institutional capital. This session examines ways to make real estate development more equitable and inclusive.

Leiasa Beckham, Principal, Common Ground Urban Development / Gregory Stuppler – Founder & Principal, Sustainable Pte. Ltd. | SURF Companies

TOUR: SECRETS OF PRESERVING A CITY
10:00 - 12:00 PM / Valet Area, DeSoto Hotel

Learn the ins and outs of how Savannah became famous for preserving one of the largest urban historic districts in the country. Daniel Carey, president of Historic Savannah Foundation, will show how HSF’s Revolving Fund and easement program saved nearly 400 buildings and revitalized blighted neighborhoods. The tour includes a PowerPoint presentation and trolley excursion through several Savannah neighborhoods.

Daniel Carey, President and CEO, Historic Savannah Foundation

BREAK
10:15 - 10:45 AM / Madison Ballroom

Grab coffee, tea, and other refreshments.

SCALING UP TACTICAL URBANISM
10:45 AM - 12:00 PM / Pulaski, DeSoto Hotel

We all know about pop-up community events, but what happens when a large municipal government or MPO gets in the Tactical Urbanism game? Hear from representatives from different levels of government who have tried their hand at legitimizing Tactical Urbanism projects. Learn about the specific challenges of implementing Tactical Urbanism from the perspective of local and regional government.

Anthony T. Garcia, Principal, The Street Plans Collaborative / Dana Wall, Project Manager, The Street Plans Collaborative

THE NEW MOBILITY AND THE FUTURE OF OUR STREETS
10:45 AM - 12:00 PM / Harborview, DeSoto Hotel

Ridehailing, on-demand shuttle services, and other private mobility services are providing new alternatives to personal vehicle ownership. But the popularity of these services poses significant challenges for cities. Transportation planners, transit agencies, urban designers, and policymakers alike are wrestling with questions related to parking, curb management, street design, and transit ridership. These questions are further complicated by a potential future of autonomous vehicles, which have the potential to dramatically impact our cities—for better or worse. How do we ensure that these changes don’t bring about a new era of auto-centric design?

Ben Holland, Senior Associate, Rocky Mountain Institute / Gerry Tierney, Associate Principal, Perkins+Will / Corey Ershow, Transportation Policy Manager, Lyft / Lilly Shoup, Principal, Nelson \ Nygaard

LUNCH
12:00 - 1:00 PM

Lunch on your own. Stroll the streets and squares near the DeSoto Hotel, where you can choose from a variety of lunch spots.
TOUR: SAVANNAH URBAN TREE CANOPY
12:00 - 2:00 PM / Madison Square
This tour will cover the history of the famous Live Oaks, Magnolias, and Palmettos that line Savannah’s streets. The presentation will discuss ongoing efforts to preserve and enhance the city’s trees.
Heather Gordon, Savannah Tree Foundation

BOOK PRESENTATION: EMILY TALEN
12:00 - 1:00 PM / Madison Ballroom Backstage
Meet Emily Talen, author of Design for Social Diversity (Routledge Equity, Justice and the Sustainable City series).

Afternoon Sessions
SENIOR HOUSING: ONE SIZE FITS ALL? OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES IN DESIGNING COMMUNITIES FOR ALL POPULATIONS
1:00 - 2:15 PM / Harborview, DeSoto Hotel
A roundtable session will focus on innovative ideas and techniques for designing and implementing communities that accommodate the needs of an aging, yet discerning and consumer-driven, population. AARP’s latest research on Livable Communities for all ages will frame this lively conversation, which will delve into such topics as: How do we meet the needs of aging populations who do not want to act like or be known as ‘seniors’? Is it all about price point? Sociability? Convenience? What products are out there? What metrics can we use to measure successful, healthy communities and guide design? Is there a ‘perfect retirement community’? How can we design communities that are healthy and support the full spectrum of life? Join in for a thoughtful and engaging conversation that will, if we are fortunate, one day affect us all.
Danielle Arigoni, Director of Livable Communities, AARP / Andrés Duany, Principal, DPZ CoDESIGN / Joanna Lombard, Professor, University of Miami School of Architecture / Galina Tachieva, Partner, DPZ CoDESIGN

VR AND THE FUTURE OF URBAN DESIGN
1:00 - 2:15 PM / Pulaski, DeSoto Hotel
Presented by the founders of HAL, a multi-disciplinary studio specializing in virtual reality, real-time 3D visualization, and interactive applications for urban design and architecture, this in-depth discussion will incorporate a high level of discourse on the integration of VR in the placemaking and consensus-making process. As a mind-shifting communication tool, VR will soon revolutionize the urban design world. Come experience the fully immersive, emerging world of VR and its urban design applications.
Gary Hoyt, CEO and Design Director, Hoyt Architects / Dorian Vee, Vice President, HAL

TOUR: INTRODUCTION TO SAVANNAH’S ARCHITECTURE
2:00 - 4:00 PM / Madison Square
Savannah has a world-class mix of architectural styles which have been preserved. Participants will learn about the reasons people used various materials and building techniques, what builders were trying to convey with specific styles, and how all of this fits into the context of Savannah’s urban design.
Beth Reiter, Savannah ArchiTours, and Jonathan Stalcup, Architectural Tours of Savannah

BREAK
2:15 - 2:45 PM / Madison Ballroom
Grab coffee, tea, and other refreshments.

ABSOLUTION
2:45 - 4:00 PM / Pulaski, DeSoto Hotel
Current events in Charlottesville and elsewhere compel all Americans to reevaluate the civic realm through the lens of our beliefs about politics, social systems, and justice. These questions go beyond the Civil War memorials that are the direct subject of the debate, and extend to the nature of history, the connotations of architectural and urban form, and the limits of forgiveness (versus eradication) in architecture and design.
This session extends a conversation initiated by David Rau in 2015 when he presented the notion of “absolution” in architecture at CNU Dallas, on a panel including Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk, Steve Mouzon, and moderator Paddy Steinschneider.
That presentation built on a TEDx Talk presented by David entitled “Reawakening,” which examined the future of the past in architecture. And of all this originated in a post on the TradArch website by David following CNU Buffalo in 2014, entitled “CNU is Burning” which accused the Congress of forsaking its underpinnings of history in the architecture of the New Urban framework.

David Rau, Principal, Hart Howerton / Burt Pinnock, Principal, Baskervill / Ashleigh Walton, Architect, Urban Design Associates / Steve Mouzon, Principal, Mouzon Design

OI: WHY ARE WE SO AFRAID OF THE FLESH?
2:45 - 4:00 PM, Ossabaw, DeSoto Hotel

Demographic and economic shifts—in retail sales due to e-commerce, in business and industry modalities, and in evolving transportation technologies—are matching up with significant changes in where and how people want to live to create new opportunities in small to mid-sized communities struggling with the out-migration of talent and resources. This panel will identify the social movements that can be engaged to energize places with underutilized infrastructure such as urban highway segments, capturing value and generating opportunities for natural affordability, diversity, sustainability, and resilience. This session will include a presentation of the Indianapolis urban interstate revisioning to combat a state project to rebuild and expand an above-grade urban freeway. If built as approved, this urban freeway would be in complete contrast to a New Urbanist vision of a viable future. This case study demonstrates what happens when the people making decisions do not understand the trajectory of the future, supporting the use of resources in ways that will harm historic neighborhoods and urban density.

Dean Gunderson, Urban Designer, City of Spokane / Scott Bernstein, President, Center for Neighborhood Technology / Robert J. “Bob” Gibbs, President, Gibbs Planning Group / Rick Hall, President, Hall Planning & Engineering, Inc. / Kevin Osburn, President & Managing Principal, Rundell Ernstberger Associates / Meg Storrow, co-principal of Storrow Kinsella Associates / John Kinsella, Principal and Co-Founder of Storrow Kinsella Associates

HARNESSING SELF-DRIVING VEHICLES: ACTIONS TO TAKE TODAY FOR BETTER CITIES TOMORROW
2:45 - 4:00 PM / Harborview, DeSoto Hotel

The first self-driving vehicles are already on the street, picking up passengers, carrying freight, and sometimes crashing. As William Gibson said, “The future is already here—it’s just not evenly distributed yet.” The transition from horse and buggy to motorcars reshaped our cities, and the age of autonomous vehicles will as well. Passively waiting to see what automakers deliver is inadequate. Designers, planners, and city leaders need to take action today to harness the remarkable capabilities of self-driving vehicles, and restrain their potential to send us galloping down the road toward further sprawl, pollution, and social inequality. Leaders in transportation planning and the city design will share the specific actions, policies and strategies they are taking now, and how those could be applied to cities from Savannah to São Paulo to Stockholm.

Patrick Siegman, Principal, Siegman Associates / Stephanie Gidigbi, Senior Advisor, Urban Solutions, Natural Resources Defense Council / Alex Engel, Program Manager, National Association of City Transportation Officials

STRONG TOWNS PODCAST
Madison Ballroom Backstage, DeSoto Hotel

Throughout the Congress, Strong Towns will be hosting live podcast recordings with key speakers from CNU 26.Savannah. Stop by any time to see the podcast in action, hosted by Chuck Marohn, and to hear engaging conversations outside the realm of the typical presentation or workshop. At the end of each session, attendees will have the chance to ask their own questions of the speaker. Information on topics and speakers is subject to change.

WHY IS IT SO HARD TO GET THINGS BUILT?
2:30 - 3:45 PM
Guests: John Anderson, Monte Anderson

A CRITICAL LOOK AT THE CNU HOST CITY, SAVANNAH
3:45 - 5:00 PM
Guests: Andres Duany, Kevin Klinkenberg
Evening Sessions

PLENARY: JUST SUSTAINABILITIES IN POLICY, PLANNING, AND PRACTICE
5:30 - 7:00 PM / Johnny Mercer Theatre, Savannah Civic Center

Join us for the official opening of the 26th Annual Congress, featuring a keynote address by urban planning expert and thought leader Julian Agyeman. In his keynote, Agyeman will outline the concept of ‘just sustainabilities,’ arguing for the urgency of integrating social justice with sustainability objectives, to create a more just, rounded, and equity-focused definition of sustainability and sustainable development. Based on his research, Agyeman will offer examples of just sustainabilities in policy, planning, and practice focusing on ideas of ‘complete streets’ and urban design for all; planning for intercultural cities; urban agriculture and food justice; and Sharing Cities as a more relational concept than the largely transactional notion of the sharing economy.

Julian Agyeman, Ph.D., Professor of Urban and Environmental Policy & Planning, Tufts University / Dan Cathy, Chairman, President, and CEO, Chick-fil-A / Andrew Balio, President and founder, The Future Symphony Institute / Elizabeth Plater Zyberk, Partner, DPZ CoDESIGN / David Roper, General Manager and Executive Director, RE Development / Scott Bernstein, Founder and Chief Strategy and innovation Office, Center for Neighborhood Technology / The Honorable Eddie DeLoach, Mayor, City of Savannah / Lynn Richards, President & CEO, CNU / Emily Talen, Ph.D., Professor of Urbanism, University of Chicago

Welcome Reception in Johnson Square
7:15 - 8:30 PM / Johnson Square

Join CNU and CNU Savannah for a special welcome reception in gracious Johnson Square.

Hostess City After Hours: CNU NextGen Bar Crawl
8:30 - 10:00 PM / Meet in Lobby, DeSoto Hotel

Take advantage of this chance to see how Savannah’s unique entertainment districts operate, while tasting some of the city’s finest beverage offerings.

Jason Combs, Founder, 37th Street Town Planning & Urban Design, Inc.

In Memoriam

CNU recognizes the loss of these dedicated, passionate people from the new urbanist community during the past year:

Jacqueline (Jackie) Benson
Hank Dittmar
Dao Minh Doan
Vincent Scully
Thursday 5/17

All tours require an additional fee. Please visit the registration desk in the Foyer of the DeSoto Hotel to register.

Morning

RUNNING WITH URBANISTS
7:00 - 8:00 AM / Foyer, DeSoto Hotel

Bring your running shoes and join your fellow urbanists for a no-drop morning run around Historic Savannah. Don’t worry: you’ll get back in plenty of time for morning sessions. We will form a couple of pace groups if desired, including a slower one and a moderately-paced one, so runners of all speeds and experience are welcome.

John Simmerman, Co-Founder and CEO, Active Towns / Victor Dover, Principal, Dover, Kohl, & Partners

BOOK PRESENTATIONS: JOHN GILDERBLOOM & JULIAN AGYEMAN
8:00 - 9:00 AM / Madison Ballroom Backstage, DeSoto Hotel

Join John Gilderbloom, author of Chromatic Homes: The Joy of Color in Historic Places; and keynote speaker Julian Agyeman, author of many books including Incomplete Streets: Processes, practices, and possibilities; Just Sustenabilities: Policy, Planning and Practice; and Sharing Cities: A Case for Truly Smart and Sustainable Cities, for presentations and book signing.

Pick up your copies of the authors’ work at the CNU 26 Bookstore, open Tuesday through Friday, and conveniently located in the Madison Ballroom of the DeSoto Hotel

REGISTRATION
7:00 AM - 7:00 PM / Foyer, DeSoto Hotel

Pick up your badge, bag, and printed program in the Foyer of the DeSoto at the Registration Desk and interact with exhibitors in the nearby Madison Ballroom.

