

# 16th Annual NEW PARTNERS FOR SMART GROWTH CONFERENCE

*Practical Tools and Innovative Strategies  
for Creating Great Communities*

February 2-4, 2017 | St. Louis, MO



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**Local Government Commission**  
*Leaders for Livable Communities*

## 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 with more than 1,000 start-ups.

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.

St. Louis also has one of the highest levels of LEED Platinum homes in the country, and its greenspaces offer vital gathering spaces and shape neighborhood character. At the confluence of the Missouri and Mississippi rivers, preserving water resources in harmony with the land has always been an integral part of the history and social fabric of St. Louis.

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.

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*“There is no other conference that brings together such a cross-section of disciplines. The information gained on smart growth strategies, equitable development and sustainability was invaluable.”*

— Richard Dolesh, Vice President for Conservation and Parks,  
National Recreation and Park Association



## Marriott St. Louis Grand Hotel

A national, multi-disciplinary smart growth conference  
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# New Partners for Smart Growth St. Louis, Missouri 2017

## 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.

*“I find this to be one of the best places to go if you are a planner who thinks outside of particular silos. It brings together many different kinds of folks on the ground doing really important work. Whether you are a planner, a policy person, a community organization, an industry person or a regulator, this is a good conference to bring all those things together.”*

– Martha Matsuoka, Urban and Environmental Policy Institute, Occidental College

*“While others may be jumping the shark, New Partners continues to reinvent and reinvigorate, with cutting-edge practices, and most important, fresh reframing and new ideas.”*

– Anthony Flint, Fellow and Director of Public Affairs, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy

*“New Partners 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!”*

– Sue Frost, Mayor, Citrus Heights, CA



## 2017 Program and Agenda

- ✦ The conference spans three full days from Thursday, February 2, through Saturday afternoon, February 4.
- ✦ The program will include a dynamic mix of over 80 plenary keynotes, implementation sessions, breakouts, workshops and networking opportunities for participants.
- ✦ Pre-conference events will also be offered, along with several exciting tours of local model projects around the St. Louis region on Thursday, Friday and Sunday (Feb. 2-3-5).
- ✦ Our popular Indoor Parklets and innovative Technology Fair for public engagement and scenario planning tools are back!
- ✦ The program will be infused with several sessions and case studies that focus on equity and environmental justice issues.

## Conference Location and Accommodations

Conference sessions and hotel accommodations will be at the Marriott St. Louis Grand Hotel in downtown St. Louis. The group rate until January 9, 2017, is \$125 single/double occupancy (plus local taxes). Call (800) 228-9290 to make a reservation and indicate you're attending the New Partners Conference.



Online registration opens in early October

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