CALL FOR PROPOSALS:

Educational Sessions, Panels, and Roundtables

NAPC FORUM 2022: Bridging the Divide | July 13-17, 2022 | Cincinnati, Ohio

Presented by the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions with major support from the City of Cincinnati and Ohio History Connection.

NAPC is seeking proposals from local, regional, statewide and national partners for educational sessions, panels, and roundtables to be offered at FORUM 2022, a historic preservation conference and training program.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: October 6, 2021

ABOUT FORUM 2022

The National Alliance of Preservation Commissions is proud to present the 13th biennial NAPC FORUM in Cincinnati, Ohio, from July 13 to 17, 2022. As the only national conference focused on the issues facing local historic preservation boards and commissions, FORUM 2022 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 2022 will be held at the Cincinnati Netherland Plaza Hotel, 35 W 5th Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202. Situated in downtown Cincinnati, 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 13 through Sunday July 17, 2022**. Most educational sessions and panels will be held on Friday, Saturday, and a half-day Sunday (July 15, 16, 17) and will be scheduled to ensure that the program is offered at the optimal time for the intended audience(s). Wednesday and Thursday will be filled with pre-conference programming and tours.

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 Cincinnati and Ohio Historic Connection, NAPC will be able to bring together individuals from various arenas within the preservation movement, creating a special synergy for FORUM 2022.

- 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. Architects, planners, preservation advocates, Main Street communities, consultants and historic property owners are also encouraged to attend.

The attendance for FORUM 2022 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. Given the proximity of Cincinnati to the preservation communities in Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan, West Virginia and Pennsylvania and the large number of Certified Local Governments in the state of Ohio, the Committee expects to see particularly strong attendance from the surrounding region.

CONTENT AND THEMES FOR SESSIONS

There are no official tracks for FORUM, but the Steering Committee has identified themes that we believe are of particular interest to our core audience:

- Broadening Our Horizons: New and Innovative Practices
- Community Resiliency, Sustainability and Climate Impacts
- Diverse and Underrepresented Resources
- Preservation as Community and Economic Development
- Fundamentals/Essentials

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 2022 will be for communities of varied sizes, including rural unincorporated areas, towns, small, mid- and large
cities. If your session is selected, a member of the NAPC staff will work with you to incorporate feedback from the selection committee, identify other panel members/speakers/moderators if necessary, and assist in the session content development and logistics.

**SESSION FORMATS**

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

- **Presentations** - 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.
- **Panel Discussions** - 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.

**SPEAKER EXPENSES**

Speakers will be provided a discounted rate of registration and each session will receive a $500 stipend, to be split among the speakers, to offset some of the associated travel expenses. Further details will be provided to session organizers and selected speakers. If you have questions or want to discuss an idea, please contact Stephanie Paul or Marie Snyder at forum2022@napcommissions.org or 757-802-4141.

**FORUM 2022 SUGGESTED TOPICS OF INTEREST**

- **Broadening our Horizons: New and Innovative Practices**
  - Digital technologies and data collection
  - Emerging tools and techniques
  - Intangible heritage and cultural significance
  - Emerging trends in cultural, heritage, and social districts
  - Recognizing recent past resources
  - Creating a more inclusive and diverse commission

- **Community Resiliency, Sustainability and Climate Impacts**
  - Climate and disaster impacts on historic resources
  - New and innovative methods for managing flood risks in communities
  - Assessing vulnerability and mitigation planning
  - Community justice
  - Main Street connection
  - Beyond flooding: Planning for and managing impacts of wildfires, tornadoes and earthquakes in
  - the preservation community
• Diverse and Underrepresented Resources
  o Preservation and the challenges facing Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC)
  o Generational issues
  o Indigenous Sites/ World Heritage
  o Rural preservation
  o Women and LGBTQ+ resources

• Preservation as Community and Economic Development
  o Historic tax credits and other incentives through preservation
  o Historic preservation as a path to affordable housing
  o Heritage tourism
  o Preservation and zoning tools
  o Partnerships- public/private and public/nonprofit

• Fundamentals/Essentials
  o Commission and Staff roles and responsibilities and managing this relationship
  o Practical tools for community outreach and preservation advocacy
  o Meeting procedures and tools for effective commission meetings
  o Volunteer management
  o Infill Design
  o How to run an effective advocacy and outreach program.
  o Challenges of commissions without staff

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Proposal for Educational Session

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Please provide the following information electronically to:
forum2022@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
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 all questions, including those regarding session proposals and speakers for FORUM 2022 contact Stephanie Paul or Marie Snyder at forum2022@napcommissions.org or phone number 757-802-4141.

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