CNU CHRISTIAN CAUCUS BREAKFAST
7:00 - 9:00 AM / Sapelo, DeSoto Hotel

The CNU Members Christian Caucus—whose purpose is to support CNU by extending the concepts and practices of New Urbanism to the Christian community—is convening for a breakfast meet-up and annual business meeting. Note: Breakfast, meet and greet 7–8 AM, Business meeting 8–9 AM.

To learn more about the CNU-MCC email Chris Elisara at ccspchris@mac.com

TOUR: THE SAVANNAH PLAN
8:00 - 10:00 AM / Madison Square

As the city of Savannah expanded into its open space it adapted the original town plan in ways never anticipated by General Oglethorpe. These variations helped shape architectural design and led to remarkable subtlety and hierarchy in the city’s building stock.

David Gobel, Ph.D, Professor of Architectural History, Savannah College of Art and Design / Robin Williams, Ph.D, Architectural History Department Chair, Savannah College of Art and Design

TOUR: CANAL DISTRICT/ ARENA VISION
8:00 - 10:30 AM, Valet Area, DeSoto Hotel

Join the design team and city officials to learn about plans to transform a drainage canal into a vibrant urban waterfront and new municipal arena.

Peter Shonka, Executive Director, Arena Development, City of Savannah

TOUR: BEAUFORT COUNTY: SOUTH OF THE BROAD
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM / Valet Area, DeSoto Hotel

A half day tour exploring Palmetto Bluff and Old Town Bluffton, South Carolina.

Leslie Pickel, Habersham Ambassador, Habersham Land Company
Savannah Day

9 AM – 5 PM / Savannah Theatre

Savannah Day is a captivating series of programs on Savannah’s past, present, and future. Sessions explore what Savannah is famous for: the Oglethorpe and Savannah Plans, and its rich architectural tableaux. We’ll also examine Savannah’s reality as a living, breathing and very modern city, striving to balance its historic nature with contemporary needs, and struggling with poverty and social divisions. Session participants should prepare to dig deep: Savannah Day offers a picture of the beautiful and the underbelly.

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THE OGLETHORPE & SAVANNAH PLANS AND THEIR LEGACY FOR URBAN DESIGN IN SAVANNAH
9:00 - 10:30 AM

This three-part presentation explores the original regional Oglethorpe Plan for the Savannah area and the expansion and evolution of its urban heart — the Savannah Plan — with its famous wards, squares, and tree-lined boulevards that adapted to changing physical and social conditions to become one of America’s most enduring and beautiful cities.

Thomas D. Wilson, Planner / Paul Knight, Associate, Historical Concepts / Robin Williams Ph.D., Chair, Department of Architectural History, Savannah College of Art and Design

SAVANNAH’S BUILDING TYPES: THE PLAN IS THE GENERATOR
10:45 AM - 12:00 PM

Savannah’s celebrated urban plan imposes unique constraints on people and institutions wishing to build within its boundaries. Its small blocks of building lots, dense but rhythmically varied grid of streets and multiple public squares exact a rigor and discipline on the architectural design of its buildings that has resulted in nuanced versions of standard American building types. This session explores Savannah’s building types including categories such as: Trust Lot Buildings; Row Houses and Carriage houses; Churches and Religious institutions; Governmental institutions; Educational institutions and Commerce, Hospitality & Transportation.

David Gobel, Ph.D., Professor of Architectural History, Savannah College of Art and Design / Eric Brown, Principal, Brown Design Studio
NOT THE USUAL SUSPECTS IN COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION – SAVANNAH’S ONGOING LEGACY

12:00 - 1:15 PM

This panel session will transform your thinking on achieving health, safety, and wellness in the community. It addresses community engagement in policy, systems, and environmental change through the lens of health equity and inclusion.

Paula Kreissler, Green Associate, Director of Healthy Living and Community Development, Healthy Savannah / Betsy Bull, Organizer, Emergent Savannah / Lillian Grant-Baptiste, Celebrant and Cultural Artist; Leadership and Training Coordinator, WorkSource Coastal Department, and Chair of Healthy Savannah’s Faith and Health Coalition / Molly Lieberman, Program Director and Art Teacher of Loop It Up Savannah and Founder of Handmade Neighborhood, LLC.

THE MAKING OF A SUCCESSFUL, 21ST CENTURY DOWNTOWN: RETAIL AND PARKING

1:30 - 2:30 PM

This session will illustrate how Charleston and Savannah have become two of the leading urban shopping districts in the world. The districts’ historic evolution, physical characteristics, commercial ownership, merchandising mix, and city policies will be explored in detail. Participants will gain basic principles and techniques that can be applied to other historic commercial districts. The session will also explore how parking and transportation management can strengthen retail districts, using Savannah as a case study.

Sean Brandon, Director of Mobility and Community Connections, City of Savannah / Robert Gibbs, President, Gibbs Planning Group

STRIKING A BALANCE: ARE TOURISTS LOVING OUR CITIES TO DEATH?

2:45 - 4:00 PM

Success in attracting visitors to a tourism destination is a validation of a city’s legacy—its geography, climate, history—and the ways in which it has leveraged those gifts. While there is a boost in private revenues and public coffers, the management of visitors can affect a city’s capacity to protect the attributes that attract visitors and contribute to the local quality of life.

What urban planning and design and other strategies could stabilize communities especially vulnerable to oversaturation, while at the same time channel benefits to neighborhoods most in need of investment? This panel will identify scenarios from Savannah, Georgia; Charleston, South Carolina; and Asheville, North Carolina to explore approaches for ensuring that cities can keep their appeal to visitors while also preserving a high standard for a quality of life for residents.

Jacob A. Lindsey, Director of Planning, Preservation and Sustainability, City of Charleston / Julie Mayfield, Co-Director, Mountain True / Vaughnette Goode-Walker, Founder, Footprints of Savannah / Bill Dawers, Columnist, Savannah Morning News

CHANGING SAVANNAH

4:00 - 5:00 PM

“How many Savannahians does it take to change a light bulb? Four. One to put in a new bulb, and three to form a committee for preserving and honoring the old bulb.”

Savannah, as the old joke implies, is all about holding on to the past. Yet this past-loving city has been in a constant state of change since General James Oglethorpe founded the colony in 1733.

This presentation offers the unique perspective of Alderman Bill Durrence, a native son of the city who started his professional life at age 18 as a staff photographer on the Savannah daily newspapers. Now retired after a 50+ year career, Durrence serves as the city’s Second District Alderman. Working from his personal archive of local images, his presentation will include before and after photos showing how dramatically some things have changed in Savannah over the past 50+ years, and will also take a look at current and future development plans, many of which come with controversy because of competing visions for the city’s future.

The Honorable Bill Durrence, Alderman, City of Savannah
Morning Sessions

URBAN DESIGN PATTERNS FOR THE FUTURE
9:00 - 10:15 AM / Ossabaw, DeSoto Hotel

How can we accelerate change and build prosperous and sustainable urban communities faster than we ever have before? We—engaged community members, planners, designers, developers, mayors—can all follow our passions and implement our work at the neighborhood level. Hear from a panel of experts on how to build a nation of sustainable neighborhoods through topics such as identity, governance, and planning. NOTE: Copies of Sustainable Nation: Urban Design Patterns for the Future will be available for sale at at the CNU 26 Bookstore, open Tuesday through Friday, and conveniently located in the Madison Ballroom of the DeSoto Hotel. There will be an opportunity for book signing after the panel.

Douglas Farr, President and Founding Principal, Farr Associates Architecture & Urban Design / Emily Talen, Ph.D., Professor of Urbanism, University of Chicago / Daniel Slone, Partner and Vision Wallah, Vertical Vision

REPOSITIONING SMALL TOWNS AS COMPLETE COMMUNITIES
9:00 - 10:15 AM / Cumberland, DeSoto Hotel

Discover how small towns have leveraged federal, state, and county partnerships and funding to supplement private reinvestment. Explore innovative solutions for revitalizing business districts with non-retail anchors, improving community health/wellness, increasing insufficient public space/parkland, enhancing bicycle mobility, and providing new forms of housing, including affordable workforce housing, to attract Millennials and accommodate empty-nesters who want to “age in place.”

The session features numerous examples: award-winning redevelopment of a former golf course in Prairie Village, Kan., a second ring Kansas City suburb developed by J.C. Nichols; a large commuter parking lot in Metuchen, N.J., a rail commuter town with Colonial roots; and rebuilding of downtown blocks cleared by a tornado in Jackson, Tenn., a courthouse square county seat.

Jim Constantine, Principal, Looney Rick Kiss / Justin Duff, Director of Development, VanTrust Real Estate, LLC / Wes Jordan, City Administrator City of Prairie Village, Kansas / Jay Muldoon, Borough Administrator, Borough of Metuchen, NJ / Hal Crocker, President/CEO HCB Corporation

ART ROOM: SAVANNAH’S ROWHOUSES 01 (CLASSROOM SESSION)
9:00 - 10:15 AM / Pulaski, DeSoto Hotel

Savannah’s famous classic rowhouses are a very informative building type to study for those interested in implementing the “missing middle”. In this interactive, hands-on session we will analyze Savannah’s rowhouses both typologically and compositionally. We will then explore how to effectively apply this classic rowhouse design vocabulary in current development projects.

Eric Brown, Principal, Brown Design Studio / Kenny Craft, Principal, Craft Design Studio / Eduardo Castillo, Principal, Castillo Arquitectos / Christine G.H. Franck, Principal, Christine G.H. Franck Studio

ACTIVE GROUND FLOORS IN THE CHANGING FACE OF RETAIL
9:00 - 10:15 AM / Sapelo, DeSoto Hotel

For years, in an effort to enliven the streetscape, cities have been crafting regulations to encourage or mandate building forms with active commercial ground floors. Too often, however, these spaces sit vacant while waiting for the market viability of such spaces to be realized. As questions loom about the future of retail in the face of e-commerce innovations, how can cities catalyze a dynamic, resilient urban environment that can nimbly adapt to an uncertain retail future?

This panel will offer innovative solutions on how to incentivize ground floors designed and built with maximum flexibility to respond to emerging retail needs; how to curate and manage ground-floor tenants with easements, discounts for pop-up retailers and longer-term leases to cultivate a broad mix of uses; and how ground-floor residential uses can be designed to work symbiotically with the public realm to provide experiences that are still active, engaging, safe, and comfortable.

Andy Rutz, Urban Design Project Manager, MIG, Inc. / Jay Renkens, Principal and Director, Firmwide Planning and Design Services

Girl Scout founder Juliette Gordon Low was born here and also began Girl Scouts in Savannah.
CREATIVE PLACEMAKING SUCCESS FOR MIDDLE-SIZED CITIES

9:00 - 10:15 AM / Harborview, DeSoto Hotel

Small and middle-sized cities often lack the financial resources for expansive projects aimed at implementing large-scale and permanent placemaking initiatives. Fortunately, many dynamic small and middle-sized cities are converting this challenge into an opportunity through the use of creative placemaking and incremental urbanism initiatives. This panel will explore cutting-edge and award-winning creative placemaking initiatives in three specific small and middle-sized environs: downtowns, urban infill areas, and greenfield projects. These speakers will share strategies for successfully implementing incremental urbanism in secondary and tertiary cities even on the most limited budgets.

Chad Emerson, CEO, Downtown Huntsville, Inc. / Anna Lowder, Town Founder, Hampstead / Nathan Norris, Founding Principal, CityBuilding Partnership

AFFORDABILITY: THE INTERSECTION OF EVERYTHING, PART 1

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM / Knights of Columbus

The battle for affordability in America’s most desirable places is the challenge of our times. Anxious awareness of a growing gap between household wealth and the costs of access to the benefits of great urban environments will influence growth management and redevelopment decisions for decades. New urbanism and new urbanists should be up to the tasks of identifying and implementing ways forward. The movement recognizes the complex ways high-opportunity places evolve, and its practitioners have developed design, policy, and finance strategies that address that complexity. Now it’s about how to better organize efforts to face the challenge, and how to account for emerging issues and leverage best practices. We set the table for a day of discussion and debate by highlighting the experiences of CNU leaders working on affordability solutions, as well as innovators who share new urbanists’ goals but are new to Congresses.

Ben Brown, Principal and Storyteller, PlaceMakers, LLC / Laurie Volk, Principal, Zimmerman/Volk Associates / Scott Bernstein, Founder and Chief Strategy + Innovation Officer, Center for Neighborhood Technology / Ahmad Abu-Khalaf, Research Analyst, Enterprise Community Partners / Andres Duany, Partner, DPZ CoDESIGN / Emily Talen, Ph.D., Professor of Urbanism, University of Chicago / R. John Anderson, Principal, Tolar | Anderson | Kim

O1: WALK THE WALK, IF YOU ARE GOING TO TALK THE TALK (ENVIRONMENT)

9:00 - 10:15 / Chippewa Conference Room, Second Floor, DeSoto Hotel

We are only beginning to understand the scale of issues related to climate change, like sea level rise and how coastal areas will be reshaped, as well as how changing weather patterns will affect agriculture. Several of the fastest-growing cities in the United States are sprawl-based in places that cannot provide their own drinking water. CNU’s Charter and its Canons address these issues with clarity and intelligence, but many of us are confronted with resistance as we try to integrate intelligent decisions into our day jobs.

