

# Committee on the Environment

an **AIA** Knowledge Community



## Dear COTE Colleagues,

This summer's catastrophic wildfires continue to ravage California, so it is appropriate that the Global Climate Action Summit will be hosted September 12-14 in San Francisco. AIA is engaged, will be at the table, and is a sponsor of two affiliated events: the Carbon Smart Building Day and the Climate Heritage Mobilization. We will be meeting with regional COTE leaders and several COTE members will be attending the summit, bringing a strategic purpose and actionable items to the event. [Read more >](#)



## AIA Committee on the Environment conversation **Paul Hawken thinks we should be working to reverse global warming. Who's in?**

by Kira Gould, Allied AIA and Gunnar Hubbard, FAIA | Architect

This summer, we talked with author, environmentalist, and entrepreneur Paul Hawken about Project Drawdown and the book, *Drawdown: The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming* (Penguin, 2017), and what the “most gnarly challenge of our time,” as Hawken describes it, will require of architects and humans. There's a new book on the way, too.

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## AIA to participate in the Global Climate Action Summit

by Melissa Morancy, Assoc. AIA

As a part of AIA's continued dedication to sustainability and carbon neutrality, we are sending a delegation to the Global Climate Action Summit in San Francisco September 12-14. The group will take part in a variety of affiliated events sponsored by AIA, including the Carbon Smart Building Day and the Climate Heritage Mobilization. [Read more >](#)

If you or a colleague would like to connect with the delegation in San Francisco, please email [melissamorancy@aia.org](mailto:melissamorancy@aia.org).

## AIA Advocacy update

AIA will soon file comments condemning the EPA's attempt to rollback environmental and health protections afforded under the Obama Administration's Clean Power Plan. More information to come as it is available. [Read more >](#)



### COTE Around the Country Smart knowledge sharing: AIA Maine COTE collaborates with Passive House

by Timothy Lock, AIA

Maine's architects are proven leaders in high performance, extremely low energy use buildings—essential for existence in a cold climate; much of this knowledge base and experience comes from a direct and intentional alignment with Passivehaus International, PHIUS, and most locally, partnership with the Passive House Maine.

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## Adapting Building Design to the Effects of Climate Change

by Jon Penndorf, FAIA | Urban Land

Imagine that your recently completed sustainable waterfront development opens to fanfare, but the new glass storefronts facing the bay are soon boarded up in anticipation of a hurricane. [Read more >](#)

## Calendar

### Living Products Expo 2018

September 11-13, Pittsburgh

Gain access to some of the most innovative products available today and meet the industry leaders who are bringing them to market! [Register >](#)

## **Climate Adaptive Design - Where Building Science Meets Climate Science**

November 1-2, Asheville, North Carolina

AIA's Asheville Section continues its series Where Building Science Meets Climate Science.

This year's symposium theme is "Deep Retrofit" – renovation of existing buildings to promote sustainable design. [Register >](#)

## **Greenbuild 2018**

November 14-16, Chicago

Greenbuild is the world's largest conference and expo dedicated to green building, bringing together industry leaders, experts and frontline professionals. [Register >](#)

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