



Legacy City Preservation: reGENERated: What Kind of City Do We Want?

Hosted by

Buffalo's Young Preservationists and Preservation Buffalo Niagara

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Buffalo, New York

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

Buffalo's Young Preservationists and Preservation Buffalo Niagara are hosting a conference to discuss preservation's role in revitalizing Legacy Cities. Legacy Cities, sometimes called Right-sizing or Rust Belt Cities, formed the basis of our country's growth early in the 20th century but have since experienced severe population decline, segregation, and poverty. These cities often have significant historic structures and neighborhoods that have fallen into disrepair or been abandoned. Demolition is often viewed as the only answer to these problems.

Surely there must be other options for our cities. What role can preservation play? What role *should* preservation play in making important decisions regarding our cities' futures? How do we ensure that preservation is fair in telling the story of *everyone* in our community? And perhaps most importantly- what kind of city do we want for our future?

We would like to invite planners, community development and preservation professionals, policy makers, community leaders, scholars, and grassroots advocates from a range of fields, to submit their proven and solution driven ideas for conference sessions. This fast paced summit will include a mix of sessions, keynotes, and panel discussions focused on the following tracks:

- ★ **Preservation for Whom?:** This track looks at preservation's role in topics such as gentrification, social justice, cultural shifts over time and how to recognize each of them; land trusts, inclusionary zoning, etc.; and solutions based in our built environment to ensure that our neighborhoods are diverse and equitable.
- ★ **Health and Environment in Preservation:** Preservationists sometimes have a hard time drawing connections to other causes that are similar in their goals related to sustainability, health, climate change, and environmental justice. This track explores how preservation contributes to the health of us as people, as a community, and as a planet.
- ★ **Breaking the Mold:** This track will explore the diverse tools by which historic properties have been saved. From undertaking shoe-string DIY restoration projects to the prevalence of social media to mining historical data to substantiate a building's significance to creating coalitions that comprise a wide array of interests (environmental, architectural, social), individuals and communities leverage a wide array of new techniques and practices to save historic properties. Those who submit for this track are encouraged to unleash their creativity, and cite the tools of preservation that are at our collective disposal in 2018 and beyond.



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- ★ **Community Development:** This track focuses on middle neighborhoods, or neighborhoods near the tipping point, and how preservation can be best used as a planning tool to keep middle neighborhoods from heading in a negative direction.

Proposals may be for individual or group sessions. The planning committee will organize individual proposals into related sessions of 3-5 speakers. Proposals should be solution driven and proven and presentations should be quick and to the point. We want to leave as much room as possible for discussion and interaction after the presentations are over with the hope of generating as many ideas as possible. Our goal is for each attendee to leave with a comprehensive tool kit to bring back to their communities.

Please send all proposals in either WORD or PDF format to LegacyCityPreservation@gmail.com. Please include the following information:

- ★ Session or Presentation Title
- ★ A 300 word description of the proposed presentation or session
- ★ Name, Contact Information (address, email, phone)
- ★ A brief bio for each speaker

PLEASE CONFIRM ALL SPEAKERS BEFORE SUBMITTING PROPOSALS.

Deadline for Submissions: January 30, 2018

You will be notified of your proposal acceptance by: February 28, 2018

Presenters are required to register for the conference. Any presenter not registered by May 15, 2018 will be dropped from the program. *Presenters are responsible for their own registration fees, travel, lodging, and expenses.* Information regarding registration and lodging will be available soon.

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