

New Partners for Smart Growth

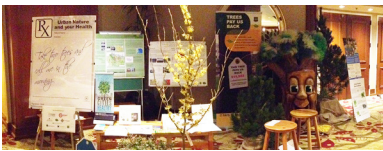
Practical Tools and Innovative Strategies for Creating Great Communities

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Highlights from 2016:
Parklets 4.0



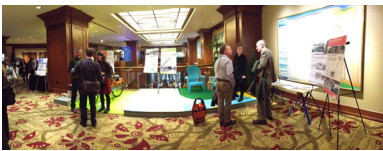
Urban Nature and Your Health: Take Two Trees and Call Me in the Morning!

Sponsored by the U.S. Forest Service, this parklet offered the opportunity to learn about these and other benefits provided by urban trees. Maps were provided for local, self-guided walking tours and information about effective local volunteer groups that support urban and community trees.



Speak-n-Play

Designed by Robert Ping and the Walkable and Livable Communities Institute (WALC), this interactive and fun parklet featured the ability to give your own speeches and musical performances. The parklet included a stage with a variety of instruments and a platform for a "soon-to-be-TED-talk-famous" soapbox speech.



Park Your Thoughts

Toole Design Group and the City of Portland's Urban Design Studio created a platform for exploring ideas related to the design of cities, streets, and open space. The designers invited attendees to share their thoughts on the connection between mobility, economy, and the environment.



Tactical Engagement

Sponsored by PlaceMatters, this parklet engaged diverse populations through tactical urbanism. Elements included a pop-up design for bikes and pedestrians teaching how they can be connected to the larger engagement process and a demonstration on how to use QR codes to create a broader virtual community.



Game Lab

Hosted by GreaterPlaces and DoTankDC, the parklet created a hangout dedicated to game design and game hacking for community development. Info was presented on how to develop games for civic engagement and produce a crowd sourced, placemaking game board, including a look at "Cards Against Urbanity."

Parklet participants:

- + Participate in planning calls
- + Provide materials and design for a 10'x20' parklet space
- + Share potential recourses and ideas with other parklet participants
- + Provide a title and description for their parklet, which will be included on the website and printed program booklet

Parklet participants receive:

- + One (1) full conference registration
- + Name/logo on website and printed program booklet
- + Name/logo on Parklet poster, located prominently throughout conference space
- + Special thanks in the printed program booklet
- + Mention in follow-up post in ASLA's blog, *The Field*

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Gateway to Smart Growth

Blazing trails for innovation and sustainability

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

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

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

The nation's largest smart growth and sustainability event, the theme for New Partners 2017 is "Practical Tools and Innovative Strategies for Creating Great Communities," underscoring this year's stronger emphasis on implementation. The program will feature tools, strategies, focused training and new technologies that will help communities NOW.

The 16th annual national conference will explore practical strategies for identifying and overcoming barriers to more sustainable development in the St. Louis region and the rest of the nation.

New Partners 2017 is an ideal gathering place for leaders from across the country to share and learn about successes for implementing smart-growth principles and techniques in tackling many of the most crucial social, health, economic and development priorities in our communities.

Working together

A significant factor in this event's tremendous success is its appeal to so many different disciplines. The conference will draw a national audience of local elected officials and city/county staff; state and federal agency leaders; professionals in planning, transportation, public health, landscape architecture, architecture, parks and recreation, housing, public works, crime prevention and the arts; realtors, developers, builders and bankers; advocates for equity and environmental justice, youth, older adults, and walking and biking; labor representatives; school leaders and staff; and environmentalists.

"It's great to see a growing number of communities creating initiatives to reclaim public space through the implementation of parklets. One of the greatest benefits of parklets is the ease of installation and/or modifications at a low-cost conversion to meet community needs."

- Shawn Balon, Professional Practice Manager, American Society of Landscape Architects

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