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The Orland Park Civic Center, Jane Barnes Annex
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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Morning Program
Three Planning Cases Studies: "The Region," "The City," and "The District"
8:30 - 9:00  Registration & Continental Breakfast
9:00 - 10:00  CNU Illinois Welcome
10:00 - 10:35  Case Study: "The Region: Millennium Reserve"
10:35 - 10:50  Break
10:50 - 11:25  Case Study: "The City: The Village of Park Forest"
11:25 - 12:00  Case Study: "The District: Lakeside"
Noon - 12:10  Morning Wrap Up
Regional Heritage Luncheon
Noon - 12:10  Afternoon Check-In
12:10 - 1:00  Buffet Luncheon
12:30 - 12:50  Lunchtime Program: "Local Brewery with a Regional Influence"

Afternoon Program
Featured Case Study: "Main Street: Implementing Planning in Downtown Orland Park"
1:00 - 1:15  CNU Illinois Welcome
1:15 - 1:40  Keynote Address: Orland Park Mayor Daniel J. McLaughlin
1:40 - 2:15  Case Study: "Main Street: Downtown Orland Park"
2:15 - 3:30  Bus Tour: Downtown Orland Park
3:30 - 3:40  Afternoon Wrap Up
3:30 - 4:30  Small Group Walking Tours: "The Ninety 7 Fifty on the Park"
3:30 - 5:00  Coffee & Dessert Reception at the Ninety 7 Fifty
CNU Illinois is pleased to focus on the southern and eastern areas of the Chicago metropolitan region for our seventh annual state conference, "Ready, Set, Plan!" Our program will investigate the urban planning process at various scales through a series of case studies. Our morning program will explore "The Region," "The City," and "The District" with presentations of the Millennium Reserve, the Village of Park Forest, and Chicago’s proposed Lakeside development. Our afternoon program will feature Downtown Orland Park’s "Main Street," with a special emphasis on the "implementation" phase of the planning and development process.

ATTENTION PLANNING AND DESIGN STUDENTS

The Illinois Chapters of CNU and the Students for the New Urbanism will hold the second annual Pop-up Urban Design Studio on Saturday, September 27, from 10:00am-2:00pm at the office of this year’s co-host, the Chaddick Institute for Metropolitan Development, DePaul University, 243 S. Wabash Avenue, Suite 9000, Chicago, IL 60604. Planning and design students can come together in intercollegiate teams for a two-hour, peer-led charrette. For additional information, please visit the CNU Illinois website cnuil.org.
MORNING PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

The Region: Millennium Reserve

Our first case study, “The Region” will feature the Millennium Reserve. The Millennium Reserve stretches from downtown Chicago southeast to the Indiana border and southwest to suburban Park Forest. It encompasses numerous neighborhoods on Chicago’s South side, the Southeast lakefront, and 37 South suburban municipalities. The region is known for the richness of its ecological treasures, industrial heritage and legacy, and diversity of human communities. Building on federal support from the Obama Administration’s “America’s Great Outdoors” initiative, in February 2013 Governor Pat Quinn issued an Executive Order that established the Millennium Reserve Steering Committee. The Committee’s charge was to develop a short-term action agenda that would strategically focus investment in ecological restoration, economic redevelopment, and stronger communities in the greater Calumet region. Millennium Reserve Steering Committee Chair, John Rogner, will discuss the vision and process behind one of the largest open lands initiatives in the country.

The City: Village of Park Forest’s 2012 Growing Green Sustainability Plan

Our second case study, “The City,” will highlight the Village of Park Forest’s 2012 Growing Green Sustainability Plan, winner of the 2013 CNU Illinois Charter Award for “Best Town Plan.” Growing Green is a community-based plan for transforming Park Forest, a post-war planned community, into a model for sustainability and reinforcing and improving the urbanism that presently exists. The presentation will focus on key plan recommendations relating to greening regulations, stormwater management, and local food as well as implementation efforts that have taken place to advance those strategies thus far. Sarah Coulter, Sustainability Coordinator for the Village of Park Forest, will share both the process and the final plan.

