

**RUDC Symposium – Call for Sponsors!**

The graphic features a dark blue background with a white line-art map of a city grid. In the top left, the text 'Regional & Urban Design' is in white, with the 'AIA Knowledge Community' logo below it. A white rectangular box in the top right contains the text 'Call for Sponsors' in red. In the center, the text 'RUDC Symposium 2023' and 'October 19-20 | Washington, DC' is in white. Below this, the main title 'CITIES IN TRANSITION: DESIGNING FOR A WORLD IN FLUX' is displayed in large, bold letters, with 'CITIES IN TRANSITION:' in red and the rest in white. A vertical white line is to the left of the title. At the bottom right, the website 'rudc-symposium.com' is in red. A solid red horizontal bar is at the very bottom.

**Regional & Urban Design**  
AIA Knowledge Community

**Call for Sponsors**

RUDC Symposium 2023  
October 19-20 | Washington, DC

**CITIES IN  
TRANSITION:  
DESIGNING FOR  
A WORLD IN FLUX**

[rudc-symposium.com](http://rudc-symposium.com)

Interested in becoming a sponsor for the AIA Regional and Urban Design Symposium? We welcome your partnership! Please visit the Symposium website, [www.rudc-symposium.com](http://www.rudc-symposium.com), for more details.

The AIA Regional and Urban Design Knowledge Community serves the AIA membership-at-large. October 19-20, 2023, join us in Washington, DC, at the District Architecture Center for a two-day symposium, exploring the emerging trends, theories, and technologies redefining regional and urban design. Day one kicks off with dynamic presentations and panels on critical

themes. The conversation progresses to interactive on-site tours and workshops throughout DC on day two. Dive into the future of design with us. Tickets will go on sale in early August.

## RUDC panels

AIA RUDC will bring four online panels with continuing education learning units in 2023. The first panel, “Regenerative Communities,” was held May 3, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. EDT. Missed the presentation? Watch the recording on the AIAU platform:

<https://aiau.aia.org/courses/regenerative-communities>.

**Regional &  
Urban Design**  
AIA Knowledge Community

PANEL 1

**Sustainable Urbanism Panel | Regenerative Communities**  
*PANELS* is the sixth series of AIA RUDC conversations on the Future of Urban Design Practice and Education. This series brings together practitioners, educators, and theorists to reflect on the dynamics of areas of need, mutually-beneficial regenerative practices, the impact of past harms, and resilient circular economies.

**May 3, 2023** (1:00pm-2:30pm Eastern)  
Join the AIA Regional & Urban Design Committee for a series exploring sustainability practices at the intersections of natural and man-made systems. In a time with increasing global challenges perpetuated by environmental and socioeconomic inequities, cities are looking to implement more regenerative urban strategies that replenish resources faster than we are consuming them through circular economies. This panel seeks to discuss adaptable tools and strategies used across the globe that aim to strengthen our cities and restore communities long separated by harmful infrastructure.



Ravindra Ganvir  
Deputy Chief Engineer  
District of Columbia Dept.  
of Transportation



Margaret Minzner  
Sr. Environmental Planner  
OKI Regional Council of  
Governments



Meghen Quinn  
Principal  
Hargreaves Jones



Ashlee Dingler-Marshall  
AIA Cincinnati  
Moderator



Michelle Todd, AIA  
M. Todd Architect  
Moderator



Deborah Weintraub, AIA  
Chief Deputy City Engineer &  
Architect  
City of Los Angeles

The second panel, “Designing for Biophilic Cities”, is now on AIAU on demand to accept registrations for a ‘live’ course on August 3. The course recording will play for attendees. Watch the recording on the AIAU platform: <https://aiau.aia.org/courses/designing-biophilic-cities>

**Sustainable Urbanism Panel | Designing Biophilic Cities**

PANELS is the sixth series of AIA RUDC conversations on the Future of Urban Design Practice and Education. This series brings together practitioners, educators, and theorists to reflect on the dynamics of areas of need, mutually-beneficial regenerative practices, the impact of past harms, and resilient circular economies.

