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January 29-31, 2015

14th Annual

New Partners for Smart Growth Conference

Practical Tools and Innovative Strategies
for Creating Great Communities



Over the last 14 years the New Partners for Smart Growth Conference has become the largest and most comprehensive sustainable communities conference in the nation. Each year we expose a diverse cross section of leaders to innovative ideas and successful strategies to increase community equity, prosperity and resiliency. With your support, and the ongoing commitment of conference participants we are creating a groundswell of change across the nation by tackling intractable challenges - from climate change to racial inequity - at the community level where innovative solutions can be tested. On behalf of the LGC we would like to take a moment to share a few highlights as a way of thanking you - the partners who made it all possible.

Kate Meis
Executive Director
The Local Government Commission

Advancing Local and Regional Food Systems: Opportunities to Grow Resilient, Equitable Communities



Efforts are underway around the country to remove food access barriers for vulnerable populations, and many communities are discovering the smart-growth benefits of addressing the demand and supply of healthy, fresh, local food.

Laura Goddeeris
*Specialist, Michigan State
University Center for Regional
Food Systems*







Equitable Development Workshop

It's exciting that Baltimore is the site of this year's New Partners conference because in many ways it is the embodiment of the long evolution of equitable development and the inclusion of environmental justice in these important disciplines - a fitting setting to continue that work by focusing on real-world implementation of equity and justice in the development of our communities.

Matthew Tejada
*Director, Office of Environmental Justice
Environmental Protection Agency*





Poverty Simulation Experience



Heartbreaking, but important. The facilitators were incredibly professional, prepared and engaging. This is possibly the best thing that I have ever done at a conference.

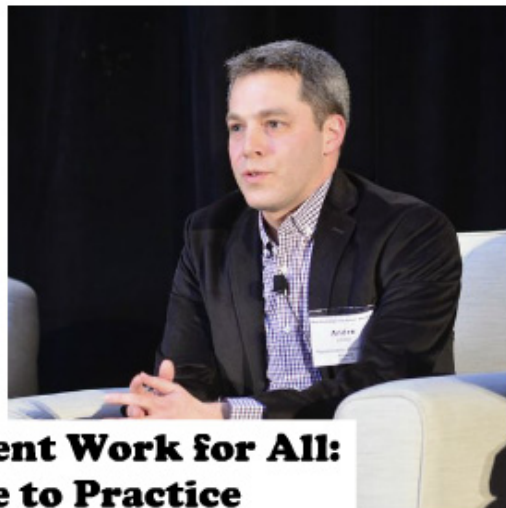
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The role-playing exercise, choreographed by the Missouri Association for Community Action and supported by Kaiser Permanente, the Annie E. Casey Foundation, and the Local Government Commission, turned out to be a vivid experience, focused on how stressful it is to be poor in U.S. cities.

Anthony Flint
Lincoln Institute of Land Policy





**Making Development Work for All:
From Promise to Practice**



To make smart-growth development work for everybody, it must be equitable, accessible and affordable, not just economically and environmentally viable.

Scot Spencer
*Associate Director for Advocacy
and Influence, The Anne E. Casey
Foundation*

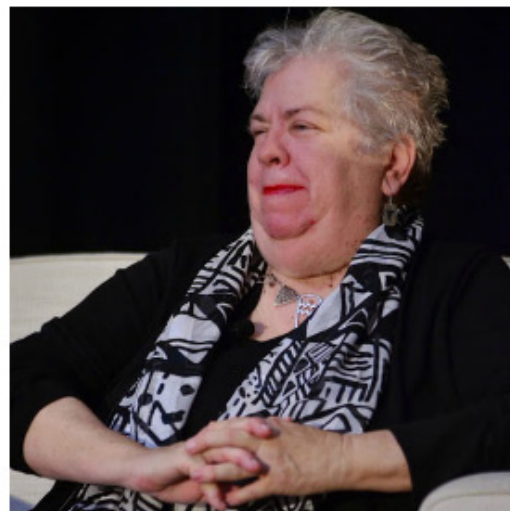


Building Resilience in the Face of Climate Risks



[We] need to empower our most impacted and vulnerable communities to really have a seat at the table and to be able to influence their immediate recovery [as well as] to craft a vision for a longer-term resilient future.

