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Workshop Brings Nationally Known Design Teams to New England!

The Congress for the New Urbanism's Legacy Projects bring urban design and planning expertise to make a difference in the CNU 33. New England at Providence region.

PROVIDENCE, RI -- From March 10 through March 19, the Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU) is bringing national urban design experts to the New England region through the Legacy Project initiative. CNU's Legacy Projects help communities to address their pressing planning or design needs with public design workshops that engage residents and local organizations in creating visions for improving public spaces, developing and connecting green space, strengthening walkability and other transportation options, and investing in cultural assets in these communities.

In mid-March, three different Legacy Projects will take place in the region:

From March 10 - March 13, the Providence Hospital District Vision Plan Legacy Project in Providence, RI will partner with the DPZ Co-Design design team to establish a shared vision for the redevelopment of underutilized land in Providence's Hospital District to reconnect the area with the Southside of Providence, unlock community development and economic opportunity, and improve public and environmental health.

From March 11 - March 13, the Connecting with Hope Legacy Project in Hope Village, RI will partner with the Historical Concepts design team to create a plan that builds on the community's strengths, addresses existing challenges, and achieves a shared vision for the future.

From March 17 - March 19, the Love the Ave District Legacy Project in New Bedford, MA will partner with the Arup and Street Plans design teams to continue the revitalization of a traditional historic commercial corridor and nearby development sites to address issues of underutilization, disinvestment, local economic development, public realm improvements, neighborhood safety and district identity.

These workshops are part of the ramp-up for CNU's 2025 annual Congress, to be held in Providence, RI from June 11 - 14, 2025. CNU is a nonprofit organization working to reform detrimental regulations, equalize access to affordable urbanism, and respond to a rapidly changing climate.

"The Legacy Projects give us the chance to give back to our host communities," says Mallory Baches, President of CNU. "These projects let us collaborate with local and neighborhood groups, institutions, and firms to reimagine and hopefully strengthen these neighborhoods. We've seen previous Legacy Projects catalyze business development, open up transportation choices, and reconnect to what is distinctive about a neighborhood."

Since 2014, CNU has initiated Legacy Projects in the annual Congress' host region to empower local leaders, advocates, and residents in communities with pro bono design services to implement New Urbanist principles and



build places where people and businesses can thrive and prosper.

For more information about the CNU 33.New England at Providence, the premiere national event on building better places coming June 11 - 14, 2025, visit <https://www.cnu.org/cnu33>.

If you are interested in attending the workshop, please email Lauren Mayer at lmayer@cnu.org for press details.

About CNU and New Urbanism:

The Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU) is a member-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit championing better design of cities and towns to improve lives and strengthen communities for all. For over thirty years, CNU has been the leading organization in reforming city-building across the country, gathering the broad spectrum of practitioners and advocates who share our mission.

The annual Congress is an international gathering of our multidisciplinary cohort, but it is also a core programmatic effort of CNU, providing an opportunity for our attendees to convene, to educate, and to collaborate in service of a world where cities, towns, and neighborhoods are intentionally designed to foster community, preserve the natural environment, and improve the lives of all people.