This Open Innovations session consists of several lightning rounds by presenters who have been working on climate resilience in the trenches. With presentations on topics ranging from how current tectonics are inherently unsustainable, to how we can navigate crumbling grey infrastructure, to the positive impacts of high-performance urban trees, to dredging practices in the Savannah River, these speakers will demonstrate how we need to change decision making about the use of limited resources if we are to address the climate challenge in our midst.

Andrew Georgiadis, President of Georgiadis Urban Design / Peter Salamon, Associate, Behnke Landscape Architecture / Matthew Werle, Consultant, GreenBlue Urban / Erick Valle, President, Valle Valle and Partners / Anthony Mayer, Co-Founder & CEO, Hanging Gardens / Kevin Dutt, Clean Tech Entrepreneur, Rainbank

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AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES: SEPARATING THE HYPE FROM REALITY
11:00 AM - 12:15 PM
Guests: Jeffrey Tumlin, Corey Ershow

FROM VISION TO POLICY, MAKING NEW URBANISM WORK
2:00-3:15 PM
Guests: Susan Henderson, Hazel Borys, and Marina Khoury.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND CNU
3:30 - 4:45 PM
Guests: Andrew Rodriguez, Skyler Yost

TOUR: INFILL IN SAVANNAH
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM / Madison Square
A surprising number of Savannah’s buildings are infill properties constructed in the last three decades. Participants will see how these buildings fit into the urban fabric or clash with their surroundings.
Sara Farr-Newman, Preservation Planner, Chatham County-Savannah MPC

BREAK
10:15-10:30 AM / Madison Ballroom
Grab coffee, tea, and other refreshments.

ART ROOM: GETTING THE PROPORTIONS RIGHT: LAYING OUT ARCHITECTURAL ORDERS, PART 1 (CLASSROOM)
10:45 AM - 12:00 PM / Pulaski, DeSoto Hotel
The elegant forms and proportions of the classic architectural orders have been used throughout western architecture from antiquity to the present day. Avoid common mistakes when using the orders—come to this hands-on session and learn a quick and effective beaux-arts method for graphically laying out the five basic Roman orders: Tuscan, Doric, Ionic, Corinthian and Composite.
Christine G.H. Franck, Principal, Christine G.H. Franck Studio / James Dougherty, Principal, Director of Design, Dover, Kohl, & Associates / Michael Mesko, Robert A.M. Stern Architects

OI: GREAT IDEA! NOW HOW DO WE GET IT BUILT – DEVELOPERS’ FORUM
10:45 AM - 12:00 PM, Sapelo, DeSoto Hotel
Organized by the current President of the National Town Builders Association, this Open Innovation session will engage a group of CNU’s most successful builders to address a series of primary topics, such as entitlements, financing, market analysis, and value engineering. We expect a lot of agreement on some topics, and divergent responses on others. Panelists will reveal insights gained and lessons learned over the course of their careers. A goal of this session is to help the audience better understand how to get from theory to plan to realization.
Ward Davis, Founding Partner, High Street Real Estate & Development / Frank Straub Starkey, President, People Places, LLC / Steve Maun, Founder, Leyland Alliance / Aaron Lubeck, Design/Build Professional / Louis G. Marquet, Principal, Leyland Alliance LLC / Grant Humphreys, Town Founder of Carlton Landing, Oklahoma / Paddy Steinschneider, President, Gotham Design & Community Development Ltd.

VIEW FROM DE-BASEMENT: NEW URBANISM’S ARCHITECTURE
10:45 AM to 12:00 PM / Chippewa Conference Room, Second Floor, DeSoto Hotel
This session begins with a brief survey of half a dozen European neighborhoods constructed in the inter-war period that are outstanding examples of urban placemaking. The session will then focus on the ways in which the culture and tools of New Urbanism sometimes impede placemaking of the quality of these examples. We’ll reveal dark secrets of unintended consequences, and ask members of the audience to share their own dark secrets: place-damaging encounters they have had with procedures originally rooted in New Urbanism. Participants may also argue the opposite proposition. The session will conclude with examples from the presenters’ work that are resistance strategies to a climate of architectural indifference (in some circles).
Stefanos Polyzoides, Partner, Moule & Polyzoides / Daniel Solomon, Partner, Mithun | Solomon
FROM RUST BELT TO RUBY CHOKER: TURNING LOSS INTO GAIN
10:45 AM - 12:00 PM / Cumberland, DeSoto Hotel

Building on the discussions at the CNU Climate Summit in Alexandria this past September, this session will take a deep dive into the issue of community resettlement, and the opportunities for rapid re-urbanization of declining cities. The loss of significant built environment because of changing climate will force adjustments to how financial and insurance institutions do business, causing the end of real estate as we know it, and creating new opportunities for building economic value and resilient communities through placemaking. This session investigates how these shifts can benefit the communities selected as receptor cities for resettlement, especially cities in the Lake Belt (stretching from Minnesota to Maine). This session will also investigate changes that may need to occur at the policy level to support this process, opportunities for the private sector, and complementary initiatives to strengthen the existing physical and social infrastructure and natural resources of the receptor cities. Finally, this session will address the opportunity for CNU to accomplish a number of goals within its Charter by providing vision, leadership and resources to rapidly evolving communities while gaining national political reach by supporting the transfer of wealth from unviable to viable settlement areas.

Elizabeth Plater Zyberk, Partner, DPZ CoDESIGN / Alissa Shelton, Program Curator/Owner, Bank Suey in Hamtramck, Michigan and Training & Alumni Relations Director, Incremental Development Alliance / Prisca Weems, Principal, FutureProof / Laura Clemons, Founder & CEO, Collaborative Communities / R. John Anderson, Principal, Tolar | Anderson / Paddy Steinschneider, President, Gotham Design & Community Development Ltd.

INCREMENTAL SOLUTIONS TO (RE)ACTIVATING BIG SITES AND SPACES
10:45 AM - 12:00 PM / Harborview, DeSoto Hotel

Whether your town is big or small, you likely have a few sites or buildings that no one can figure out what to do with, or that are obviously under-performing their potential. Sometimes the buildings are big, sometimes the sites are big, and sometimes the problems they have are big. Or all three. With an eye towards both practical and tactical solutions to break down the problem and get it heading in the right direction, where do you start? This panel of an architecturally trained planner and developers will look at the aspects of design, community organizing, social equity, real estate development, and property management to suggest actionable steps for each area of a range of project types. Active case studies will depict what you can do from the private, public or non-profit sectors to take the next smallest step in activating a project in your neighborhood.

Nicolia Robinson, Senior Associate, Cooper Carry / Susana Dancy, Managing Partner, Rockwood Development / Monte Anderson, Owner, Options Real Estate / Jim J. Kumon, Executive Director, Incremental Development Alliance

LUNCH
12:00 - 1:00 PM

Lunch on your own. Stroll the streets and squares near the DeSoto Hotel, where you can choose from a variety of lunch spots.

MEMBER LED: WHO IS REINVENTING THE SUBURBS?
12:00 - 1:45 PM / Pulaski, DeSoto Hotel

NOTE: This session has an earlier starting time than other member-led sessions. Many exciting New Urbanist retrofit projects are now under our belts. Join an energetic discussion to explore who is reinventing the suburbs, and how they are doing it. The session will start with a panel of “storytellers”, moderated by Galina Tachieva of DPZ Co Design, including Ralph Zucker of Somerset Development discussing Bell Labs’ conversion to a “metroburb,” and Moses Gates, director of community planning and design for the NY-NJ-
CT metropolitan area Regional Plan Association. Speakers include practitioners working to reinvent their communities, including a suburban mayor, equitable housing advocates, and incremental developers making headway one step at a time. The session will transition to an open discussion of realities and lessons on the ground—the challenges, mistakes and successes. Take part in the conversation and ongoing movement that we hope will continue through follow-up social media, articles and case studies, raising the discourse and increasing the number of successful projects.

Galina Tachieva, Managing Partner, DPZ CoDESIGN / Ralph Zucker, President, Somerset Development / Matthew Petty, Principal, Fayetteville Infill Group / Moses Gates, Director Regional Plan Association / The Hon. Jill Dabbs, Mayor of Bryant, AR / David Dixon, Vice President, Stantec / Chris McGahee, Economic Development Manager, City of Duluth, GA

IO: THE URBAN RESET NOW THAT THE GREAT SPRAWL EXPERIMENT HAS FINALLY COME TO AN END (URBAN DESIGN)
12:30 - 1:45 PM, Chippewa Conference Room, Second Floor, DeSoto Hotel

Urban resets are pretty rare in history, but every once in a while they appear. When the old system finally implodes, both older ideas and new ideas surface to establish new patterns. With the end of the Great Sprawl Experiment, old ideas like the Transect and the Dutch Double Ring urban block have returned as inspirations to create better urbanism. At the same time, changes in technology and social demands require new ideas and new ways of seeing things that affect the intersection between the urban experience and regulatory systems, such as zoning. This Open Innovations session will include a presentation on how the City of Kalamazoo has leveraged its master plan process to reveal a city doing business differently, leading to remarkable reinvestment.

Christopher Pizzi, Senior Associate, Hart Howerton / Christina Anderson, City Planner, Community Planning & Development, City of Kalamazoo / Rebekah Kik, Director, Community Planning & Economic Development, City of Kalamazoo / Kevin Adams, Planner and Urban Designer, John Gallup & Associates / Donald L. Warner, III, Associate, Caiffe, Halter & Griswold LLP / Howard Blackson, III, Urban Design Studio Director, AVRP Skyport / Andrew Georgiadis, President, Georgiadis Urban Design / Ben Wagner, Landscape Architect, Vireo

MEMBER LED: BOARD LISTENING SESSION
12:30 - 1:45 PM / Ossabaw Ballroom

The CNU Board of Directors will be hosting listening sessions to gather feedback from the membership. Meet face-to-face with your board members to talk about such topics as:
• What would a big vision for the organization look like?
• What does inclusion in the work and membership mean to you?
• How to accelerate the pace of change?
• How you can support and amplify the movement?

Drop in during this hour member-led session and make your voice heard!

MEMBER LED: CNU-CALIFORNIA CHAPTER ANNUAL DESIGN CHARRETTE REVIEW
12:30 - 1:45 PM / Sapelo, DeSoto Hotel

Converting dying malls and centers into mixed-use, mixed-income, walkable places that house millennials and seniors, provide right-sized spaces for entrepreneurs, makers and shakers, and safe, interesting and magnetic community plazas—this is a vision long advocated by CNU. In 2017, the CNU-California Chapter explored this vision by creating the Woodland County Fair Mall Retrofit Plan, leading a group of 20 architects, planners, engineers, attorneys, and real estate professionals from all over California, and working with the City of Woodland. Come hear about the outcome from CNU-California’s 5-day, volunteer-led charrette from September 29th to October 4th, 2017, as well as how the Chapter envisions Tactical Urbanism tools in support of the realization of the plan.

MEMBER LED: URBAN LANDSCAPES AND THE PUBLIC REALM COUNCIL: NORFOLK’S VISION 2100
12:30 PM to 1:45 PM / Harborview, DeSoto Hotel

From Ray Gindroz, Urban Design Associates’ downtown plans and pattern books to Duany Plater-Zyberk’s East Beach New Town Plan, NU members have had an enormous impact on the planning and design of the Norfolk region for decades. Now, Norfolk’s Vision 2100 introduces many new players who are focused on addressing climate change and resilience to protect this sweeping tidal landscape. Join the City of Norfolk’s multi-disciplinary team and others for an in-depth discussion of how their efforts have worked, how they will continue to address sea-level rise and recurrent flooding, and how their efforts, along with similar ones in Boston, New York, Miami, and New Orleans, might inform projects across the country. Please, bring your ideas and lunch to this session.

Stephanie Bothwell, Stephanie Bothwell Urban and Landscape Design / Ann P. Stokes, Ann P. Stokes Landscape Architects / Mel Price, Architect, Work Program Architects, NDRC Ohio Creek
**MEMBER LED: RELIGION IN THE PUBLIC SQUARES AND OTHER SAVANNAH MODELS FOR EMULATION**

12:30 - 1:45 PM / Reynolds Conference Room, Second Floor, DeSoto Hotel

This session discusses Savannah from both historical and conjectural perspectives as an instructive model for addressing three perennial American urban design problems: how to make building and spatial hierarchies in the context of America’s gridded land; how to make monumental civic and religious buildings in a manner consistent with America’s constitutional order and historic religious pluralism; and how to make just, resilient, and beautiful places in small incremental units, slowly or rapidly as market conditions allow and/or demand.

