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# Lean Urbanism Recalls a Simpler Time

## Making Small Possible in a Red-Tape World

**By Julianne Couch**

**A traffic jam in Miami suggests to some that modern urbanization needs a reboot.**

Over the last several decades, real estate developers and urban designers have watched building code books swell from the size of small booklets to the size of dictionaries.

Some say the increase in regulations has been essential to protect life, limb and property. Others think politics, special interest groups and neglect have supplanted common sense to create a hopelessly complex array of outdated, expensive and unnecessary mandates that serve to push small developers out of the marketplace altogether.

The Project for Lean Urbanism, created by a nonprofit group of architects, engineers, planners and policymakers, is trying to reverse that trend. The group is launching pilot projects in four U.S. cities with the goal of stimulating entrepreneurship and economic growth by cutting red tape and providing free tools that make the development process less intimidating for beginners. The four cities -

Lafayette, La., Chattanooga, Tenn., Saint Paul, Minn., and Savannah, Ga. - were chosen for their commitment to lowering the barriers to small-scale economic development.

One of the groups behind the effort is the Congress for New Urbanism (CNU), which works to advance the concept of New Urbanism to guide public policy and create "vibrant and walkable cities, towns, and neighborhoods where people have diverse choices for how they live, work, shop, and get around," according to the organization's charter.

A key figure in the CNU is Andres Duany. In an address at a conference in Dallas, Duany explained that New Urbanism was once a revolutionary approach to replicating the pre-1970s way of urban development. Today, he says, the movement needs to be reconsidered.

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**Online Course**

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How do we blunt Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) losses, stop the next tree plague from devastating our communities, and create a better, stronger, resilient future forest?

Sustainable City Network will host a 4-hour online course June 7-8 for civil engineers, landscape architects, architects, urban foresters, planners, or anyone responsible for the care of trees. It will provide professionals the tools to communicate and implement a staged Ash tree canopy removal and replacement with a resilient future forest.

The course will demonstrate how to stage Ash tree loss impacts from EAB over time to optimize budgets, utility and social benefits during this traumatic tree crisis.

# Product & Industry Announcements

Sustainable City Network and the Northwest Environmental Training Center have teamed up to offer this 6-hour online course June 20-22 on the Lean process improvement system.

This course will challenge your ideas about how you think about and evaluate the work you do.

Our Lean Master certified instructor, Brion Hurley, is principal Lean consultant at Rockwell Collins. He will introduce the history of Lean concepts, derived from the Toyota Production System, and explain how and why they have come full-circle back to the United States.

Results of Lean initiatives have led to increased customer and stakeholder satisfaction, reduced costs, reduced risks, increased sales, and more flexible and agile organizations. Perhaps the largest benefit has been more engaged employees, where people enjoy the work they do.

Lean is not a new concept, as this approach has been used by many companies and organizations for the past three decades. However, most of the effort over that time has been done at large corporations, and only recently have they been adopted and embraced by smaller organizations and agencies. Examples of lean successes can be found within city and state agencies, utilities, nonprofits, law firms, military, public schools, startup companies, movie studios and even farming!

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Sustainable City Network will present the free 1-hour webinar FEMA Reporting: A Sustainable Approach on Tuesday, June 6, beginning at 4 p.m. Eastern Time (1 p.m. Pacific).

A disaster could happen any minute — is your local

government prepared to submit required reports to the Federal Emergency Management Agency? Or, will your team waste hundreds of hours scrambling to provide FEMA with activity plans, time records, material usage, and photos for reimbursement?

Join the City of Arlington, TX Parks and Recreation Department as they:
• Walk you through a real-life flood scenario they experienced.
• Cover disaster reporting tips and best practices.
• Share techniques for efficient FEMA reporting.
• Discuss using historical data to plan for the future.

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## Online Course

## Creating a Sustainability Strategy

Sustainable City Network will present a webinar series in July for any personnel who are responsible for developing sustainability plans, greenhouse gas emission inventories, climate action plans or any

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The 6-hour online course, Creating a Sustainability Strategy for Your Organization, will be delivered live on July 11-13. Sessions will be recorded so registrants may attend live or via on-demand streaming video.

This course, featuring veteran instructor Antonia Graham, will focus on the implementation and strategic thinking that is required to implement a Sustainability Plan. Too often, we write a plan and have the greatest intentions of implementing all of the metrics only to have these ideas fall flat because of politics, organizational culture, or lack of support from the top. This course will teach you how to incorporate storytelling and systems thinking into a strategic plan that gets your plan implemented and enables you to move the needle further and faster to create a more sustainable community.

This course will be presented in three 2-hour sessions held

on consecutive days, July 11, 12 and 13, 2017. Class sessions will begin promptly at 10 a.m. Pacific, 11 a.m. Mountain, noon Central and 1 p.m. Eastern. (Group rates available on the registrations page.)

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