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Introducing Public Square: A CNU Journal

New online publication from CNU offers news, debate, research

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Washington, DC — Today, the national nonprofit Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU) launches a new online publication on placemaking, design, and development: <u>Public Square: A CNU Journal</u>. Its mission is to add depth and rigor to the practice of urbanism, improving CNU's capacity to build inclusive, resilient places that people love.

Helmed by editor-in-chief Rob Steuteville, *Public Square: A CNU Journal* will feature news analysis, opinion, informed debate, new research, case studies, and interactive digital content—all centered on the practice of placemaking and New Urbanism. The publication is online, collaborative and welcomes serious analysis, informed debate and practical know-how aimed at ramping up the successful implementation of walkable, diverse urbanism.

"We've built *Public Square: A CNU Journal* from the ground up to meet the needs of the New Urbanist and broader placemaking movement," said Lynn Richards, President and CEO of CNU. "More than just a blog, it's a platform for the kind of discussion, debate, and collaboration that runs throughout CNU's history."

Central to the mission of *Public Square* is the goal of highlighting diverse new voices from across multiple backgrounds and disciplines—and providing a public stage for debate and discourse over the thornier issues of equity, sustainability, inclusivity, revitalization, and development. Readers are encouraged to participate through commenting, social following, and the submission of original work.

"Public Square: A CNU Journal is an exciting evolution of the work I started over twenty years ago: chronicling the story of New Urbanism," said Steuteville. "Now, we have the opportunity to explore the practice of placemaking in greater depth, and build our capacity for creating inclusive, resilient places—places that people love."

Steuteville's long-running publication, *Better! Cities and Towns*, will be archived at the new site, and popular features and contributors will continue there. *Public Square: A CNU Journal* can be found online at cnu.org/publicsquare.

Through 23 years of advocacy, CNU has changed the national conversation from a debate over sprawl to a discussion on how to reinvest in our cities and towns. As Americans both young and old demand walkable lifestyles, the market for unique and green places is growing in every region. Through our

projects, innovative tools, events, membership and programs, we empower people to deliver those places. CNU is a 501(c)3 with offices in Chicago, IL and Washington, DC.

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