David Gobel, Ph.D., Professor of Architectural History, Savannah College of Art and Design / Philip Bess, Ph.D., Professor of Architecture, University of Notre Dame / Rev. Eric O. Jacobsen - Respondent & Dr. Christopher C. Miller, Moderator

**MEMBER LED: CREATING AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES**

12:30 - 1:45 PM / Knights of Columbus

Through its Livable Communities initiative, AARP supports the efforts of neighborhoods, towns, cities and rural areas to be great places for people of all ages, dedicating resources in every single state in the US and working deeply in more than 225 communities across the country. These communities include four in Georgia, where Macon-Bibb is one of the most mature national examples of how to achieve great communities through an age-friendly lens. The community, which recently completed the five-year age-friendly process; tackled housing, transportation, and open space issues; and achieved marked progress on all fronts. Learn how that experience is shaping the work of other communities in Georgia, including Savannah, which is at the very beginning stages of the process to become age-friendly, and will build on the nascent interest in using tiny homes to address persistent housing needs for veterans. Find out how ADUs are being addressed in many communities and states and what resources you can use in your own work—irrespective of age—to diversify the housing stock and increase housing supply.

Danielle Arigoni, Director, AARP Livable Communities / David Pilgrem, Associate State Director, Community Outreach, AARP / Myrtle Habersham, Owner, Habersham Consulting Services

**MEMBER-LED: ADVANCING AND EMPOWERING CNU’S CHAPTERS**

12:30 - 1:45 PM / Cumberland, DeSoto Hotel

This will be an assembly for all CNU members, but especially those involved in Chapters, to discuss a more tightly defined mission and role within CNU. This session will build on the recent Chapter Retreat to reflect a developing consensus on chapters’ needs, aspirations, and a sustainable path to realizing them. Chapters will propose solutions to barriers they face and discuss critical chapter issues, such as outreach, funding, advocacy, alliances, legal issues, and our place in CNU. The goal of this session is to identify how chapters thrive and take a leadership role in the growth and success of CNU National.

Larry Gould, Principal, Nelson Nygaard and Chapter Representative, CNU Board of Directors

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**Afternoon Sessions**

**TOUR: LEAN URBANISM**

2:00 - 4:00 PM / Valet Area, DeSoto Hotel

The Project for Lean Urbanism will restore common sense to the processes of development, building, starting small businesses, community engagement, and acquiring the necessary skills for community-building. Savannah is one of four cities selected as a pilot for testing Lean Urbanism concepts in practice. Tour participants will visit two areas where pink zones have been proposed and meet the people working locally on this issue.

Brian Falk, Director of Publications, Center for Applied Transect Studies

**TOUR: BEYOND THE LANDMARK DISTRICT**

2:00 - 4:30 PM / Valet Area, DeSoto Hotel

These highly desirable residential neighborhoods just outside of the urban core were developed as cars were becoming commonplace, leading to unique twists on urban squares in lower-density settings. Participants will visit Daffin Park and see historic Grayson Stadium.

Nick Palumbo, Founder, Smart Growth Savannah

**TOUR: BIKE SAVANNAH, CITY ON A CHAINRING**

2:00 - 5:00 PM / Madison Square

This bicycle tour will show participants what makes Savannah’s squares, streets, and neighborhoods work. The tour will explore some of the essential and hidden features of city design.

John Bennett, Executive Director, Savannah Bicycle Campaign
TOUR: STREETS ARE FOR PEOPLE TOO: THE SAVANNAH DOWNTOWN STREETSCAPES PROJECT
2:00 - 4:30 PM / Valet Area, DeSoto Hotel

Hop on an open-air trolley and enjoy a behind-the-scenes look at the City of Savannah’s innovative downtown streetscape project! An extensive public process informed the plans that span 36 blocks in one of the nation’s largest National Historic Landmark Districts. The streetscape concepts for Broughton Street, Bay Street, and River Street challenge the convention of traditional, car-centric roadway design while retaining the form and functionality of urban streets in a bustling city core.

Kona Gray, Principal, EDSA / Laura Ballock, Savannah Office Leader, Barge Design Solutions / Bridget Lidy, Director of Planning and Urban Design, City of Savannah

ADDRESSING COMMUNITY BENEFITS WITHIN A PREDICTABLE FORM-BASED CODE
2:15 - 3:30 PM / Sapelo, DeSoto Hotel

For many years, CNU has advocated for predictable codes that create great places. Meanwhile, community groups often advocate for developers to individually negotiate benefits. This is a challenge for CNU: CNU must remain committed to the charter’s goals on equity and affordability. But, in a strong real estate market, a fast-tracked project that does not include negotiated benefits could be approved without answering to the needs of the most vulnerable members of a community. Is the concept of a ‘predictable’ code still relevant when new development must address equity and displacement? This session will explore how to address equity and community benefits from development while maintaining the value of predictable codes. It will explore the role of inclusionary zoning, linkage fees, programs for local business and the arts and strategies to engage the public in establishing these programs while ensuring that development remains financially viable.

George J. Proakis Director of Planning, City of Somerville / Judi Barrett, Principal, Barrett Planning Group / Jennifer Hurley, Principal, Hurley-Franks & Associates / Dan Bartman, Senior Planner, City of Somerville

COMPLETE STREETS AND NEW URBANISM: CAN WE CONVERGE ONCE AND FOR ALL?
2:15 - 3:30 PM / Cumberland, DeSoto Hotel

For years, there has been a curious lack of consensus between New Urbanist transportation experts and “complete streets” advocates. Both parties ultimately want the same thing: safe, vibrant streets that are inviting for all users. New Urbanists claim that complete streets advocates don’t understand urbanism and placemaking, and complete streets advocates claim that the New Urbanist toolkit is missing the boat in key areas, particularly with respect to bicycling. So what’s the problem, and how much of it is perception versus reality? Can any real differences that exist be reconciled and a stronger alliance be forged?

This session will define how New Urbanist street design principles and “complete streets” practices and guidance often diverge and identify ways to minimize or eliminate inconsistencies or conflicting approaches between them. The goal of the session is to help develop solutions that consider and integrate effective street design and urban design to promote the common objectives of complete streets and New Urbanism.

Stuart Sirota, Principal, Alta Planning + Design / Wade Walker, Principal and Engineer, Alta Planning + Design / Victor Dover, Principal, Dover, Kohl, & Partners

NEW URBAN RESEARCH: REALIZING SAFE, RESILIENT, AND EQUITABLE CITIES
2:15 - 3:30 PM / Chippewa Conference Room, Second Floor, DeSoto Hotel

If New Urbanists build it, they will come. This is a nice sentiment—and usually true—but are we doing enough to make sure these places will also be safe, resilient, and equitable? The last decade has brought a renaissance of New Urbanist research to the Congress, and this session features researchers attempting to get at the heart of these issues.

The following papers—on the topic of Realizing Safe, Resilient, and Equitable Cities—will be presented:

- Milwaukee Junction Creative Campus
- Buildings Don’t Bounce: The Design Paradox of Urban Resilience
- Seeing the ‘Unseen’ in Devens, MA
- Exploring Neglected Safety Equity Issues
ART ROOM: THE HUMAN FIGURE IN ARCHITECTURAL SCULPTURE AND ORNAMENT
2:15 - 3:30 PM / Pulaski, DeSoto Hotel

The human form has been used to add beauty and meaning to architectural compositions since antiquity. In this interactive, hands-on session we will learn classic design techniques for elegantly integrating figurative sculpture into architectural compositions. *No prior drawing experience is needed.

James Dougherty, Principal, Director of Design, Dover, Kohl & Partners / Ty Nicholson, Sculptor, Cherrylion Studios

AFFORDABILITY: THE INTERSECTION OF EVERYTHING, PART 2: WHAT HAPPENS ONCE YOUR VISION IS REALIZED?
2:15 - 3:30 PM / Knights of Columbus

After suffering the ill effects of white flight, evolving consumer interests, and a series of auto-centric demolition and redevelopment schemes, the small city of Decatur, Georgia, began the long process of turning things around with its 1982 Town Center Plan. In the decades since, the broad ambitions of that plan have been largely realized. So what happens then? Here is the story of a place that overcame its challenges of disinvestment but then found them replaced with a new set of challenges: The challenges of success.

Ben Brown, Principal and Storyteller, Placemakers, LLC / Lyn Menne, Assistant City Manager, City of Decatur, GA / Tony Powers, City Commissioner, City of Decatur, GA / Scott Doyon, Principal, PlaceMakers, LLC

PRESERVING ARCHITECTURAL AND CULTURAL CHARACTER IN THE TIME OF SEA LEVEL RISE
2:15 - 3:30 PM / Harborview, DeSoto Hotel

Sea level will continue to rise along the Atlantic Coast with increasing storm frequency and intensity and elevated recurring “King Tides” impacting low lying communities first and most severely. These are the very areas where rich and long standing cultural heritages exist and many live and work. For generations their traditions and sense of place and spatial frame have been tied to these coastal lowlands now facing impending displacement or significant disruptions to their way of life. This session will be an interactive module that focuses on projected impacts and losses for the areas identified within the low country where historic coastal cultural infrastructure and vernacular have thrived to support traditional cultural landscapes now in the path of Sea Level Rise. Recognized climate science geospatial data set and models, ground surveys and examples will be discussed. This presentation should inspire better understanding of the social, economic, architectural and environmental perils at risk and assist policy makers and community resilience design and planning advocates by directly contrasting likely change scenarios to be addressed through proactive and “out-in-front” planning and design response.

Todd D. Holloway, Principal, Holloway EPI / Daniel M. Harrison, Ph.D., Professor, Lander University

BREAK
3:30 - 4:00 PM / Madison Ballroom

Grab coffee, tea, and other refreshments.

Savannah’s Spanish moss isn’t a moss at all, but an epiphyte, a plant that absorbs water and nutrients from the air. It’s also a cousin to the pineapple.
OI: THE NEXUS OF THE FAITH-BASED AND NEW URBANISM
3:30 - 5:15 PM / Chippewa Conference Room, Second Floor, DeSoto Hotel

A remarkable feature of contemporary thinking is the recognition that faith-based communities and organizations are vital contributors to helping create sustainable and resilient cities around the world. This Open Innovation session explores the connection between faith and New Urbanism, including the incorporation of the CNU Charter and Canons in a recently released global evangelical statement of the future of cities.

Andrew Moore, Principal & Director, Urban Architecture Studio, Glavé and Holmes Architecture / Sara Joy Propper, Founder, Proximity Project / Jay Hoekstra / Lee Hardy, Ph.D., Professor of Philosophy, Calvin College / Dustin Tomney, Executive Director, City Fields / Christopher C. Miller, Ph.D., Professor of Architecture, Judson University / Rev. Eric O. Jacobsen, Author / Chris Elisara, Ph.D., Director of the Creation Care Task Force, World Evangelical Alliance

ART ROOM: SAVANNAH’S ROWHOUSES / CLASSIC ARCHITECTURAL ORDERS 02 (PRACTICE IN THE FIELD)
4:00 - 5:15 PM / Pulaski, DeSoto Hotel

Bring your sketchbook and join us on this guided outdoor excursion. We will focus on in-person, up-close measurement and study of both Savannah’s classic rowhouse building type, and the use of the classic architectural orders in Savannah’s architecture.

Eric Brown, Principal, Brown Design Studio / Kenny Craft, Principal, Craft Design Studio / Eduardo Castillo, Principal, Castillo Arquitectos / Christine G.H. Franck, Principal, Christine G.H. Franck Studio / Michael Mesko, Robert A.M. Stern Architects / James Dougherty, Principal, Director of Design. Dover, Kohl & Partners / Dede Christopher, Founder, Christopher Illustration

PROGRESSIVE TRANSPORTATION: A TOOL FOR SMALL TOWN TRANSITION?
4:00 - 5:15 PM / Cumberland, DeSoto Hotel

While our urban areas and large cities account for a rapidly growing percentage of the world’s population, small towns play an integral role in the overall development of the economic, social and environmental health of our planet and related settlement patterns. Traditionally designed around the human foot, small towns—like all American cities—became car dependent. Today, small towns are making great strides in transitioning back into pedestrian-friendly, transit-driven communities.

In this session, participants will explore some of the latest, innovative transportation solutions implemented in small towns. In addition, participants will consider civil participation strategies that educate, create advocacy, and empower local change. Participants will also discuss, with specific examples, ways that transportation can support a car-oriented to pedestrian-oriented transition. Participants will contemplate new ways to foster strong, resilient, and inclusive small towns that bridge the urban-rural divide.

Marianne Stuck, Urban Designer, Design Workshop / Phillip Supino, Principal Long-Range Planner, City of Aspen / Samantha Thomas, Project Manager, Walkable and Livable Communities Institute / Michael Tunte, Landscape Architect and Urban Designer, Design Workshop

AFFORDABILITY: THE INTERSECTION OF EVERYTHING, PART 3: NEW HOUSING FINANCE (MOSTLY) WITHOUT THE FEDS
4:00 - 5:15 PM / Knights of Columbus

Affordable housing initiatives of the past have relied heavily on federal programs. In the current era, those funding streams, if not dried up entirely, are at least far less reliable. Which puts more responsibility than ever on local and regional policy-makers, developers and non-profits to ramp up strategies that already seem to be working and to put together new public-private finance approaches that show promise. This is a tool assembly discussion, tapping into the experience of practitioners who’ve worked at different scales of the affordability challenge to get new housing where it’s most needed.

