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Successful Sustainability and Historic Preservation Thought Leader Discussion Series Hits the Road

Next Stop: Boston and New York

April 20, 2009, Washington, DC – The Trust for Architectural Easements and Island Press, co-sponsors of the successful and innovative Sustainability and Historic Preservation Thought Leader Discussion Series held from January to March in Washington, DC, are taking the popular discussion series on the road.

The first panel discussion in Boston – How Policy and Regulation Affect Sustainable Development – will be held on April 23rd from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Boston Public Library.

In the next twenty years, the number of urban dwellers will swell to an estimated five-billion people. Redeveloping our existing built resources to accommodate this growth will determine the future of our cities and regions, the natural environment, and the health and human welfare of all of the earth's inhabitants. As we face the challenges of climate change and diminishing fossil fuel resources, how will urban areas accommodate a growing population while minimizing resource use?

The reuse and adaptation of existing resources in the built environment is a critical component of any sustainable growth strategy. Any environmental conservation plan should include recycling by capturing and reusing the embodied energy in existing buildings; preventing sprawl, and protecting as yet untouched open spaces; and using historic buildings that were constructed with passive climate control and lighting measures which, when restored and allowed to function as intended, can reduce the overall energy load of a building.

To RSVP for the April 23rd Boston panel, please send an email to dpierce@architecturaltrust.org or call 888-831-2107.

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