

MEDIA GUIDE: SITES + Sustainable Land Development

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Land is a crucial component of the built environment. When our outdoor spaces are designed, developed and maintained using sustainable practices they can help communities recover from catastrophic events, such as hurricanes and floods; reduce water demand, conserve energy and natural resources; enable wildlife habitat and promote human health and well being. SITES provides a roadmap for creating more sustainable outdoor spaces and recognizes leadership through certification. Today, there are more than 56 certified projects across the U.S., Canada and Japan and nearly 300 SITES AP professionals in 14 countries prepared to help projects transform into models of sustainability.

TM05 - Navy Pier Sets Their SITES on Gold (Tour)

Monday, November 12, 1-5 p.m.

- See how one of Chicago's most iconic sites was redesigned to achieve SITES Gold. The 100-year-old landmark focused on preserving and protecting the environment and found ways to expand the green spaces, conserve water and energy and implement innovative stormwater management systems.

LD07 – Sustainable SITES Workshop

Tuesday, November 13, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

- Learn how to make the case for sustainable landscape development. Often not considered in a building design or plan, land development can be a key factor in a site's overall sustainability. See how SITES is being applied to development like the Atlanta BeltLine, Navy Pier and other significant outdoor spaces.
- Presenters: Micah Silvey, director of certification, GBCI and Danielle Pieranunzi, SITES program specialist, GBCI

A13 – SITES Client Buy-in and Prerequisite Tips for Success

Wednesday, November 14, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

- Explore the SITES rating system and how it's being applied by projects like Dell Medical District and Bartholdi Park at the U.S. Botanic Garden. Learn about its synergies with LEED and strategies that are helping projects get certified.
- Presenters: Bryan Ashtheimer, sustainability consultant at Re:Vision Architecture, Michelle Adams, president and founder of Meliora Design, Lisa Cowan, principal at Studioverde and Kevin Burke, principal landscape architect at Atlanta BeltLine Inc.

E03 – Continuous Simulation Models in the LEED and SITES Rainwater Management

Thursday, November 15, 3-4 p.m.

- Learn about the evolution of stormwater management and how LEED and SITES credits have evolved and can help optimize the stormwater design on a site.
- Presenters: Michael Moscariello, principal engineer and senior project manager at Arcadis, Andrew Filippi, civil engineer in training at Arcadis, and Stephen Benz, founder and consultant at OLIN

SITES Resources:

Project: Read about [SITES-certified landscapes](#)

Video: See how SITES enhances the value of landscapes like Bartholdi Park at the U.S. Botanic Garden Sustainable landscape design and development [insights](#) from experts and project teams

Resources: Access the Rating System, Scorecard, LEED and SITES synergies and more
Access the SITES [Press Kit](#)