Ben Brown, Principal, PlaceMakers, LLC / Jeff Staudinger, Staudinger Associates, Asheville, NC / Ben Schulman, Communications/Outreach, Small Change / Jacky Grimshaw, Vice President of Government Affairs, Center for Neighborhood Technology

GOING ROGUE; INSIGHTS ON HOW TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT, NOT WHAT IS EASY
4:00 - 5:15 PM / Ossabaw Ballroom, DeSoto Hotel

How do you inspire, create, and implement groundbreaking projects when the reigning leadership does not recognize or is threatened by, the imperative for positive change? Building on the 2017 workshop at CNU Seattle which laid out the groundwork for how you can act without permission, ask forgiveness later and get away with it, this session will present the personal and professional journey of five CNU change-makers who are developing innovative projects that are altering the commonly accepted trajectory of communities. Come to listen, leave to lead.

Prisca Weems, Principal, FutureProof / Joanna Alimanestianu, Architect and Urban Designer / Don Lathrop, Founder, Colina Nova / Laura Clemons, Founder & CEO, Collaborative Communities / R. John Anderson, Principal, Tolar | Anderson | Kim
REDEVELOPMENT AND CODE REFORM IN MICHIGAN
4:00 - 5:15 PM / Sapelo, DeSoto Hotel

After serving as the canary in the Great Recession coal mine, Michigan’s economy has rebounded. But outside of a few hot markets in larger cities, its communities have had difficulties realizing the high-quality development they seek. The state government, non-profit organizations and over 100 small and mid-sized cities have partnered to attack this problem, with help from CNU. This session will discuss lessons from a range of technical assistance and implementation approaches that have worked in Michigan. Specific topics include: CNU’s Project for Code Reform, the City of Kalamazoo’s zoning code “stress test,” the Michigan Economic Development Corporation’s Redevelopment Ready Communities and Redevelopment Ready Sites programs, and strategies for getting redevelopment sites moving in weak markets.

Luke Forrest, Director, Civic Innovations, Michigan Municipal League / Dan Gilmartin, Executive Director & CEO, Michigan Municipal League / Michelle Parkkonen, Manager, Redevelopment Ready Communities, Michigan Economic Development Corporation / Rebekah Kik, Director of Community Planning and Economic Development, City of Kalamazoo / Christina Anderson, City Planner, Kalamazoo, MI

THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION IN URBANISM
4:00 - 5:15 PM / Harborview, DeSoto Hotel

Learn about significant steps being taken to require more education of architects in urbanism and the obligations of buildings to both cities and the planet. What might planning programs do to strengthen education in urbanism—or should we just leave it all to the urban design degree programs? Join in a discussion of how to direct and accelerate these shifts.

Ellen Dunham-Jones, Professor of Architecture and Urban Design, Georgia Institute of Technology / Francisco Rodriguez-Suarez, Distinguished Professor, University of Puerto Rico, President of the Associated Collegiate Schools of Architecture / Emily Talen, Ph.D., FAICP, Professor of Urbanism, University of Chicago / Douglas Kelbaugh, Professor, Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Michigan

BOOK SIGNING: DOUG FARR
4:30 PM / Madison Ballroom Backstage, DeSoto Hotel

Friday 5/18

All tours require an additional fee. Please visit the registration desk in the Foyer of the DeSoto Hotel to register.

Morning

REGISTRATION
7:00 AM - 7:00 PM / Foyer, DeSoto Hotel
Pick up your badge, bag, and printed program in the Foyer of the DeSoto at the Registration Desk and interact with exhibitors in the nearby Madison Ballroom.

RUNNING WITH URBANISTS
7:00 - 8:00 AM / Foyer, DeSoto Hotel
Bring your running shoes and join your fellow urbanists for a no-drop morning run around Historic Savannah. Don’t worry: you’ll get back in plenty of time for morning sessions. We will form a couple of pace groups if desired, including a slower one and a moderately-paced one, so runners of all speeds and experience are welcome.

John Simmerman, Co-Founder and CEO, Active Towns / Victor Dover, Principal, Dover, Kohl, & Partners

BREAKFAST
7:30 - 9:00 AM / Madison Ballroom, DeSoto Hotel
Enjoy continental breakfast and visit with our exhibitors.

SMALL DEVELOPER MORNING MEET UP
7:45 - 9:00 AM / Pulaski, DeSoto Hotel
A gathering of developers and aspiring developers interested in building smaller-scale incremental urban projects. Rookies, come and find a mentor, expand your network and reduce your learning curve! Seasoned developers, come and help rookies avoid your mistakes.

Grab breakfast beforehand or bring it with you to the Pulaski Room in the DeSoto Hotel.

Led by Jim Kumon, Executive Director, Incremental Development Alliance

THE FUTURE OF FAMILIES IN CITIES BREAKFAST MEET-UP
7:45 - 9:00 AM / Ossabaw, DeSoto Hotel
Come connect with the organizers of the Future of Families in Cities initiative, which was born from a desire to help our cities, towns, and neighborhoods meet the rising demand for family-friendly urban living. Bring your breakfast to this discussion of the challenges and opportunities in meeting this demand, exploring how we as CNU members can help to advance this cause. We will also discuss ways to accommodate CNU families at future congresses. This will be of interest to any CNU parent as well as anyone desiring to make our cities more conducive for all ages.

Led by Jennifer Griffin, founding principal, J Griffin Design, LLC, and Shelley Smith Pelliccione

BOOK PRESENTATION: MICHAEL MEHAFFY & STEVE MOUZON
8:00 - 9:00 AM / Madison Ballroom Backstage, DeSoto Hotel
Join Michael Mehaffy, author of Cities Alive: Jane Jacobs, Christopher Alexander, and the Roots of the New Urban Renaissance; and Steve Mouzon, author of numerous books, most recently A Living Tradition [Architecture of the Bahamas], 2nd edition for book talks and signing. Pick up your copies of the authors’ work at the CNU 26 Bookstore, open Tuesday through Friday, and conveniently located in the Madison Ballroom of the DeSoto Hotel.

TOUR: THE SQUARES OF SAVANNAH
8:00 - 10:00 AM / Madison Square
Downtown Savannah has a wide variety of squares including CNU Charter Award winning Ellis Square. While all roughly the same size and configuration, the squares serve different functions within the city. We will discuss the ‘wall’ of buildings around the square as well as the effect that the surrounding building types have upon the use of the squares.

David Gobel, Ph.D, Professor of Architectural History, Savannah College of Art and Design
TOUR: MISSING MIDDLE HOUSING: FOUND!
8:00 - 10:00 AM / Madison Square

Housing types that have gone extinct in other cities seem to thrive in Savannah. This walking tour will examine preserved housing and new infill construction.

Eric Brown, Principal, Brown Design Studio

TOUR: SCAD BUILDINGS: ANCHORING URBANISM
8:00 - 10:00 AM / Valet Area, DeSoto Hotel

Participants will learn about the SCAD campus to understand its history and its impact on the surrounding city. The tour will highlight the CNU Charter Award-winning SCAD Museum of Art and other buildings.

Jeffrey Eley, Professor of Architectural History, Savannah College of Art and Design

TOUR: INFILL IN SAVANNAH
8:00 - 10 AM / Madison Square

A surprising number of Savannah’s buildings are infill properties constructed in the last three decades. Participants will see how these buildings fit into the urban fabric or clash with their surroundings.

Sara Farr-Newman, Preservation Planner – LEED Green Associate, Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission

FORUM: FORM-BASED CODES: WHAT’S WORKING, WHAT’S NOT WORKING, WHAT’S NEXT
8:30 - 10:30 AM / Cumberland, DeSoto Hotel

Form-based codes have been in modern use for almost forty years now, and have touched over 650 units of government. From the first developer-driven codes, to the complex municipal unified development ordinances of today, there has been significant change. As local governments come to see the environmental, health, and economic benefits of FBCs, the demand is rising, and it’s time to check in and see how we’re doing.

Frequently the codes being adopted are becoming overly complex, with layers of potentially conflicting regulations that are difficult to administer or implement. At the same time, creative innovations in coding are also being observed.

Participants will review both the opportunities and the threats within current FBC practice during this advanced working forum, which is designed to review the current state of coding. Through audience participation, a document will be developed that outlines top FBC best practices for municipalities and local governments.

Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk, Partner, DPZ CoDESIGN / R. Geoffrey Ferrell, Partner, Ferrell Madden / Susan Henderson, Principal, PlaceMakers / Jennifer Hurley, Principal, Hurley-Franks & Associates / Mark L. Gillem, Ph.D, Director, PhD Program in Architecture, as well as of the Urban Design Lab and the International Association for the Study of Traditional Environments, University of Oregon

GLOBAL SPRAWL
9:00 - 10:15 AM / Ossabaw, DeSoto Hotel

Three types of sprawl are burdening urban development across the globe: low-density sprawl, low-income sprawl, and high-density sprawl. This session will examine each type of sprawl for its specific characteristics and challenges, drawing upon work done by Calthorpe Associates with the state of California, in Mexico City, and in China. Overall, while articulating the dramatic differences in urban challenges across the planet, this session will reveal the common ground and urban design principles that can correct the social, economic and environmental pathologies.

Peter Calthorpe, Principal, Calthorpe Associates & Calthorpe Analytics
HOW PLANNING FOR EQUITABLE CLIMATE RESPONSE GIVES HOPE
9:00 - 10:15 AM, Chippewa Conference Room, Second Floor, DeSoto Hotel

This session will examine how social equity considerations and inclusion can be leveraged to increase community resilience in the face of climate change catastrophes such as hurricanes and storm surge flooding. Participants will collaborate in a conversation about underserved and underrepresented groups most often hardest hit with the fewest resources to respond.

Todd Holloway, Principal, Holloway EPI / Paulita Bennett-Martin, Chief of Coastal Advocacy, 100 Miles / Scott Boylston, Professor of Design for Sustainability, Savannah College of Art and Design / Victor Perez Andino, Student, Andrews University / Andrew von Maur, Professor of Architecture, Andrews University

OI: THE IMPACTS OF RAPIDLY EVOLVING MODALITIES OF MOBILITY ON BUSINESS AS USUAL
9:00 - 10:15 AM, Reynolds Conference Room, Second Floor, DeSoto Hotel

While municipal leaders still tend to lament that their downtowns can’t compete with malls because of parking, this Open Innovation session shows what is really happening in the world of transportation, as technologies are perfected for driverless shuttles and autonomous vehicles. How can these changes integrate with the increased understanding that it is really all about pedestrians and making it easier for them to get around? Learn how social hubs and integrated greenways can be game changers for bringing vitality back to the urban core.

Craig Lewis, Principal, Stantec / Tom Visée, Freight Planner, HDR / Bruce Donnelly, Urban Planner, Writer / Patrick Braga, Vice President of New Market Development at Visum Development Group / Mike Sewell, Principal, Gresham, Smith and Partners / Louis R. Johnson, Project Manager, Gresham Smith, and Partners / Janna Elswick, Senior Planner for the City of Holland, Michigan

INTERSECTIONS OF SOCIAL CAPITAL AND INCLUSION WITH SPRawl RETROFITS
9:00 - 10:15 AM / Harborview, DeSoto Hotel

How can New Urbanists incorporate new approaches for fostering social inclusion and social justice in sprawl retrofit projects and initiatives? In this session we will hear from planning and design activists and researchers with fresh insights into intersections between building social capital and retrofitting sprawl into better, stronger, and more resilient suburban places. The approaches include careful observations of emplaced social life in a large suburban retrofit (Daybreak, UT) from an embedded anthropologist, tools for sustainability activism to redevelop brownfields and greyfields in a distressed suburban hamlet with community benefits (Wyandanch, NY), suburban community blogging informed by deep local knowledge of neighborhoods (Silver Spring, MD), and cutting edge academic research into incorporating social science into public space design. Short presentations will be followed by a lively moderated discussion.

Rachel Heiman, Ph.D, Associate Professor of Anthropology, Chair of Urban Studies, The New School / Vanessa Pugh, Chief Deputy Commissioner, Department of Labor, Licensing and Consumer Affairs, Suffolk County, New York / Dan Reed, Writer, Urban Planner, Blogger, justupthepike.com / June Williamson, Associate Professor of Architecture – Spitzer School of Architecture, The City College of New York

ART ROOM: TRAVEL SKETCHING, PAINTING AND PHOTOGRAPHY 01 – CLASSROOM SESSION
9:00 - 10:15 AM / Pulaski, DeSoto Hotel

Learn techniques to enhance your powers of observation through on-site sketching and painting. Leading practitioners share their methods for quickly and vividly capturing key forms and details that contribute to the character of a place.

