

CNU 23: Meeting the Demand for Walkable Places will feature a series of Core Sessions. Core Sessions are in-depth primers on the history, principles, concepts, and tools of New Urbanism geared to first-time Congress attendees. Most sessions will be accredited for AIA and AICP CE credits. See below for a selection of sessions that might interest you:

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**Core Session: How We Got Here: History of Planning**

What's so "new" about new urbanism? Let's put the movement in its historical context with an overview of the who, what and why of principal planning movements. We'll talk about how new urbanism honors, refines and, where needed, corrects approaches of the past in order to respond to current – and future – challenges and opportunities. (AIA LU 1, CNU-A 1)

Wednesday, April 29  
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Speakers: Emily Talen

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**Core Session: Principles of New Urbanism**

New urbanists measure success by aligning practical strategies with the principles most identified with places people love. Andres Duany, one of the founders of the movement, talks about the components of community, the failure of post-WWII planning to deliver them and what new urbanists have learned about restoring relationships between planning, design, and great places. (AIA LU 1, CNU-A 1)

Wednesday, April 29  
10:15 AM – 11:15 AM

Speakers: Andrés Duany

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**Core Session: Transect & Coding**

In New Urbanism, one-size-fits-all strategies are off the table. Borrowing from biologists' understanding of ecological systems, the movement has honored the complexities of human settlement and evolved strategies that strengthen communities through choice and diversity. An introduction to the Transect and form-based codes as tools of the New Urbanism. (AIA LU 1, CNU-A 1)

Wednesday, April 29  
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Speakers: Sandy Sorlien

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**Core Session: The Market**

New Urbanism is a market-driven success story. Car-centered suburban planning in the post-World War II era increasingly isolated people from opportunity – jobs, social lives, shopping, and entertainment. New urbanists were among the first to recognize and address the growing gap between supply and demand. And now, major demographic and economic trends favor strategies new urbanists developed and refined. (AIA LU 1, CNU-A 1)

Wednesday, April 29  
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

Speaker: Todd Zimmerman, Laurie Volk

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**Core Session: New Urban Retail**

High-performing retail loves park-once, walkable environments. And new urbanists know better than anyone how to create and enhance those environments. Here's what we've learned about planning and designing places where retail thrives. (AIA LU 1, CNU-A 1)

Wednesday, April 29  
2:45 PM – 3:45 PM

Speakers: Seth Harry

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**Core Session: Street Design**

In every community, successful public spaces depend upon matching the right thoroughfare design with the right location. Street, avenue, boulevard – what's the difference? How do you plan for the right mix of mobility choices between pedestrians, bicyclists, transit, and cars? Let's talk about streets, planning for the pedestrian, and what works where. (AIA LU 1, CNU-A 1)

Wednesday, April 29  
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Speakers: Victor Dover