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Historic New England Summit 2023 unites thought leaders to address community livability and sustainability

Inspiration. Ideas. Solutions. Connections.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - BOSTON, MASS. - The Historic New England Summit, the region's largest conference about shared roles in creating resilient and livable communities, is thrilled to announce a few of this year's distinguished Summit speakers. This highly anticipated event, taking place in Providence, Rhode Island, on November 2 and 3, will bring together renowned leaders, experts, and visionaries from various fields, creating an unparalleled platform for collaborative dialogue and innovative solutions.

"The Summit convenes many groups to share ideas and find creative solutions to strengthen the vitality of our communities," said Historic New England **Team Leader for Preservation Services Carissa Demore**. "We are delighted to host this conference in Providence – a city that serves as a model for how arts and culture, placemaking, and preservation work together to engage diverse audiences and address the issues facing the places we call home."

More than sixty leading voices will take the Summit stage, including:

- **Angela D. Brooks**, president, American Planning Association – Panel Moderator | Inclusive Development and Housing Affordability
- **Carol Coletta**, chief executive officer, Memphis River Parks Partnership – Panel Moderator | The Future of Cities
- **Rosanne Haggerty**, president, and chief executive officer of Community Solutions – Opening Keynote | Built for Zero: Ending Homelessness
- **Philip Kennicott**, senior art and architecture critic, *The Washington Post* – Panel Moderator | Embodied Carbon: The Sustainability Imperative of Preserving Places
- **Marta V. Martínez**, founder and executive director of Rhode Island Latino Arts and Nuestras Raíces – Panelist | Placemaking in Action
- **Lorén M. Spears**, an enrolled Narragansett citizen and executive director of the Tomaquag Museum – Panelist | Placemaking in Action

Hosted in one of the region's most historic cities, the Summit serves as a platform for exchanging ideas, fostering partnerships, and inspiring actionable change across New England and beyond, encouraging cross-sector collaboration and knowledge sharing.

Key highlights of the Historic New England Summit include:

- **Thought-Provoking Keynotes:** A diverse array of speakers, including prominent scientists, policymakers, business leaders, and community advocates, will deliver thought-provoking keynote addresses, providing insights into the latest climate research, policy developments, cultural leadership, public lands and landscapes, and ending homelessness.
- **Collaborative Panel Discussions and Conversations:** Engaging panel discussions and conversations will bring together experts from various disciplines, fostering dynamic conversations on critical

topics such as renewable energy, sustainable infrastructure, equitable climate solutions, urban planning, placemaking, living heritage, and the future of education.

- **Networking and Partnership Opportunities:** The Summit will create a conducive environment for networking and collaboration, enabling attendees to connect with like-minded individuals, organizations, and businesses. It will facilitate the formation of strategic partnerships to drive collective action and accelerate progress in addressing challenges.
- **Special Presentation:** A special presentation will explore Historic New England's plans to bring increased livability and vitality to Haverhill's urban downtown with housing, retail and commercial activity and a nationally recognized cultural institution at its heart.

"The collaborative opportunities to advance our cause are enormous," said **Historic New England President and CEO Vin Cipolla**. "Our Summit convenes groups creating new approaches to and redefining how community sustainability and livability are key to a thriving economy, creating a sense of neighborhood, and demonstrating the importance of environmental and cultural experiences. There is a growing awareness that these are not competing interests, but a great chance to work together. I am delighted that Historic New England's Summit creates an opportunity to share ideas and experiences on reimagining our communities."

The Historic New England Summit not only contributes to regional efforts in tackling critical issues impacting urban, suburban, and rural communities but also serves as a model for global action. The outcomes and recommendations generated from this landmark event will be shared widely, empowering individuals, communities, and governments nationally and worldwide to take effective measures in addressing these challenges.

For more information about the Historic New England Summit, including registration details and sponsorship opportunities, please visit Summit.HistoricNewEngland.org or contact us at summit@HistoricNewEngland.org.

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The Summit is being held at The VETS in downtown Providence, Rhode Island, on November 2 and 3, and offered to attendees around the globe via livestream.

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About Historic New England

Historic New England is the largest and most comprehensive independent preservation organization in the US. It welcomes the public to thirty-eight exceptional museums and landscapes, including several coastal farms. The organization operates a major collections and archives center in Haverhill, Massachusetts, and has the world's largest collection of New England artifacts, comprising more than 125,000 decorative arts and objects and 1.5 million archival documents including photographs, architectural drawings, manuscripts, and ephemera. Engaging education programs for youths, adults, and preservation professionals and award-winning exhibitions and publications are offered in person and virtually. The Historic New England Preservation Easement program is a national leader and protects 121 privately owned historic properties throughout the region.