Kenneth Garcia, Town Planner, Dover, Kohl & Partners / Dan Osborne, Director of Design Enrichment, Historical Concepts / Bill Dennis, Architect & Urban Designer, B. Dennis Town and Building Design / Joe Skibba, Co-Founder, Depiction, LLC

Savannah is home to one of the oldest standing buildings in Georgia, The Pirates’ House, founded in 1753.
SMALL TOWN URBANISM
9:00 - 10:15 AM / Sapelo, DeSoto Hotel

Small towns and rural communities are typically forgotten in the discussion surrounding New Urbanism. However, these places make up nearly a third of our nation’s population and remain an important part of our national life. This session will discuss the challenges and opportunities that small towns present to New Urbanism. We will also discuss the importance of small towns to the future of American urbanism and how to understand the interaction between public policy, economic development, community building, and design within a small-town environment. Afterwards, we will hold a networking happy hour for Small Town Urbanists at The Grey restaurant in downtown Savannah.


TOUR: FOOTPRINTS OF SAVANNAH: URBANISM AND THE AFRICAN AMERICAN EXPERIENCE
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Madison Square

The history, culture, and legacy of the African American peoples of the Sea Islands—also known as Gullah Geechee—have had a profound impact on the city of Savannah. Participants will learn the complex connections between Savannah’s built environment and its racial history.

Vaughnette Goode-Walker, Founder, Footprints of Savannah Walking Tour

PLENARY: LIVABLE CITIES FOR THE 21ST CENTURY
10:45 AM - 12:15 PM, Johnny Mercer Theatre, Savannah Civic Center

The paradigms for city planning changed radically around 1960: Modernism became dominant and the invasion of motorcars began in earnest. In the process, care and attention for the way people use cities—for centuries looked after by tradition and experience—was left completely behind. This is the story told by Jan Gehl, founder of Gehl Architects, in his book Cities for People (Island Press, 2010) which goes on to describe why looking after people is crucial for the quality of cities as in the 21st century. City transformations and mobility strategies from Denmark, USA, Australia, and Russia will serve as examples of this renewed focus on people-oriented city planning.

Jan Gehl, Founding Partner, Gehl Architects

STRONG TOWNS PODCAST
Madison Ballroom Backstage, DeSoto Hotel

Throughout the Congress, Strong Towns will be hosting live podcast recordings with key speakers from CNU 26.Savannah. Stop by any time to see the podcast in action, hosted by Chuck Marohn, and to hear engaging conversations outside the realm of the typical presentation or workshop. At the end of each session, attendees will have the chance to ask their own questions of the speaker. Information on topics and speakers is subject to change.

HOW RELEVANT IS LOCALISM IN AN AGE OF URGENCY?
11:00 AM - 12:15 PM
Guests: Ben Brown, Scott Dayon

SUBURBAN POVERTY MEETS SPRAWL RETROFIT
1:30 - 2:45 PM
Guests: June Williamson, Dan Reed, Galina Tachieva

Afternoon

BOOK AND CD SIGNING: DAR WILLIAMS
12:00 - 1:00 PM / Madison Ballroom Backstage

Meet Dar Williams, singer, songwriter, and author of What I Found in a Thousand Towns: A Traveling Musician’s Guide to Rebuilding America’s Communities One Coffee Shop, Dog Run, and Open-Mike Night at a Time. Pick up your copies of Williams’s work at the CNU 26 Bookstore, open Tuesday through Friday, and conveniently located in the Madison Ballroom of the DeSoto Hotel.

LUNCH
12:15-2:00 PM

Lunch on your own. Stroll the streets and squares near the DeSoto Hotel, where you can choose from a variety of lunch spots.

OI: NEW URBANISM AND THE COMMON GOOD: MISSION-DRIVEN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
12:30 - 1:45 PM, Chippewa Conference Room, Second Floor, DeSoto Hotel

This Open Innovations session addresses a lean ethical framework for engaging New Urbanism across the political
spectrum. It will consider how the administration of uses for publicly controlled property, as well as the entitlement of development within existing communities, have direct impacts on how successfully we can deliver affordable, diverse, and resilient places for people. Who participates in the decision-making process? Is it substantive, or is it superficial? CNU has consistently supported the importance of community activism and public participation, but how can we improve the turnout and participation at community meetings, as well as the integrity of the process? Brooklyn Village in Charlotte is used as an example of creating not just amazing urbanism, but also a high level of economic opportunity for the disadvantaged. Early 20th Century social housing in Amsterdam will be presented as an example of social housing created in a process that recognized the dignity of the residents, as it created a rich urban fabric.

Craig Lewis, Principal, Stantec / Gerald Erion, Ph.D., Professor of Philosophy, Medaille College / Jennifer Griffin, Founding Principal, J Griffin Design, LLC / Mark Santrach, Architectural Designer, Robert A.M. Stern Architects / Christina Miller, Senior Project Manager, DPZ CoDESIGN / Adam Rosa, Principal, Camiros, Ltd./ Matthew Lewis, CEO, Simplicity Design

**MEMBER LED: IMPLEMENTING CONTEXT-SENSITIVE STREETS; THE NEW HANDBOOK (ITE)**

12:30 - 1:45 PM / Reynolds Conference Room, Second Floor, DeSoto Hotel

With CNU’s help, ITE has published a new handbook that builds on the success of the seminal ITE/CNU Designing Walkable Urban Thoroughfares. This interactive session will discuss the impact of Implementing Context Sensitive Design on Multimodal Corridors: A Practitioner’s Handbook, for which CNU wrote all of the case studies.

Rob Steuteville, Senior Communications Advisor, CNU and Editor, Public Square / Kenneth Voigt, Senior Traffic Engineer, Ayres Associates / Richard A. Hall, President, Hall Planning & Engineering, Inc.

**MEMBER LED: HIGHWAYS TO BOULEVARDS: LESSONS FROM THE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE**

12:30 - 1:45 PM / Ossabaw Ballroom, DeSoto Hotel

Many highways-to-boulevards discussions have been theoretical. Converting inner-city highways to boulevards is not only an engineering challenge, but it also offers economic opportunities with political pathways forward requiring coalitions of stakeholders to advocate and implement the desired vision. This session will focus on how to make dreams a reality; learning from completed projects (Milwaukee), on-going removals (Rochester), and highly charged on-going political campaigns where the future is not yet determined (Dallas). The goal of this session is to help attendees build effective campaigns and implement change in their own cities.

Peter Park, Owner, Peter Park LLC / Patrick J Kennedy, Partner, Space Between Design Studio / Tim Raymond, Architect, Founding Member of Community Design Center of Rochester / Linda Magi, Artist, Neighborhood Activist

**MEMBER LED: DESIGNING A CITY STATE IN THE CARIBBEAN**

12:30 - 1:45 PM / Knights of Columbus

Haven is forming a new city state on the Caribbean island of Roatan, enabled by the Honduran Zone for Employment and Economic Development (ZEDE) reforms. Come find out about the early days of design for this unique community, with its vision for co-developing up to five New Urbanism-influenced towns and communities.

Steven Goldner Mills, Port Royal Development Group S.A. / Jon Peters, CEO at The Valley
MEMBER LED: WHAT IS A HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOOD? DEVELOPING A NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH SCORE
12:30 - 1:45 PM / Pulaski, DeSoto Hotel

The importance of place as a determinant of economic wellbeing and health, has been widely accepted in many quarters, from the Surgeon General to healthcare foundations, from APA, ULI, and AIA to many federal agencies with place-based programs. Projects are advancing to establish a quantitative measure of neighborhood health. For example, County Health Rankings provide a snapshot of community health for all counties in the US, using more than 30 factors - such as children in poverty, violent crime, and high school graduation rates. Will a standard measure (similar to Walk Score) emerge for consumers, for use in infrastructure investment, or comprehensive planning to reconnect health into neighborhood and urban design?

This work session is framed by leadership from Purpose Built Communities, Habitat for Humanity, and Presence Health, who are engaged in neighborhood-scale community programs and in integrating healthcare clinics and services. The panel will discuss possible concepts and benefits of a “Neighborhood Health Score” to engage philanthropic, public, and market-supported investment in healthy Main Streets and neighborhood placemaking.

David Edwards, CEO, Purpose Built Communities / Daniel Gura, Director of Capital Markets and Financial Systems, Habitat for Humanity / Laura Heery Prozes, Founder, Live/Work/Walk Foundation

MEMBER LED: VICTORY SQUARE AND EAST SAVANNAH
12:30 - 1:45 PM, Cumberland, DeSoto Hotel

A Design+Research Urban Design Studio at Georgia Tech addressed future visions for Victory Square and East Savannah. An overview of the issues and urban design strategy options will be followed by brief presentation of the five projects, prepared by student teams in the spring semester. The first half of the studio focused on research in five topics: stormwater, sea level rise, the Truman Parkway/Casey Canal, Victory Drive, and Victory Square and surroundings. The second half, with different student teams, focused on urban design visions for the future of the Truman Parkway, green infrastructure design, living with sea level rise, and retrofitting Victory Square and Victory Drive. Instead of setting out phases for future development, the studio focused on “feet,” meaning how future visions can adapt to 1 foot, 3 feet or 6 feet of sea level rise, where all the proposals must be complete at any point. The studio views this Research+Design as a test concerning how we might begin to address the unknowns of sea level rise and changing economies, transportation, and living with water.

Richard Dagenhart, Ph.D, Emeritus Professor, School of Architecture, Georgia Tech / Katherine Moore, Director, Sustainable Growth Program, Georgia Conservancy / Students of the Design + Research Urban Design Studio

ART ROOM: TRAVEL SKETCHING, PAINTING AND PHOTOGRAPHY 02 – PRACTICE IN THE FIELD
12:45 - 2:00 PM / Valet Area, DeSoto Hotel

The best way to learn is by doing! Grab your sketch pad, brushes and other graphic tools of choice as we head outside in beautiful Savannah for a quick guided session to practice sketching and painting in the field. Leading practitioners will provide helpful tips and demonstrations of techniques.

Bill Dennis, Architect & Urban Designer, B. Dennis Town and Building Design / Kenneth Garcia, Town Planner, Dover, Kohl & Partners / Dan Osborne, Director of Design Enrichment, Historic Concepts / Joe Skibba, Co-Founder, Depiction, LLC

TOUR: FOOTPRINTS OF SAVANNAH: URBANISM AND THE AFRICAN AMERICAN EXPERIENCE
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Vaughnette Goode-Walker, Founder, Footprints of Savannah Walking Tour

TOUR: BOXPORT RE-VISITED
2:00 - 4:30 PM / Valet Area, DeSoto Hotel

Come experience a multi-use, sustainable shipping container public space that bridges the existing gaps between Savannah’s low-income community, Savannah residents, the port, and tourists.

Scott Boylston, Professor of Design for Sustainability, Savannah College of Art and Design
TOUR: SUSTAINABLE HOUSING
2:00-4:30 PM / Valet Area, DeSoto Hotel
See how local housing organizations are integrating a mix of incomes and housing types. Participants will visit Sustainable Fellwood, Hitch Village, Wessels & Blackshear communities.
Ken Clark, Director of Development Services, Housing Authority of Savannah / Denise Grabowski, Principal, Symbioscity

EMERGING MOBILITY TECHNOLOGIES, EQUITY, AND AFFORDABILITY
2:15 - 3:30 PM / Ossabaw Ballroom, DeSoto Hotel
Cities, transit agencies, and mobility service providers are grappling with the challenge of providing low-cost, equitable transportation. This panel will discuss new and innovative, as well as tried-and-true, strategies for providing affordable mobility options for those in the most need of them.
Francisco Enriquez, Co-Founder and Managing Director, Glasshouse Policy / Aric Ohana, Co-Founder, Envoy / Justin Holmes, Director of Corporate Communications & Public Policy, Zipcar / Derek Freithem, Business Development Director, moovel

ENGAGING THE UNLIKELY
2:15 - 3:30 PM / Sapelo, DeSoto Hotel
What sorts of new engagement tools welcome groups who don’t usually come to the table? To get that complex mix of age, income, and race that truly reflects the collective local vision and makes for resilient, equitable places? In this session, we’ll get an update on the latest action techniques, like Tactical Urbanism, as well as communications techniques, like open space technology. Tactical Urbanism is being used as a public engagement technique at the metropolitan scale in places like greater Los Angeles, Miami-Dade County, and Thessaloniki, Greece. The tool helps address many issues at once: mistrust in government, language/cultural barriers, and lack of leadership from municipal government. We’ll also discuss emerging electronic tools, including a Minecraft lounge, where participants are encouraged to work together to model what they love about downtown and calm what they fear using to-scale buildings of existing conditions.
Hazel Borys, Managing Principal, PlaceMakers / Jennifer Hurley, President & CEO, Hurley-Franks & Associates / Mike Lydon, Principal, The Street Plans Collaborative / Christine Wacta, Professor of Architecture, Savannah College of Art and Design

OI: CREATING PLACES THAT PEOPLE LOVE (PLACEMAKING)
2:15 - 3:30 PM, Chippewa Conference Room, Second Floor, DeSoto Hotel
This Open Innovations session features lightning rounds that present both the macro and micro scales of successful placemaking. At the micro scale, we will hear about using pavement, as well as inexpensive paint, to completely transform a place, creating phenomenal urbanism. At the macro scale, a new regulatory framework will be presented that identifies three components of urbanism that can be the tools of placemaking: street, land use, and form. Also featured in this session: how the Urban Bouldering Festival has been used to provide financial support to activate derelict spaces with recreational placemaking, and how the CNU-California Chapter used its By-Design Charrette in Woodland, California to create a viable redevelopment scheme for a dead mall.
Jenna Elswick, Senior Planner, City of Holland, Michigan / Alexander Dukes / Paul Knight, Associate, Historical Concepts / Howard Blackson, III, Urban Design Studio Director, AVRP Skyport / Kaje Simpson, Student, Urban Planning / Steve Coyle, Real Estate Developer / Steve Coyle, Principal, Town Green / Robin Williams, Ph.D, Chair, Architectural History, Savannah College of Art and Design

ART ROOM: DESIGN OF PUBLIC SPACES
2:15 - 3:30 PM / Pulaski, DeSoto Hotel
Make your public spaces really sing! The art of public space design has evolved considerably through New Urbanist practice. In this hands-on session, learn how to build upon timeless design fundamentals while incorporating the latest ideas for programming public spaces with landscaping, lighting, architecture and activities to create truly compelling destinations.
Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk, Partner, DPZ CoDESIGN / Kevin Burke, Principal Landscape Architect, Atlanta BeltLine Inc.
SAVING NATURE WITH WALKABLE URBANISM  
2:15 - 3:30 PM / Harborview, DeSoto Hotel

This session explores how two award-winning plans used walkable urbanism to preserve open space, create access to nature, and encourage infill and redevelopment. Both the Beaufort Civic Master Plan (2014 CNU Charter Award) and the Davidson Rural Area Plan (2017 Sustain Charlotte Award, 2017 NC APA Awards) employ form-based frameworks to achieve desired growth within and immediately adjacent to their historic communities.