The District: Lakeside

Our third case study, “The District,” will share the proposal for the “Lakeside” development. McCaffery Interests, in partnership with U.S. Steel, is seeking to redevelop the former the U.S. Steel Southworks site into a LEED-ND certified community distinguished by large open spaces, excellent connectivity, access to public transportation/bike paths and compact walkable neighborhoods. With planning and design partners Skidmore, Owings and Merrill LLP and Sasaki Associates, Inc., the team has created an award-winning master plan for approximately 500 acres which includes zoning approvals for approximately 13,575 single family dwellings and high rise units, 17,500,000 SF of retail, the new relocated South Lakeshore Drive, 125 acres of beautifully landscaped open space/parks with bike paths, a new marina and a new high school. Doug Voigt, Director of Urban Design and Planning at SOM, will discuss how the planning and design process are shaping this significant location on the Chicago lakefront.
REGIONAL HERITAGE LUNCHEON

“I’ve lived in this area my whole life. My husband works in the steel industry and my family does economic development in Northwest Indiana. I’m part Irish and part Italian. My staff and my customers embody a whole range of ethnic influences. We look forward to sharing this rich heritage with you through food.” - Maureen Mader, Owner, Dunning’s Gourmet Market

East side resident and author Rod Sellers has described the history of the Calumet region as one of “smokestacks and steeples.” In successive waves, German, Swedish, Polish, Italian, Eastern European, and Mexican immigrants, as well as African Americans migrating from the southern states, all came to work in the region’s factories and mills. While many of those factories are now gone, the cultural heritage brought by each group of newcomers remains. Our buffet luncheon will celebrate this diversity with a selection of dishes representing these various influences. Vegetarian and gluten-free options will be available. Catering will be provided by Dunning’s Gourmet Market, established in 1958 in Homewood.

LUNCH TIME PROGRAM: A CONVERSATION WITH KEVIN CLARK

Our lunchtime program will feature a conversation with Kevin Clark, founder and owner/manager of Bulldog Brewery, located in Whiting, Indiana. The region’s heritage is clearly reflected in the names of Bulldog’s brews, including the “1890 Stout” named for the year that oil refineries came to Whiting, and “11 Mile Lager” named in honor of the 11.69 mile stretch of Cline Avenue, traveled by thousands each day in Northwest Indiana. Kevin will share his experiences and the region’s influence on his business.

“Hidden in the shadows of Whiting’s historic industry, we are here to celebrate the blue-collar worker. Raising our mugs to neighbors and cherishing the values that founded small town America.” - Kevin Clark, Owner/Manager, Bulldog Brewing Company

INTERESTED IN URBANISM AND LOCAL FOOD?

Join CNU Illinois and the Illinois Chapter of the US Green Building Council on Thursday, October 30 for a panel discussion on “Edible Roofs: Urbanism and On-Site Food Production.” Presentations will feature the agricultural roof gardens on Chicago’s True Nature Foods Co-op, the Uncommon Ground Restaurant, and the McCormick Place Convention Center. For more information, and to register, please visit the “Events” page of the CNU Illinois website www.cnuil.org.
Keynote Address: “Vision and Leadership”

The Honorable Daniel McLaughlin, Mayor of Orland Park, will share his vision and passion for Orland Park and the downtown, including the Main Street Area. The vision for a pedestrian oriented downtown began with Mayor McLaughlin 20 years ago, when he took office. Anchored by a dilapidated 143rd Street train station, surrounded by industrial and blighted properties, the Mayor saw a grand opportunity to build a new town center where people could live, work and play all within close proximity to a new train station, parks, bike paths and open lands. Thus, began a generational project to create a Transit-Oriented Downtown well before Transit Oriented Development (TOD) was popular. The Vision remains today and is now becoming reality. Mayor McLaughlin will share his Vision, why it was the right Vision for Orland Park and the region and what leadership and strategies were necessary to overcome the obstacles and make the Vision reality.

Main Street: Downtown Orland Park

Named as one of Chicago’s “Best Places to Live” by Chicago Magazine in 2014 and “Village of the Year” in 2013 by the Home Builders Association of Greater Chicago (HBAGC), Orland Park has embarked on a bold transformation of its downtown core. Building upon its new Comprehensive Plan, adopted in 2013, Orland Park is already experiencing popular and financial success with some recently completed projects. Director of Development Services for the Village of Orland Park, Karie Friling, will share her perspective with both the planning process as well as the administrative and financial enabling steps necessary to move plans from paper to built reality.

