

PastForward National Preservation Conference



Join Us in Milwaukee!

Celebrate the power of place and join fellow preservationists and preservation lovers at the nation's premier conference for those who work to save, sustain, and interpret historic places – PastForward 2025 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, September 16-18, 2025!

[Sign up to receive updates](#) on the conference and we'll let you know when more details are available.

Connect with a broad, diverse range of colleagues from across the country, engage with vibrant historic places, share successes and challenges, and generate ideas and solutions for the preservation movement and the various communities we serve.

Location

The PastForward 2025 conference will be at the Hilton Milwaukee City Center, 509 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53203. All events take place here unless otherwise noted. Hotel Rates: \$189 with limited government rooms available at \$129.

[Reserve your room today!](#)

At a Glance

Date	Start Time	End Time	Event
Monday, September 15	3:00 PM	5:00 PM	Advisors Meeting and Adv
	5:00 PM	6:30 PM	Diversity Scholars and Ad
Tuesday, September 16	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	Networking Breakfast
	9:00 AM	10:15 AM	Morning Welcome and Pre
	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Education Sessions
	10:30 AM	3:30 PM	Field Studies
	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	Lunch On Your Own
	1:00 PM	3:30 PM	Education Sessions
	4:00 PM	7:30 PM	Plenary and PastForward
Wednesday, September 17	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	Networking Breakfast
	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Morning General Session
	10:00 AM	5:30 PM	Field Studies
	10:15 AM	11:30 AM	Education Sessions
	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	Lunch On Your Own

	1:00 PM	3:45 PM	Education Sessions
	4:30 PM	5:30 PM	Special Lecture: Milwaukee
Thursday, September 18	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	Networking Breakfast
	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Morning General Session
	10:00 AM	5:00 PM	Field Studies
	10:15 AM	11:30 AM	Education Sessions
	Noon	1:30 PM	Closing General Session

Saving Places for 75 Years

PastForward 2025 will wrap up a year-long celebration of the [75th anniversary](#) of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the innovative practice of preservation in a truly unique American city.

Focus on Innovation

This year the conference will explore cutting-edge innovation, ground-breaking creativity, and experimentation transforming preservation for the future.

Speakers and sessions will showcase how preservation revitalizes communities, spurs economic development, nurtures a healthier environment, and fosters a stronger, shared sense of civic duty and belonging.

The conference will specifically address innovations in the following important areas:

A climate-friendly, community-driven **repurposing of older buildings** that energizes disinvested neighborhoods and supports healthy communities.

A **reimagined commemorative landscape** that honors the achievements, contributions, stories, and cultural heritage of all Americans.

An **invigorated public sphere** where meaningful places serve as catalysts for civic engagement across all demographics.



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PastForward 2025,
September 16-18

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PastForward 2025 Registration Information

Two great ways to attend [PastForward](#) [Link: /conference] in 2025

In-person in Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Engaging sessions

Inspiring keynote speakers

Networking opportunities with
fellow attendees

Field studies and mobile
workshops

Virtual from Anywhere

Curated selection of live-
streamed virtual sessions

Inspiring keynote speakers

Continuing education credits (CEUs) will be available from The American Institute of Architects (AIA) and the American Planning Association (APA) for most educational sessions, field studies, and workshops.

[Sign up to receive updates](https://support.savingplaces.org/page/5795/data/1?ea.tracking.id=Website) [Link: <https://support.savingplaces.org/page/5795/data/1?ea.tracking.id=Website>] on the conference and we'll let you know when registration opens!

Rates for In-Person in Milwaukee

Rates shown are for the full [PastForward 2025](#) [Link: [/conference](#)] conference and include access to all scheduled sessions and access to field studies at additional cost.

	Forum Pre-Sale July 1-7	Regular July 8-Aug. 23	Last Minute Aug. 24-Sep. 14	During Event Sep. 15-18
Forum Member [Link: /join-forum] [Link: https://www.mainstreet.org/join]	Forum Members, check your email closer to the date for details.	\$620	\$900	\$1,000
Government Worker		\$620	\$900	\$1,000
Non-Member		\$800	\$1,000	\$1,200
Student		\$150	\$150	\$195

One-Day Passes and Guest Registrations are available upon request for the in-person component only. To arrange, please contact us at NTHP@sswmeetings.com.

Rates for Virtual Programming Only

Select programming in Milwaukee will be live-streamed.

	Forum Pre-Sale July 1-7	Regular July 8-Aug. 23	Last Minute Aug. 24-Sep. 14	During Event Sep. 15-18
Virtual: Forum Member	Forum Members, check your email closer to the date for details.	\$225	\$300	\$350
Virtual: Government Worker		\$225	\$300	\$350
Virtual: Non-Member		\$275	\$400	\$500
Virtual: Student		\$50	\$50	\$50

Membership + Registration

[Join Forum](#) [Link: /preservation-leadership-forum] for member discounts! Forum members receive discounts on trainings and conferences, take advantage of the significant discounts for PastForward. Membership starts at \$195.

For questions about an existing Forum membership, including confirming your membership number contact members@savingplaces.org or 202-588-6164.

Code of Conduct

The National Trust for Historic Preservation wants to ensure that PastForward 2025 is a fulfilling experience for all. Accordingly, all PastForward attendees are expected to follow the [Code of Conduct](#) [Link: /pastforward-code-of-conduct] , which applies at all PastForward in-person and virtual events.

Cancellation Policy

You may cancel your registration and receive a refund, minus a \$50 handling fee, if the National Trust receives your request within 30 days of purchase and by August 15, 2025. No refunds will be issued for cancellations requested more than 30 days past the purchase date. No refunds will be given for cancellations requested after August 15, 2025, even if bought less than 30 days prior.

To request a cancellation, you must email us your request in writing. All approved registration refunds will be processed by December 1, 2025.

No-shows are not refunded for any reason. The National Trust does not give credit toward future conferences or National Trust products. The National Trust reserves the right to refuse service.