Beaufort’s focus on strategies at the neighborhood, block and building scale enabled protection and expansion of the public waterfront and natural infrastructure, while also strengthening downtown’s image, neighborhoods and corridors, and economic development. The plan clarified Beaufort’s capital investments, established partnerships, attracted grant funding, and led to a city-wide form-based code. Davidson’s RAP emphasizes open space preservation, connectivity, and walkability that innovatively conserves 65% of the Town’s rural area via publicly-accessible open space centered around mixed-use village centers. Each plan illustrates walkable development and conservation going hand-in-hand.

Trey Akers, Planner, Town of Davidson, NC / Jason Burdette, Planning Director, City of Davidson, NC / Lauren Kelly, Project Development Planner, City of Beaufort / Craig Lewis, Principal, Stantec

COMPARING DIFFERENT FORM-BASED CODE PLATFORMS  
2:15 - 3:30 PM / Cumberland, DeSoto Hotel

Form-based codes have been in modern use for almost forty years, and have touched over 650 units of government. From the first developer-driven codes, to the complex municipal unified development ordinances of today, there has been significant change. As local governments come to see the environmental, health, and economic benefits of FBCs, the demand is rising and it’s time to check in and see how we’re doing.

Too frequently, the codes being adopted are overly complex, with layers of potentially conflicting regulations that are difficult to administer or implement. At the same time, creative innovations in coding are also being implemented. This session will review both the threats and the opportunities within current FBC practice.

This is an advanced working forum, with the purpose of reviewing the current state of coding and, with audience participation, developing a document outlining top FBC best practices for municipalities and local governments.

Andrew Georgiadis, President, Georgiadis Urban Design / Geoffrey Ferrell, Principal, Ferrell Madden

INTRO TO URBANFOOTPRINT: USING ADVANCED DATA SCIENCE AND SCENARIO PLANNING TO BUILD MORE SUSTAINABLE PLACES  
2:15 - 3:30 PM / Knights of Columbus

How should New Urbanists plan for more sustainable, resilient places in the age of big data? Data hold the key to many of our communities’ toughest challenges, yet the overabundance of data makes it difficult to quickly distill meaningful insights. UrbanFootprint is a cloud-based platform founded on the principles of New Urbanism and built to bring the power of data science to planners and designers. Join our session and we’ll cover how UrbanFootprint is built to:
- Run existing conditions analyses in minutes with hundreds of cleaned and curated data sets.
- Compare and contrast the impacts of future land use scenarios in real-time across key metrics like emissions, water use, energy use, walk and transit accessibility, and more.
- Support transparent communication and community education with clear, easy-to-use reporting.

Join our discussion and learn how data can help illuminate a path forward for environmentally sound, socially equitable, and economically strong communities.

Peter Calthorpe, UrbanFootprint Co-Founder and Principal, Calthorpe Associates & Calthorpe Analytics / Joe DiStefano, UrbanFootprint Co-Founder

BREAK  
3:30 - 3:45 PM

Grab coffee, tea, and other refreshments in the Madison Ballroom.
URBANISM STRATEGIES FOR DOWNTOWN WATERFRONTS IN CITIES OF ALL SIZES
3:45 - 5:00 PM / Chippewa Conference Room, Second Floor, DeSoto Hotel

As more households move across the nation in search of urban places to shop and live—often seeking recreational and other opportunities along downtown rivers and waterways—it’s becoming critical to activate waterfronts to satisfy the needs of year-round and seasonal residents, as well as visitors. This session begins with an introduction to waterfront downtowns along Michigan’s Great Lakes, offering an overview of successful strategies for activating the waterfront with transformative projects, reinvestment, and shopping choices. Learn about an innovative tool—PlaceScoreTM analysis—which has been used to gauge placemaking progress across the State of Michigan, and particularly along the Great Lakes. Panelists will also examine how New Urbanism’s principles are applied to downtown waterfronts, with examples of how coding, implementation, and management strategies helped activate downtown San Diego’s waterfront. The session will touch on how these strategies could be applied to further activate Savannah’s unique riverfront setting while leveraging its many assets.

Sharon Woods, CRE, Principal, LandUse USA / Howard Blackson, III, Urban Design Studio Director, AVRP Skyport

AUTHENTICITY: HOW TO CREATE EXPERIENCE, NOT JUST RETAIL
3:45 - 5:00 PM / Ossabaw Ballroom, DeSoto Hotel

We all know the landscape of retail is changing, but want to do about it? The shifting dynamics of consumer spending and habits can have far reaching effects on the success of mixed-use neighborhoods and projects. This session will explore the emerging tactics that successful mixed-use, retail and hospitality developers are using to craft experiences with commercial tenants that supports the creation of authentic places. We will dive deep into the details of how these projects were conceived, planned, and developed sharing with attendees what has worked and, most important, what has not worked. From main street, mixed-use infill buildings to historic buildings being converted to unique hotels, such as The Siren in Detroit, to entire new neighborhoods, such as Boston’s Seaport, this session will explore the state of mixed-use development today.

Jenna Goldman, Partner and Director of Development, ASH NYC / Russell S. Preston, Design Director, Principle / Francis X. Scire, Jr., Vice President for Leasing, Simon Property Group
PUBLIC SPACE AND THE HUMAN SCALE: IMPLEMENTING THE NEW URBAN AGENDA
3:45 - 5 PM / Sapelo, DeSoto Hotel

The New Urban Agenda, adopted by consensus by all 193 countries of the United Nations, affirms many of the central goals of the New Urbanism, including a walkable, human-scaled public realm. But implementation remains a major challenge globally, as it does in the USA. In this challenge, public spaces will play a central role, as places for human contact, exchange, opportunity and quality of life. How can we leverage improvements in public spaces as catalysts for wider improvements in cities and towns? How can public space help to address equity and diversity, as the New Urban Agenda requires? Colleagues at the Center for the Future of Places in Stockholm, who have played a role in developing the New Urban Agenda, will host a review of US and international actions, results and next steps.

Michael Mehaffy, Ph.D., Senior Researcher, KTH University, Stockholm & Executive Director, Sustasis Foundation / David Brain, Ph.D. Professor, New College Florida / Setha Low, Ph.D., Director, Public Space Research Group, City University of New York / Vikas Mehta, Ph.D., Associate Professor, University of Cincinnati / Emily Talen Ph.D., Professor, University of Chicago / Discussants: Joanna Alimanestianu, Architect and Urban Designer / Chris Elisara, Ph.D., Director of the Creation Care Task Force, World Evangelical Alliance / Doug Kelbaugh, Professor, Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Michigan / Chuck Wolfe, Author, Seeing the Better City

WHOSE PLAZA IS IT? PLACEMAKING AND EQUITY MEET HEAD ON
3:45 - 5:00 PM / Cumberland, DeSoto Hotel

Placemaking is exciting, fun, and collaborative, but that does not always mean equitable to the people that live in an area. How do you revive the public realm without speeding up neighborhood change? How do you co-create public spaces that speak to both old and new residents? This session will take a deep dive into equitable placemaking in Charlotte, North Carolina—a city that ranks last in economic mobility among major cities. See how the city has used public realm design and placemaking as a tool to build neighborhood and trust capital from the beginning.

Alysia Osborne, Director of Historic West End, Charlotte Center City Partners / Monica Carney Holmes, Urban Designer, City of Charlotte / Eric Orozco, Urban Designer, Neighboring Concepts

CODESIGN AND COLLABORATION IN CREATIVE COMMUNITY-LED PRACTICE
3:45 - 5:00 PM / Knights of Columbus

This course will explore ethical, equitable, and authentic engagement practices that are at the heart of successful community-engaged design. It will address the role community input plays in positively shaping a project throughout the process, from programming and site selection to design aesthetics and maintenance planning.

Allie O’Neill, Program Manager, Neighborhood Design Center / Briony Hynson, Deputy Director, Neighborhood Design Center

ART ROOM: ABCS OF PUDS
3:45 - 5:15 PM / Pulaski, DeSoto Hotel

Like it or not, Planned Unit Developments are a dominant means by which mixed-use master plans are realized in most municipalities. During this highly interactive hands-on workshop, facilitators will guide participants through specific techniques used to create winning PUD designs. Participants will then have the chance to exercise those techniques by developing master plans for a hypothetical site. Sustainability strategies for stormwater, solar orientation, and district systems will also be built into the process. A voluntary pinup at the end of the workshop will allow participants to discuss their designs with the group. ALSO: Drawing tools and materials will be provided. Participants of all skill levels are welcome! No prior drawing experience is required.

Sydney Blankers-VanKuren, Sustainable Urbanism Program Coordinator, Farr Associates / Tim Kirkby, Senior Associate, Farr Associates
RETROFITTING GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE INTO THE URBAN FABRIC: A CONVERSATION ON THE NEEDS, CHALLENGES, AND FUTURE SOLUTIONS

3:45 - 5:00 PM / Harborview, DeSoto Hotel

There is an incredible, yet largely untapped, opportunity to integrate the concepts of green infrastructure within our cities and towns. The effects of rapid and poorly planned urbanization are clearly at hand: A denuded landscape, compromised transportation system and urban spaces, and significant impervious cover that is at the mercy of climate change. Now is the perfect time to use green infrastructure to reinvigorate our neighborhoods and bring the latest thinking to the forefront of design and planning. This panel of presenters will each detail the needs, challenges, and solutions to retrofitting green infrastructure within multiple urban contexts. Each member of the panel will give their unique point of view from different professional disciplines: landscape architecture, urban design, and civil engineering.

Kevin Robert Perry, Urban Rain/Design / Paul Crabtree, Founder and President of Crabtree Group, Inc. / Ellen Dunham-Jones, Director, Urban Design Program, Georgia Institute of Technology, Moderator

BOOK PRESENTATION: LEE HARDY

4:30 - 5:00 PM / Madison Ballroom Backstage, DeSoto Hotel

Join Lee Hardy, author of The Embrace of Buildings, for a presentation and book signing. Pick up your copies of Hardy’s work at the CNU 26 Bookstore, open Tuesday through Friday, and conveniently located in the Madison Ballroom of the DeSoto Hotel

Evening

CHARTER AWARDS RECEPTION
5:00 - 6:30 PM / Telfair Square

Join us for drinks in Telfair Square before the 2018 Charter Awards Ceremony.

CHARTER AWARDS CEREMONY
6:30 - 8:00 PM / Neises Auditorium, Jepson Theatre

The CNU Charter Awards recognizes exemplary work in architectural, landscape, urban, and regional design, as defined by the Charter of the New Urbanism. Join this year’s jury co-chairs Jennifer Hurley and Maurice Cox for an evening honoring this year’s Charter Awards recipients.

STRONG TOWN DEBATES
8:00 - 9:30 PM / Knights of Columbus


Charles Marohn, President, Strong Towns

CNU 26 DANCE PARTY
9:30 - 11:00 PM / Knights of Columbus

Get your dancing shoes ready! DJ PlaceMakahs will be spinning your favorite dance tunes. Join us for a spirited evening of fun and friendship.
Morning

BREAKFAST
8:00 - 9:00 AM / Madison Square
Enjoy hearty breakfast and prepare for the last day of Congress.

