

The Collaboration Calendar: 2019

CharacterTowns.org presents *The Collaboration Calendar* as a link in the website footer. The 2019 Calendar provides the dates and locations of the Annual Conferences of many professional and issue-oriented organizations involved in planning, designing and managing cities. The purpose of the Calendar is:

- To have one spreadsheet listing all, or most, of the city-building professions in the United States; to provide an optic of the breadth of the professions involved.
- To reinforce the idea that city-building is a collaborative effort of the city-builders and many others including city managers, attorneys, public finance experts, environmental scientists and historic preservation specialists.
 - There are associations for each city-building profession, and
 - There are many issue-oriented associations such as historic preservation, transportation and economic development.
- To create a sense of the many professions that are “allied” to any given profession; architects [AIA] are allied with landscape architects [ASLA] who allied with civil engineers [ASCE] and on and on...
- To provide access to the many conference agendas and hence the topics scheduled for each conference to enable:
 - A review of the conference agendas which give a great, high-level indication of the issues of concern to each “allied” profession.
 - Contact with “allied” professions, even in a cursory way, since it is impossible for any one person to keep abreast of the happenings in all “allied” professions.
 - Follow-up inquiries since occasionally conferences publish proceedings or provide access to presentation materials after the sessions enabling a “deep dive” into a subject or contact information for the presenter, kinda’ after-the-fact remote networking.
- To foster a collegiality between and among the city-building professions who eventually work in concert or conflict.

The many professional and issue-oriented organizations go to great lengths to offer terrific events that are educational, client-rich and entertaining with presentations of issues and case studies, field trips and networking opportunities. Some associations offer continuing education credits approved by an “allied” association.

Conferences are usually held in interesting cities. Since most associations invite non-members to attend, a conference in a city of interest is possible; and a conference in or near your home base is also available. **Stay connected and collaborate.**