Downtown Tour & Reception

The Orland Park presentation will be followed by a guided bus tour of downtown. The tour will begin with the Civic Corridor, featuring the Civic Center, Village Hall, Library and the LEED-Gold Police Station. The tour will continue with the “Old Orland” Historic District; the “Orland Park Crossing” lifestyle center; the 143rd Street Metra Station, and will conclude with a walking tour of the recently-completed “Ninety 7 Fifty on the Park” mixed-use development, honored with a 2013 CNU Illinois Charter Award for “Best Building.” The tour will include a coffee and dessert reception hosted at the Ninety 7 Fifty. See the following page for a complete tour map.
TOUR OF DOWNTOWN ORLAND PARK

1. Civic Center/ Village Hall
2. Orland Park Public Library
3. Police Station
4. “Old Orland” Historic District
5. “Orland Crossing” Lifestyle Center
6. 143rd Street Metra Station
7. The Ninety 7 Fifty on the Park
Kevin Clark (Bulldog Brewing Company)

Kevin Clark was born and raised in Northwest Indiana. Kevin is a full time steelworker, husband, father of two daughters, and has been an avid home brewer for many years. One day he decided to take his hobby to the next level and began entering craft brewing contests - and winning. Bulldog Brewery is the realization of his dream to create a brewpub serving good craft beer in a relaxed atmosphere while honoring a blue-collar lifestyle. Bulldog’s “Standard Diamond Ale” was created as the official beer of the Midwest Collegiate League’s “Northwest Indiana Oilmen” and is served at their home field in Whiting, the Oil City Stadium. Kevin spends his “time off” brewing new batches and conversing with his patrons.

Sarah Coulter (Village of Park Forest)

Sarah Coulter is currently serving as the Sustainability Coordinator for the Village of Park Forest. Her role is to work with the Village staff, the residents and business owners on the implementation of the 2012 Sustainability Plan. Through Sarah’s work, Park Forest has been the recipient of a number of awards and grants related to energy efficiency, community gardening, multimodal transportation and other areas related to sustainability. Currently she is leading Park Forest through the STAR Communities rating system as a member of the STAR Leadership Program. She is a LEED AP and member of the USGBC Illinois Chapter serving on the State and Local Government Committee for the chapter. Sarah is also a member of the Urban Sustainability Directors Network and the Prairie State Network of Sustainability Professionals.

Karie Friling (Village of Orland Park)

Karie Friling is the Director of Development Services for the Village of Orland Park. She oversees a department of 30 employees and is responsible for all development related activities and projects within the Village including the Planning, Building, Transportation- Engineering, and Economic Development functions. Prior to joining the Village of Orland Park in 2006, Karie served as the Economic Development Director for the City of Peoria. She holds a Masters of Public Administration from Southern Illinois University and a Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration/Political Science from Western Illinois University.
The Hon. Daniel J. McLaughlin (Village of Orland Park)

Daniel McLaughlin was first elected Village Trustee in 1983 and is now completing his 21st year as Mayor. Under Mayor McLaughlin's leadership, Orland Park initiated numerous programs to improve the quality of life in Orland Park including the Open Lands program (unique to municipalities), the Arts Program, Smart Living Orland Park, extensive biking and walking paths and development of a downtown. These programs have won numerous awards and Orland Park has been named by *Money* Magazine as one of America's Most Livable Cities. Mayor McLaughlin is a member of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, Southwest Conference of Mayors and serves as an officer of the Metropolitan Mayors Conference. He has served on the Regional Water Supply Planning Group and served as Chairman of a Statewide Task Force on a Uniformed Building Code.

John Rogner (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Millennium Reserve Steering Committee Chair)

John Rogner is currently the Coordinator for the Upper Midwest and Great Lakes Landscape Conservation Cooperative of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. From 2009 - 2013 John served under an appointment by Illinois Governor Pat Quinn as the Assistant Director of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Prior to that he served as Field Supervisor of the Chicago Field Office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. From 1983 to 1991, John worked for the Chicago District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. John has previously served as Chair of Chicago Wilderness, a coalition of over 240 organizations dedicated to conserving the biodiversity of the Chicago region. John has undergraduate and graduate degrees in biological sciences from Northern Illinois University.

Douglas Voigt (Skidmore, Owings and Merrill)

Doug Voigt is the Director of Urban Design and Planning at the Chicago architectural firm of Skidmore, Owings and Merrill. Since joining SOM in 1995, Doug has focused on complex urban plans and architectural projects. As a designer and planner, he works closely with city leaders, institutions, and developers across the globe. Over the last two decades, he has been able to unite disparate stakeholders under a cohesive vision, transforming abstract ideas into physical realities. This approach allows for the positioning of new ideas that holistically address the possibilities of the site, program, energy, water, waste, transportation, and air quality within the parameters of economic realities and urban design excellence, while scripting more sustainable models for high performance infrastructure and livable communities.