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**A monthly news update for the  
Georgia Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects**

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Updates to Atlanta Sustainable Building Ordinance for Mon., Nov. 11, 2009 - Today we presented another overview of the objectives, processes and technical requirements of the ordinance to the Atlanta City Council CD/HR Committee. Two new amendments to the ordinance (one regarding incentives, the other exemptions for historic buildings) were approved by the committee and will be available for public review this Friday on our Web site. One of the committee members (Rep. Ivory Lee Young, Jr.) acknowledged the need to provide sustainable solutions that are meaningful to "ordinary people." Of course we could not agree more as the proposed ordinance is designed to further protect the health and welfare of Atlantans while safeguarding the economic, social, and environmental competitiveness of city. Additionally, we were excited to witness the majority of the committee members express their commitment to passing the ordinance at its next meeting on December 1, 2009 at City Hall on the second floor beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Council members Norwood as well as CD/HR representatives Jim Maddox, Ivory Young, Jr. and Ceasar Mitchell were instrumental in developing the amendments to help drive the ASBO draft to a vote. In many ways this was a repeat performance on our part. As many of you know we have worked diligently and in good faith with each of our stakeholders. This has been and will continue to be the way we operate.

While it is our most sincere hope and expectation that this additional time will enable the CD/HR Committee members to weigh the benefits of the ordinance to the people of Atlanta versus to the agenda of the few, we still need your support. It is critical that you take the time to contact your city council representatives to let them know how important this legislation is for Atlanta. You can download the current draft of the ASBO from our website along with a letter of support.

Thank you for your support and involvement throughout this process. If you have any questions about the ordinance, please contact Synkai Harrison, [asbo@sustainableatlanta.org](mailto:asbo@sustainableatlanta.org). The proposed ordinance will have a tremendous impact on the quality of life for all Atlantans.

Sincerely, Sustainable Atlanta

## December

5-7 American Sports Builders Association – Technical Meeting and Trade Show  
7 – Northeast Section Holiday Party and Tour of Hotel Indigo  
15 – Atlanta Section Holiday Party  
17 - Congress for the New Urbanism Atlanta Chapter's monthly Thirsty Third Thursdays (T3)

## January

27-28 – Landscape Planning Short Course - UGA  
28 – Landscape Forms Party/Presentation - Atlanta

\*Additional event information is available below

Below is the contact information for Atlanta's City Council members. Please continue to reach out to them in support of this piece of legislation.



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#### Additional Event Information

**American Sports Builders Association** – Technical Meeting and Trade Show Savannah, GA Visit <http://sportsbuilders.org/index.php> for more details

**North Georgia Section Holiday Party** – December 7 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm at Hotel Indigo in Downtown Athens. 500 College Avenue Athens, GA 30601. Tours of the new hotel, which has applied for a LEED Gold rating, will begin at 6:30. Visit their website for directions: [www.athensdowntownhotel.com](http://www.athensdowntownhotel.com) **Please RSVP** to Section Chair Madie Fischetti by December 3 via email: [nesection@gaasla.org](mailto:nesection@gaasla.org)

**Atlanta Section Holiday Party** – December 15 from 6 – 9 pm at FADO Irish Pub and Restaurant. 279 Buckhead Ave, NE – Atlanta, GA 30305. Visit their website for directions: [www.fadoirishpub.com](http://www.fadoirishpub.com) **Please RSVP** to Section Chair Scott Jones by Friday December 11 via email: [atlantasectionchair@gaasla.org](mailto:atlantasectionchair@gaasla.org) Attendees who bring a toy to donate to Toys for Tots will be entered into a drawing for a special prize.

**The Congress for the New Urbanism Atlanta Chapter's monthly Thirsty Third Thursdays (T3)** is in midtown from 5:30P-7:30P at Silk Restaurant (two blocks from midtown MARTA station and 2-hour validated covered parking at Metropolis condos--Silk is located on the first floor). It is a great place to network with architects, planners, and developers on health and built environment issues and have fun doing it! The purpose of these monthly social gatherings is to build momentum for the Congress for the New Urbanism's 18th annual Congress (CNU 18) to be held in Atlanta May 19-22, 2010 at the Hilton downtown. Themed "New Urbanism: Rx for Healthy Places," and organized with assistance from CDC, several CDC employees/BEWG members have

already volunteered to serve on committees and submitted session ideas for the Congress. We anticipate many CDCers will also be session speakers and volunteers. Dr. Howard Frumkin is honorary chair of CNU 18. This is a great way to learn more about CNU 18, meet the CNU Atlanta Chapter members who are hosting/planning the conference, and hopefully volunteer for one of the CNU 18 committees. They will take place every Third Thursday at Silk through April 2010.

**Landscape Planning Short Course** – January 27-28 – At The Georgia Center, The University of Georgia’s Conference Center & Hotel. Please contact Neal Weatherly via email: [nweath@uga.edu](mailto:nweath@uga.edu) or phone: 706.542.0943.

**Landscape Forms Party/Presentation** – January 28 - put its leadership in site furniture to the challenge. Our design partner is BMW Group DesignworksUSA, an international leader in design with special expertise in transportation. The result is Metro40, the first fully integrated collection of site elements for streetscape and transit cores; an extensive line of products with sophistication and global appeal for a world on the move. Metro40 ties together all the key site elements, from shelters and lighting to benches, bike racks and bollards, with a design approach that considers the architecture of the urban streetscape as backdrop and context.

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