Kate Dineen
*Director, NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program,
New York Governor's Office of Storm Recovery*





Technology Fair

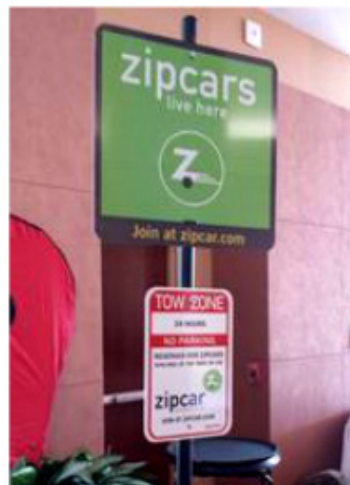
I was able to walk away from the tech fair with ideas that I would have never thought about.

Lisa Nisenson
Co-Founder, *GreaterPlaces*

People can get hands on exposure to some of the great tools and techniques that are being used.

Ken Snyder
CEO, *PlaceMatters*





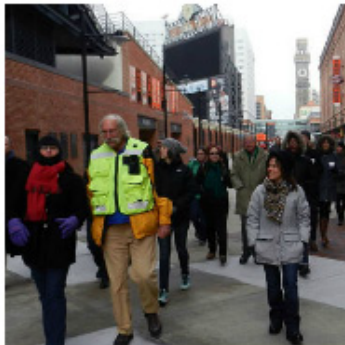


Tours of Local Model Projects

I would highly suggest signing on for a tour.

The tours give real life examples of existing challenges and what communities are doing to address these challenges.

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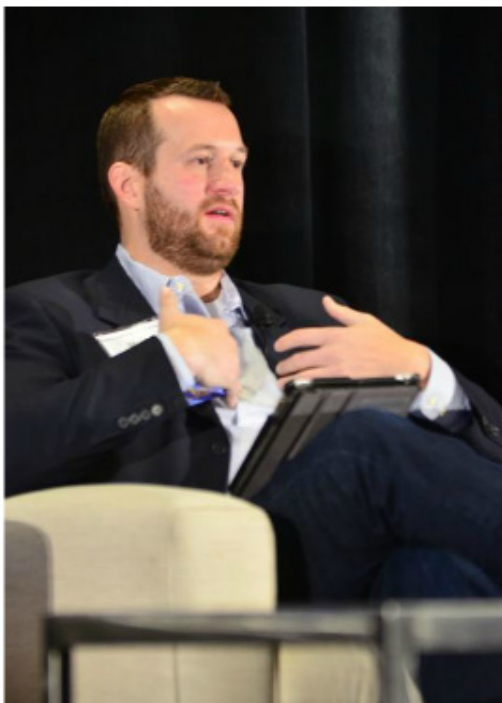
The conference covered it all! Quality of life, environmental impacts, social equity development, promoting youth leadership, disaster preparedness and even funding opportunities! It was comprehensive and fun! I hope I can attend next year!

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**Open Data + Civic Hackers = New
Technology for Age-Old Problems**





Local governments are employing modern tools and approaches to solving problems and building, or buying technology to improve the lives of community residents, visitors and businesses.

Luke Norris
Government Relations Director, Code for America



Parklets

It's exciting to see a growing number of communities rethinking how to use public space. One of the great benefits of parklets is how easily they can be installed or modified with little capital expense to meet community needs.

Deborah Steinberg
Professional Practice Manager,
American Society of Landscape Architects







As America's population ages, it is essential that cities and communities adapt to the needs of older adults. Making cities and communities age-friendly is one of the most effective approaches to respond to this aging demographic, and prepare for subsequent generations.

Jeanne Anthony
*Senior Program Manager,
 AARP Livable Communities*





New Partners is always a great conference, bringing together a wide variety of professionals who can learn from one another. This is easily of the best conferences for planners in any given year. I continue to urge my colleagues to attend.

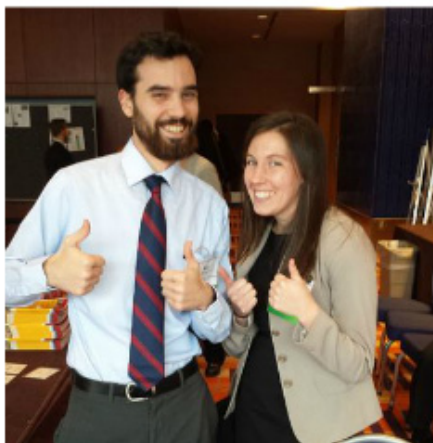
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Pulling it all Together - Strategies for a Challenging Environment



We focus a lot on bringing the community together [through] community engagement, reaching out to the community [and] working with community leaders . . . Your partnership with the local government makes a huge difference, so do as much as you can.

Dawn Zimmer
Mayor, City of Hoboken, NJ



**The Local Government Commission
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