



SCHEDULE

Wednesday, September 21st

- 3:00 - 6:00 pm **Conference Registration**
- 3:30 - 5:30 pm **Chapter Board Meetings - APA and ASLA**
- 5:30 - 7:00 pm **Welcome Party, Hyatt Regency Buffalo**

Thursday, September 22nd

- 8:00 am **Registration and Continental Breakfast - Exhibitor Area Open**
- 8:30 - 8:45 am **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
- 9:00 - 10:15 am **Concurrent Technical Sessions**
- **Brownfields: Not just for Chemical Engineers and Lawyers**
Investigate how stand alone urban sites can be woven into the context of a redevelopment area to create urban redevelopment.
 - **Learning in the Landscape: a Community Process**
The elimination by schools of outdoor physical activity has contributed to increasing rates of childhood obesity and young people becoming disconnected with the natural world. Presented will be the community process for incorporating existing greenspace into a Buffalo City School project.
 - **Going Green: Developing Heritage Tourism in NYS**
Greenways, Canalways, Heritage Areas, Scenic Corridors ... what are the differences, and how might heritage-based development benefit your community? Experiences from the Niagara Frontier, Long Island, and points in between will be discussed.
 - **Downtown Walking Tour**
City of Buffalo Mayor Anthony Masiello will lead a walking tour of the many recent developments in Buffalo's Central Business District, including new residential, commercial and entertainment projects. Projects related to implementation of the APA award-winning Queen City Hub plan will be highlighted.
- 10:15 - 10:30 am **Break - Exhibitor Area Open**
- 10:30 - 11:45 am **Concurrent Technical Sessions**
- **Route 5 Redevelopment: The Staying Power of a Rural and a Micropolitan Main Street**
Main Street is the ultimate small business incubator: small spaces, low rents, and a captive pedestrian audience. But their proper design is crucial. Streetscape projects are becoming successful models of community revitalization. Two recently completed projects show we can build marketplaces ready for tomorrow's group of entrepreneurs and merchants.
 - **Community Pariah to Public Paradise - The Recycling of Distressed Lands**
Two case studies will explore how innovative design solutions and an evolving environmental ethic can transform disposal sites into healthy, accessible public spaces.
 - **Preserving the Working Landscape: Tools for Protecting Agricultural Lands**
Two key planning and design issues facing agriculture in Upstate will be addressed: the erosion of agricultural land resources due to development and the changing nature of agricultural operations in the region. An assessment will be made of the capacity of existing zoning and subdivision regulations to protect agriculture and permit emerging farm enterprises.
- 12:00 - 1:30 pm **ASLA Awards Luncheon**
- 1:45 - 3:15 pm **Concurrent Technical Sessions**
- **New Directions in Transportation Planning: Context Sensitive Design and Corridor Planning**
A panel will address new approaches for corridor planning that incorporate context sensitive design, access management techniques, accommodations for pedestrians and the increased importance of public participation in transportation planning.
 - **Security by Design/ Planning for Public Health and Safety**
Case studies at the federal, state and local levels and the private sector will be presented to illustrate landscape architectural environments.
 - **Preservation Planning for New York Communities: The Methods, Myths, and Money (Part 1)**
Are all the tools in place for historic preservation to serve as an asset for planning and revitalization in your community? This two-session workshop examines the critical role that historic preservation plays in community renewal and smart growth initiatives.
- 3:15 - 3:30 pm **Break - Exhibitor Area Open**

- 3:30 - 5:00 pm **Concurrent Technical Sessions**
- **The Challenges of Enhancing Border Infrastructure: Three Current Expansion Projects**
Increased security requirements at border crossings has significantly increased delays, particularly between the Niagara Region and Western New York. This session provides an update of existing and proposed activities at the Peace Bridge, the Niagara Falls Bridge Commission bridges, and the proposed Ambassador Niagara Signature Bridge
 - **Smart Growth: Challenges and Opportunities in Upstate New York**
How can regional smart growth strategies be successfully coordinated and enforced in a home rule state like New York? This session will examine the issues involved in implementing smart growth policies and describe innovative smart growth efforts currently being applied in Upstate New York.
 - **Preservation Planning for New York Communities: The Methods, Myths, and Money (Part 2)**

6:30 pm **Reception and Keynote Speaker, Shea's Buffalo**

Friday, September 23rd

8:00 am **Registration and Continental Breakfast - Exhibitor Area Open**

8:00 - 8:30 am **APA Annual Meeting for Chapter Membership**

- 8:45 - 10:15 am **Concurrent Technical Sessions**
- **Neighborhood Planning and Revitalization**
This session will explore strategies for neighborhood revitalization including the role of citizen planning alliances and industrial development agencies (IDAs) and local development corporations, focusing on neighborhood-based planning alliances in the City of Buffalo and Rochester, the Amherst IDA, and the Buffalo Economic Renaissance Corporation's Commercial Area Revitalization Effort (CARE) program.
 - **Engaging Communities in the Practice of Placemaking**
Engaging the community in project design and planning builds capacity to implement projects and help sustain revitalization efforts. This session will demonstrate how we can work more effectively with community members to foster co-learning, shared expertise, knowledge exchange and collective visioning.
 - **Improving Community Services with GIS**
This session will present two case studies that demonstrate how GIS can be used to improve the livability of our communities. The first case will show utilization of GIS for recreational asset management, and the second will discuss the application of GIS in public transit planning to better serve welfare to work clients.

10:15 - 10:30 **Break - Exhibitor Area Open**

- 10:30 - 12:00 pm **Concurrent Technical Sessions**
- **When Everyone's in Charge: Strategic Municipal Planning in Western New York**
The City of Niagara Falls is using its strategic master plan for local revitalization as well as the renewal of the regional economy. This session will examine the Niagara Falls plan within the regional context of heritage development planning; considering both its recommendations and its implementation effects.
 - **Rediscovering the Value of a Downtown Waterfront**
This session will feature the City of Binghamton's recent initiative to focus development efforts on their greatest natural asset the riverfronts! Speakers will build upon the planning, design and economic development strategies used to bring these projects to downtown.
 - **Experience with Transect Zoning in Saratoga Springs, New York**
Transect Zoning is a type of form-based coding advocated by practitioners of New Urbanism. We will examine how Transect Zoning has been implemented in the City of Saratoga Springs and present case studies of projects reviewed in the two years since the city's new zoning was adopted.

12:00 - 1:30 pm **APA Awards Luncheon**

- 1:45 - 5:00 pm **Concurrent Technical Sessions Mobile Workshops**
- **Bus Tour to the End of the Rainbow: Brown-fields, Green-parks, and Casino-Gold**
The Niagara Falls Bus Tour will include a trip through the legacy industrial properties and the brownfield regeneration challenge, followed by a drive through the central tourist district downtown. Officials will be on hand to explain highlight the City's recent Strategic Master Plan "Big Moves" and strategies for economic revitalization, and to see the Seneca (Nation of Indians) Niagara Casino, NF Conference Center, Third Street Entertainment District & Streetscaping and other improvement projects. The tour will end in the Niagara Falls State Park and a trip on the Maid-of-the-Mist or Cave of the Winds and a stroll through Fredrick Law Olmsted's "Niagara Reservation."
 - **Industrial Heritage Boat Tour**
Buffalo is the birthplace of the grain elevator and there are still active elevators and other active and former industrial uses along the city's waterfront on the Buffalo River. This fascinating two-hour tour of Buffalo's industrial heritage aboard the Miss Buffalo II offers a unique perspective on the City's development.

Please Note: The conference schedule is preliminary and subject to change.