**Thursday, May 25, 2023** (1-2:30pm Eastern) 1 LU/HSW

Join the AIA Regional & Urban Design Committee for a series exploring sustainability practices at the intersections of natural and man-made systems. The absence of green space in our cities has not only affected local and global ecosystems, but has also negatively impacted human health and wellness. Our connection with nature affects the way we think, live, work, and navigate the world we live in. Our future, more than ever, relies on how we continue to grow and adapt within nature. This panel seeks to analyze the philosophical and practical implementation of biophilic design within our cities and explore how it has and can continue to be used as a tool to positively impact the health of our communities.



**Cierra Higgins, AIA, NOMA**  
Designer & Health Fellow  
Perkins&Will - Seattle  
Moderator



**Dr. Nikos Salingaros**  
Professor of Mathematics  
& Architecture  
University of Texas - San Antonio



**Matthias Olt**  
Principal  
Arcadis



**Timothy Beatley**  
Teresa Heinz Professor of  
Sustainable Communities  
University of Virginia



**Adam Greenspan**  
Partner  
PWP Landscape Architecture

## State and Local RUDC Committees

We have connected with dozens of individuals representing state and local RUDC committees, but if you wish to be included in future communications and the RUDC Network, please respond to our rolling data collection via this google form: <https://forms.gle/ZTxhHBaSGLSGvFEs8>. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Scott Archer at [sarcher@bbbarch.com](mailto:sarcher@bbbarch.com).

State and local RUDC-related committees:

- AIA Austin – [Urban Design Committee](#)
- AIA Baltimore – [Urban Design Committee](#)
- Boston Society of Architects – [Urban Design Committee](#)
- AIA California – [Urban Design Committee](#)
- AIA Central Kentucky – Urban Design Committee
- AIA Cincinnati – [Urban Design Committee](#)
- AIA DC – [Urban Design Committee](#)
- AIA Detroit – [Urban Priorities Committee](#)
- AIA East Bay – [Regional & Urban Design Forum](#)
- AIA Honolulu – [Regional and Urban Design Committee](#)
- AIA Houston – [Urban Design Committee](#)
- AIA Indianapolis – Urban Design Committee
- AIA Los Angeles – [Urban Design Committee](#)
- AIA Middle Tennessee – Regional and Urban Design
- AIA New York – [Planning & Urban Design Committee](#)
- AIA Oregon – [Urban Design Panel](#)
- AIA San Francisco – [Urban Design + Infrastructure Committee](#)
- AIA Seattle – Urban Design Forum

- AIA South Dakota – Design: South Dakota
- AIA Utah – Urban Design Committee

### Recent Regional and Urban Design News

1. “*Life on Wheels*”, New Story Space - <https://www.life-onwheels.com/>
2. “Gas Flows Below”, Urban Omnibus - [https://urbanomnibus.net/2018/09/gas-flows-below/?mc\\_cid=92383d6a22&mc\\_eid=bd8aa761d8](https://urbanomnibus.net/2018/09/gas-flows-below/?mc_cid=92383d6a22&mc_eid=bd8aa761d8)
3. “A Fair Share for Walking”, Planetizen, <https://www.planetizen.com/blogs/124359-fair-share-walking?amp>
4. “America Has a Housing Shortage. Zoning Changes Near Transit Could Help”, Urban Institute, <https://apps.urban.org/features/affordable-housing-shortage-and-zoning/>
5. “Living near green spaces could add 2.5 years to your life, new research finds”, The Washington Post, [https://www.washingtonpost.com/climate-solutions/2023/06/28/aging-green-spaces-nature-health/?wpisrc=nl\\_sb\\_smartbrief&utm\\_content=EACCD97-3D74-4A6F-8E1D-85BC7151F124](https://www.washingtonpost.com/climate-solutions/2023/06/28/aging-green-spaces-nature-health/?wpisrc=nl_sb_smartbrief&utm_content=EACCD97-3D74-4A6F-8E1D-85BC7151F124)
6. SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities Agenda Articles, World Economic Forum, <https://www.weforum.org/agenda/sdg-11-sustainable-cities-and-communities>
7. “Middle America's 'doom loop'”, Business Insider, <https://www.businessinsider.com/midwest-america-cities-downtown-crisis-office-apocalypse-urban-doom-loop-2023-6>

Paywall limiting your access to these articles? Please consider connecting to your local library's digital access, where possible.

### Engage with RUDC

Interact with RUDC at our [LinkedIn group](#).