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The Land Use Law Center's annual [Land Use & Sustainable Development Conference](#) is a significant educational event in the region, with more than 200 attorneys, business professionals, and local leaders learning about national, regional, and local challenges and innovations. This year's theme: *Leading Communities toward a Resilient Future*

Join us on December 6th at the NYS Judicial Institute at Pace Law School in White Plains to discuss the challenges communities in the New York Metropolitan area face because of natural disasters, a changing climate, new demographics and technologies, and inequitable living conditions. Leaders are emerging who are creating new strategies for community resiliency in the face of economic, social, and environmental change. They are *Leading Communities toward a Resilient Future*. We invite you to attend to learn about the flexible tools, models, and policies that strengthen communities to build equitable, sustainable, and economically prosperous places for people. **CLE and CM credits available.**

~ [Early-bird pricing closes Nov. 6th](#) ~

CONFERENCE KEYNOTES



[Opening Keynote](#)

Majora Carter

Urban Revitalization Strategist, [Majora Carter Group LLC](#)

Majora Carter is an internationally renowned urban revitalization strategy consultant, real estate developer, and Peabody Award winning broadcaster. She is responsible for the creation and successful implementation of numerous green-infrastructure projects, policies, and job training and placement systems.

Her long list of awards and honorary degrees include accolades from groups as diverse as Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation, John Podesta's Center for American Progress, Goldman Sachs, as well as a MacArthur "genius" Fellowship. Her 2006 TED talk was one of the first 6 videos to launch their groundbreaking website.



Lunch Keynote

Stephen Hardy, AICP LEED AP

Chief Community Builder, [Mind Mixer](#)

As a practitioner Stephen Hardy has managed a host of complex community planning projects. In Greensburg, Kansas, Stephen helped the City plan for recovery after a catastrophic EF-5 tornado wiped out most of the community's structures. In 2008, the Greensburg Comprehensive Master Plan—for which Stephen was the lead planner—received international recognition with the prestigious Sustainable Cities Award from Financial Times and the Urban Land Institute, and in 2009 was recognized by the APA with the Daniel Burnham Award for a Comprehensive Plan. He also has experience staffing on Capitol Hill, working at the Conservation Fund, and pioneering a community planning practice at BNIM, all of which he brought to his current role with MindMixer as Chief Community Builder.

Stephen's areas of expertise include Sustainable comprehensive planning, disaster recovery, whole-systems integrated planning, high level facilitation, public engagement, the integration of design and planning, and project management. His experience and his passion for community building make him a strong advocate for better communication leading to community transformation.

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Planning Ethics in a Changing Environment

Hot Topics of Land Use: The Rare Variance, Effective Comprehensive Planning, Ethics and Case Law Update

From Vision to Implementation: Making Our Main Streets Complete Streets

Rebuilding a Resilient Community

Controlling the Local Impacts of Hydrofracking

Here Comes the Sun: Barriers and Opportunities in Solar Power

Tensions and Opportunities in Urban Revitalization Efforts

Overcoming Barriers to Cultivating Urban Agriculture

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