



CALL FOR PROPOSALS:

Educational Sessions, Panels, and Roundtables

NAPC FORUM 2020: Preservation Coast to Coast | July 22-26, 2020 | Tacoma, WA

Presented by:

National Alliance of Preservation Commissions

City of Tacoma

Washington Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation

NAPC is seeking proposals from local, regional, statewide and national partners for educational sessions, panels, and roundtables to be offered at FORUM 2020, a historic preservation conference and training program.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: September 6, 2019

ABOUT FORUM 2020

The National Alliance of Preservation Commissions is proud to present the 12th biennial NAPC FORUM in Tacoma, Washington from **July 22 to 26, 2020**. As the only national conference focused on the issues facing local historic preservation boards and commissions, FORUM 2020 includes dozens of educational sessions and discussion panels, mobile workshops and tours, and five days of non-stop networking for commission staff and volunteers representing local, state and national organizations and government agencies.

LOCATION

FORUM 2020 will be held at the Hotel Murano. Centrally located in Tacoma's downtown, the hotel is well appointed for workshops and roundtables and many of the tours will be a short walk or shuttle ride away.

DATES AND SCHEDULE

The conference dates are **Wednesday, July 22 through Sunday, July 26, 2020**. Most educational sessions and panels will be held on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday (July 24, 25, 26) and will be scheduled to ensure that the program is offered at the optimal time for the intended audience(s).

AUDIENCES

Attendees at FORUM are expected to represent a broad spectrum of interests in historic preservation, planning, and cultural resource management, from both traditional and some not-so-traditional perspectives. By including the City of Tacoma and the Washington Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation, NAPC will be able to bring together individuals from various arenas within the preservation movement, creating a special synergy for FORUM 2020.

- NAPC's core audiences are the citizen members of local historic preservation commissions and design review boards, municipal staff, consultants, local elected officials, State Historic Preservation Office staff, Main Street staff, and federal agencies, including the National Park Service and Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and national partners such as the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers. Architects, planners, preservation advocates, Main Street communities, consultants and historic property owners are also encouraged to attend.

The attendance for FORUM 2020 is expected to exceed 700 people from across the country. Given NAPC's national scope, we expect to attract attendees from all corners of the United States, and from communities of all sizes and demographics.

CONTENT AND THEMES FOR SESSIONS

There are no official tracks for FORUM, but the Steering Committee has identified themes that we believe are of interest to our core audience; however, **proposals are not limited to the specific themes listed below.**

- Advocacy and Engagement: Building a Stronger Preservation Program
- Diverse and Underrepresented Resources
- Community Resiliency, Sustainability and Climate Impacts
- Methods and Materials
- Broadening our Horizons: New and Innovative Practices

Sessions that are of interest to individuals of various skill and knowledge levels – from the newly appointed volunteer historical commission member, to the most seasoned cultural resource professional, to the multifaceted town planner, to the local code enforcement official – are encouraged. Programming for FORUM 2020 will be for communities of varied sizes, including rural unincorporated areas, towns, small, mid-sized and large cities. If your session is selected, a member of the NACP staff will work with you to incorporate feedback from the selection committee, identify other panel members/speakers if necessary, and develop the session content and logistics.

SESSION FORMATS

Educational programs at FORUM will generally fit into one of the following formats:

- **Presentations and Panel Discussions** – standard PowerPoint-illustrated lecture format featuring one or more speakers presenting various aspects of a single project or issue with time for audience Q&A. Panels will typically include 2-4 speakers presenting differing perspectives on a single topic or issue, with a single moderator. The moderator will typically engage the panelists in discussion to probe central themes/issues.
- **Roundtable** – facilitated discussions amongst participants that are intended to allow for attendees to share experiences, best practices, and/or problem solve around a central topic. Roundtables typically feature some introductory remarks/presentations but devote the bulk of the timeslot to discussion and report-back.

SPEAKER EXPENSES

Speakers will be provided a discounted rate of registration and there will be limited reimbursement for eligible travel expenses. Further details will be provided to selected speakers and session organizers.

If you have questions or would like to discuss an idea, please contact Stephanie Paul, Executive Director, NAPC, director@napcommissions.org or 757-802-4141.

FORUM 2020 SUGGESTED TOPICS OF INTEREST

Advocacy and Engagement: Building a Stronger Preservation Program

- Advocacy 101: Engaging constituents in advocacy efforts
- Practical tools for community outreach and working with elected officials
- How to engage youth and the next generation of young preservationists
- Effective hands-on education programs
- Annual reporting and effective preservation planning
- Incentives and fundraising strategies

Diverse and Underrepresented Resources

- Assessing gaps in programs regarding sites related to diversity
- Improving support to underrepresented cultures and communities
- Tribal resources and archaeology
- Sacred places: Underutilized religious properties
- Third places for all
- Women and LGBTQ associated resources

Community Resiliency, Sustainability and Climate Impacts

- Assessing vulnerabilities of historic buildings and districts
- Beyond flooding: Planning for and managing impacts of wildfires, tornadoes and earthquakes in the preservation community
- Survey techniques and effective mobilization after disaster
- Planning for and managing loss
- Dealing with development: Land conservation and density demands
- Affordable housing strategies and housing inequity in historic districts

Methods and Materials

- Technical skills for commissions
- Window restoration/appropriate replacements
- Emerging materials, technologies and preservation tools
- The not for profit workshop model
- Clearly articulating compatible infill and new construction
- Meeting procedures and tools for effective commission meetings

Broadening Our Horizons: New and Innovative Practices

- Conservation districts and other zoning tools
- Developing a sense of place through historic preservation
- Emerging trends in cultural, heritage, and social districts
- Tools for commissions with limited or no staff
- Successful adaptive reuse strategies that don't conform to the Standards
- Digital technologies and data collection

Proposal for Educational Session

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Please provide the following information electronically to

forum2020@napcommissions.org

Word and PDF submissions are acceptable.

1. Session Title
2. Session Organizer Name, Affiliation, and Contact Information
 - Organization you are affiliated with
 - Mailing address
 - Daytime phone
 - Email address
3. Format and length
 - Indicate whether this topic would be best suited to be a PRESENTATION, PANEL, or ROUNDTABLE
 - Most sessions will be 90 minutes, but if you believe your session will require more time, please explain why.
4. Speakers
 - Please list the proposed speakers for the session, including brief bios that highlight the aspects of their experience that are most relevant to the session topic.
5. Session Description
 - Briefly describe the session content, anticipated case studies, roundtable topics (if applicable), etc.
 - What do you anticipate attendees will learn by attending this session?
6. Core Audiences
 - Describe what type of person(s) you believe will be most interested in attending this session (i.e. professional planners, historic preservation commission members, people interested in transportation projects, archaeologists, etc.).

For questions about session proposals and speakers for FORUM 2020 contact Stephanie Paul or Marie Snyder at forum2020@napcommissions.org or phone number 757-802-4141.

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