TOUR: LOST SAVANNAH
9:00 - 11:30 AM / Valet Area, DeSoto Hotel
As Savannah grew and evolved, Oglethorpe’s original ward structure with its gridiron street pattern and central square, continued to be utilized as the building blocks for city expansion well into the mid-nineteenth century. A total of 24 squares were laid out—however, only 22 remain today. This tour will focus on the western edge of the Savannah Landmark Historic District which has seen deterioration (and in some areas restoration) of the ward structure over the years, primarily due to automobile-centric thinking and ideas in the twentieth century.

Ellen Harris, Director of Urban Planning and Historic Preservation, Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission

TOUR: HISTORIC PAVEMENT
9:00 AM - 12:30 PM / Madison Square
Pavement was integral to the creation of the modern city. Savannah preserves a greater variety of historic pavements in a concentrated area than any other American city. Explore the various types of historic pavements as well as modern variants reintroduced for drainage and traffic calming.

Robin Williams, Ph.D., Chair, Department of Architectural History, Savannah College of Art and Design

PLENARY: TALKIN’ ‘BOUT MY G-G-GENERATION
9:00 - 10:30 AM / Madison Ballroom, DeSoto Hotel
Todd Zimmerman, Kevin Klinkenberg, and Kristen Jeffers, members of the Baby Boom, Generation X, and the Millennials, respectively, discuss their attitudes toward urbanism, both as experienced New Urbanist practitioners and as representatives of their age cohort. They will recount the beginning of their awareness of urbanism, explaining—and arguing about—generational attitudes toward neighborhoods, housing, retail, transportation, recreation, and other elements of urban life. From their varied perspectives, they will offer advice and encouragement to iGen, Gen Zed and Alpha Gen—the rising generations of digital natives.

Kristen Jeffers, Grassroots Planner and Placemaker / Kevin Klinkenberg, Principal, K2 Urban Design / Todd Zimmerman, Principal, Zimmerman/Volk Associates, Inc.

TOUR: COASTAL SAVANNAH: ISLAND AND MARSH-FRONT COMMUNITIES
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM / Valet Area, DeSoto Hotel
Coastal communities are faced with unique challenges from sea level rise, increasing storm surge, habitat transformation and salt water intrusion. Both traditional and modern forms of development will be explored and contrasted in both a local, regional and scalable frame. Locations include Pin Point Fishing Community (former childhood home of Clarence Thomas), Wormsloe Plantation, and Isle of Hope.

Todd Holloway, Founder, Holloway Environmental Planning

All tours require an additional fee. Please visit the registration desk in the Foyer of the DeSoto Hotel to register.
The New Urban Guild is dedicated to promoting the creation of better places through traditional patterns and languages of architecture and urbanism. The New Urban Guild views the pervasiveness of disposable buildings, placeless buildings, forgettable buildings, and unlovable buildings as the natural end-product of any theory of architecture that is not based primarily on human beings.

**MIDDAY SESSION**

10:45 AM - 2:30 PM / Harborview, DeSoto Hotel

A number of techniques for working with building owners and builders can bring about a new and living tradition in a place that is calibrated to the regional conditions, climate, and culture, so that the wisdom of building sustainably is embedded within the tradition and becomes the normal way of building there. The session begins with particular techniques for achieving this, focusing on how-to issues and useful rules of thumb for implementing these techniques. Following each brief presentation, a jury will be convened from the audience, similar to early Congresses and Charter Councils. Specific topics include:

- **Living Traditions**
- **Folding Modern into Tradition – principles and techniques**
- **Pattern Books – principle-based books and style-based books**
- **Builder Workshops – eaves, porches, dormers, doors & windows, field reviews**
- **Town Architects – the various methods**

Andrés Duany, Partner, DPZ CoDESIGN / Christine G.H. Franck, Principal, Christine G.H. Franck Studio / Geoffrey Mouen, Architect / Steve Mouzon, Principal, Mouzon Design / Nathan Norris, Founding Principal, CityBuilding Partnership / Donald Powers, Founding Principal, Union Studio Architecture
Saturday 5/19

**TOUR: THE EDGEMERE AND SACKVILLE NEIGHBORHOODS**

10:30 AM - 12:30 PM / Valet Area, DeSoto Hotel

Home to more than 700 residents, the Edgemere and Sackville neighborhoods were established in the 1930s. For many years, Edgemere and Sackville have grappled with crime and blight. One of the major challenges has been dealing with absentee landowners and slumlords. Slumlords are responsible for creating and continuing the concentration of poverty that currently exists in these communities. Over the past three years, the Edgemere–Sackville Neighborhood Association has made monumental advances to improve the community. In 2017, the City of Savannah announced that the Edgemere-Sackville Neighborhoods were chosen as the pilot community for their Savannah Shines revitalization program.

Tour participants will explore the revitalization projects planned, including the construction of a new park; capital improvements which include, sidewalks, lighting and bike paths; cutting back the overgrowth of trees; and partnering with agencies such as Habitat for Humanity to build new homes and encourage homeownership.

Cynthia Hopson, Director of Sustainable Neighborhoods, Savannah Chatham Sustainability Coalition

**OI: NEW URBANISM NEEDS NEW HUMANISM**

10:45 AM - 12:00 PM / Madison Ballroom

With urban areas clearly the preference of the 21st century, many cities are experiencing rapidly increasing populations. Affordability and sustainability need to be given special attention in the planning process to protect diversity and avoid wealth segmentation. This Open Innovation session will focus on strategies that use flexible design ideas, progressive policies, new technologies, and social programming to positively influence the future of evolving neighborhoods. New Urbanism aims to create spillover value that builds on itself, but can sometime include parasitic costs that sap value from the community. These costs and values can be quantified and characterized so that value-sapping “economic rent” can be revealed and prevented. This session includes a presentation on the Hofje, an innovative Dutch urban solution that configures small, inner-block-facing units designed for and occupied by seniors, pensioners, and widowers.

Ric Geyer, Urban Pioneer, 787 Windsor / Christopher Pizzi, Senior Associate, Hart Howerton / Reed Benet, Entrepreneur / Phil Hahn, Phil Hahn International / Chris Bonarrigo, Architectural Designer at bKL Architecture / Bruce Donnelly, Urban Planner, Writer / George Proakis, Director of Planning, City of Somerville, Massachusetts

**TOUR: SKETCHING ROWHOUSES/LANE HOUSES OF SAVANNAH**

12:00 - 2:00 PM / Madison Square

Participants will sketch a variety of buildings in close proximity to learn creative and graceful ways that a variety of housing types can co-exist.

Eric Brown, Principal, Brown Design Studio / Daniel Smith, Principal, Daniel E. Smith Fine Arts

**TOUR: TACTICAL URBANISM THOMAS SQUARE RETROFIT/ STARLAND DISTRICT**

12:00 - 3:30 PM / Valet Area, DeSoto Hotel

The most diverse and eclectic mix of what Savannah has to offer can be found in the Starland District. This vibrant area contains a test zone for Lean Urbanism. Major institutions such as SCAD, Live Oak Public Library, Creative Coast, and a new charter school call this neighborhood home. Participants will learn about recent and upcoming development in the area. Following the tour participants will be invited to participate in a tactical urbanism activity at nearby Thomas Square, led by self-described serial entrepreneur and Starland booster Clinton Edminster.

Clinton Edminster, President, Thomas Square Association

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**Afternoon**

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OI: SMART PLANNING FOR PLACES THAT MAKE SENSE IN AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE
12:45 to 1:30 PM / Madison Ballroom

How dense does the urban area need to be for the five-minute walk to support neighborhood retail use? How does that dovetail with a desire for cities to be less centralized in an effort to respect scaling preferences? Economic redevelopment is constantly being challenged by changing demand and expectations. Many of us are committed to creating attractive business environments by building and repositioning physical infrastructure (both to serve older/historic districts and to make better use of the abundant acreage that belongs to some public agencies). How can we apply the Transect to the whole city to help us get the texture right? This Open Innovation session includes a report about how Windsor, Canada has embarked on strategic moves to promote intensification along its major thoroughfares.

E. Stephen Goldie, City Planning Advisor, Al Ain Region Department of Urban Planning & Municipalities / Stephen Rhoades, Principal, Vireo / Walter D. Clapp, Founder and Director, Community Adaptation, LLC / Elizabeth Demetriou, Director, Economic Development. LISC / Timothy Lindsey / Dorian Moore, Archive Design Studio Detroit+Toronto / The Honorable Chris Holt, City Councillor, City of Windsor, Ontario

OI: DESIGNING FOR VITALITY AND AUTHENTICITY
2:00 - 3:00 PM / Madison Ballroom

A variety of processes can be used to create built environments. Different choices can result in a place that shines with vitality and authenticity, or one that is dull and disconnected. This Open Innovation session will examine multi-purpose, flexible public realm improvements that can become a valued part of creating sustainable public spaces. Presenters will discuss innovative, out-of-the-box, community-based design principles and strategies for building and enhancing a community’s sense of place. One of the lightning rounds will include the idea that it is possible to measure the experience of the environment and use these results to scientifically validate whether a place is interesting, pleasant, and safe; or boring, unpleasant, and unsafe. A program in the City of Detroit that converts vacant lots into neighborhood parks will be showcased as a model of how to maximize participatory design with residents, designers, and city agencies.

Ross Chapin, Principal, Ross Chapin Architects / Bradley McCauley, Managing Principal, site / Omar Davis, Urban Landscape Planner — East City of Detroit, Department of Planning & Development / Michael Mehaffy, President, Senior Researcher, Structura Naturalis Inc., KTH Royal Institute of Technology / Sep Kamar / Lena Steffner, PhD, Chief Executive Officer, AB QA / Adam Rosa, Principal, Camiros, Ltd.

Evening

CLOSING PARTY
5:30 - 7:00 PM / Service Brewing Co.

Come celebrate with us as we close another extraordinary Congress—and get ready for the year to come.

Savannah is widely known as the most haunted city in America.
**SAVANNAH AS PLATFORM / SOUTHSIDE LEGACY PROJECT**
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM / Sanctuary, Christ Church

Savannah’s Southside represents a 25-square-mile area annexed into the City of Savannah in 1978. Largely developed in the second half of the 20th century, it is home to Hunter Army Airfield and Georgia Southern University’s Armstrong campus. The Southside is characterized by residential neighborhoods and a 6-mile commercial corridor along Abercorn Street. This session will provide an overview of the vision proposed during the CNU Legacy Charrette in March 2018, aimed at transforming an existing low-density, high-traffic commercial area into a complete neighborhood. The proposed suburban retrofit provides a focal point for future population growth, promotes walkability and biking, and increases opportunities for public transit. The panel will discuss the opportunities and challenges presented by the vision plan as well as the tools and techniques available to making it a reality.

Michael C. Swartz, Principal, David M. Schwarz Architects / The Honorable Tony Thomas, Alderman Savannah City Council / Richard A. Hall, P.E., HPE – Hall Planning & Engineering, Inc. / Manny Dominguez, Office of Business Opportunity Director, City of Savannah / Bridget Lidy, Director of Planning and Urban Design, City of Savannah

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**SAVANNAH AS PLATFORM / URBAN REPAIR IN SAVANNAH’S EASTSIDE**
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM / Sanctuary, Christ Church

As a city matures and becomes livable, hence desirable, the tendency has been to expand horizontally. In the late 19th century streetcar lines often fueled urban growth. Although accessible by transit, these surrounding areas usually lacked the intrinsic qualities embodied in the core, as they were fueled by financial speculation rather than civic ideals. With the closing of streetcar lines in the 1950s, these predominantly residential areas declined due to a lack of accessible services. Such is the case for Savannah’s Eastside, a neighborhood adjacent to the historic core, which was the focus of one of three CNU Legacy Charrettes. The session will discuss strategies for enhancing the area through specific interventions at both micro and macro levels.

Dhiru A. Thadani, Thadani Architect + Urbanist / The Honorable Bill Durrence, Alderman, City of Savannah / Kevin Klinkenberg, Principal, K2 Urban Design /

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**SAVANNAH AS PLATFORM / AN INCREMENTAL DEVELOPMENT APPROACH FOR NORWICH CORRIDOR**
12:15 PM - 1:15 PM / Sanctuary, Christ Church

In the small Oglethorpe-designed port city of Brunswick, Georgia, a once-thriving commercial corridor is now largely abandoned and neglected. The City of Brunswick brought in local and national partners to craft a vision and strategies to reinvigorate Norwich Corridor, using an incremental development toolbox to put underutilized assets back into productive use.

Eric Kronberg, Principal, Kronberg Wall / Katherine Moore, Sustainable Growth Program Director, The Georgia Conservancy / Brenda (Bren) White-Daiss, Director of Planning, Development & Codes, City of Brunswick / Geoff Koski, President, Bleakly Advisory Group / Denise Grabowski, Principal, Symbioscity

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**LESSONS LEARNED IN SAVANNAH**
3:15- 5:00 PM / Sanctuary, Christ Church

CNU founder Stefanos Polyzoides reflects on the lessons Savannah offers to other communities, pinpointing what new urbanists can take away from CNU26’s host city: its special character, the design and development choices that make Savannah what it is today, and the challenges for its future.

Stefanos Polyzoides, Partner, Moule & Polyzoides
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