CALL FOR SPEAKERS:

AIA NJ East Coast Green 2026

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AIA New Jersey
Committee on the Environment

Designing for Sustainability

The AIA New Jersey Committee on the Environment (COTE) invites architects, designers, planners, engineers, researchers, and allied professionals to submit proposals for East Coast Green 2026 Designing for Sustainability, a two-day virtual conference focused on advancing sustainability in the built environment.

This conference explores how sustainable design strategies—at every scale—can address climate change, reduce carbon emissions, strengthen community resilience, and promote equity and well-being. We seek forward-thinking, educational presentations that share practical strategies, research, and real-world case studies that support a more sustainable future.

Event Details

Dates: Friday, July 10 and Friday, July 17

Format: Virtual Zoom Conference (Two Days)

Location: Online

Deadline for Submission: March 20, 2026

Submit your proposal online:

https://aia-nj.org/call-for-speakers/apply-online/

Topics of Interest (including, but not limited to):

Sustainable Design Strategies
- Proven approaches and case studies that improve environmental performance and long-term value.

Decarbonization & Climate Action
- Net-zero and low-carbon design, electrification, embodied carbon reduction, and life-cycle analysis.

Resilience & Climate Adaptation
- Designing for extreme weather, disaster preparedness, and long-term climate impacts.

Equity, Inclusion & Environmental Justice
- Sustainable design strategies that advance social equity and community well-being.

Circular Economy & Resource Efficiency
- Adaptive reuse, material reuse, waste reduction, and design for flexibility.

Health, Wellness & Sustainability
- The intersection of environmental performance, indoor environmental quality, and occupant health.

Green Infrastructure & Ecosystem Integration
- Biodiversity, sustainable water systems, and urban ecological strategies.

Emerging Tools & Technologies
- Data-driven design, digital tools, AI, and performance modeling for sustainable outcomes.

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Who Should Apply?

We welcome submissions from professionals and thought leaders across disciplines, including architecture, urban design, landscape architecture, engineering, planning, research, policy, and academia. Interdisciplinary and collaborative presentations are strongly encouraged.

Presentation Requirements

To maintain the integrity of the educational experience:

- Presentations must be educational in nature
- No product endorsements, marketing, or sales pitches are permitted
- Submissions that do not adhere to this policy will not be considered

Submission Guidelines

Proposal Requirements:

- Title: A clear and engaging title.
- Abstract: Up to 350 words describing the presentation content and its relevance to the conference theme
- Learning Objectives: A minimum of four learning objectives aligned with AIA CES requirements
- (To qualify for HSW credit, content must address Health, Safety, and/or Welfare as defined by AIA CES.)
    - Health: Those aspects of professional practice that improve the physical, emotional, and social well-being of occupants, users, and any others affected by buildings and sites.
    - Safety: Those aspects of professional practice that protect occupants, users, and any others affected by buildings or sites from harm.
    - Welfare Those aspects of professional practice that enable equitable access, elevate the human experience, encourage social interaction, and benefit the environment
- Speaker Bio(s) & Headshot(s): 100–150 word bio and headshot for each presenter
- Preferred Date:
    - Friday, July 10
    - Friday, July 17
    - Either July 10 or July 17

Format: 50-minute total session (minimum 40-45 minutes of presentation plus Q&A)

For questions, please contact Christina Goldstein, CMP, AIA NJ Events Manager at cgoldstein@njpsi.com or call 609-393-5690.

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Why Present at East Coast Sustainable Futures?

- Share your expertise with a broad audience of architecture professionals
- Contribute to meaningful dialogue on sustainability and climate action
- Receive recognition through a prominent East Coast AIA platform
- Help shape a more sustainable, resilient, and equitable built environment

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