

Today's News - August 25, 2005

Sprawl, smart growth, and new urbanism: mixed-use districts sometimes just a Disney-fied version of sprawl. – Taming sprawl requires new solutions - and getting involved. – The "dramatic impact" the Internet could have on the architecture and landscape of communities. – Canada's new national building code offers high hopes for innovative design (or not). – America's Top 10 "green" schools (unfortunately, some of their architects must have been left on the editing floor). – A Long Island waterfront with lessons for NYC (and elsewhere). – One alternative to ugly security bollards and over-sized planters: a ha-ha (no kidding). – Chamfers, chamfers everywhere (not just atop Freedom Tower). – An artful protest to preserve East German parliament building - but some want a palace. – A Denver project is good business for British architect. – Promenade Plantée in Paris offers a peek at the future High Line in NYC. – Ideas competition: hyper density in future urban environments.

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['Mixed-Use Districts' Often Get Mixed Reviews: ...some...have fallen short of being true town centers, some academics and smart growth advocates say...just a different format of sprawl...](#)- Washington Post

[Old problem: taming new sprawl: Counties, voters, developers have roles in guiding our growth...we must examine a new set of solutions...](#) By Roger L. Galatas- Houston Chronicle

[Smart Growth and the Internet: As the Internet revolution moves into full bloom...there is every reason to believe it could have a dramatic impact on the architecture and landscape of communities throughout the world.](#) By John M. Eger- Government Technology

[High hopes for new national building code: The document will speed up permit paperwork and allow for more creative design, proponents say-](#) Globe and Mail (Canada)

[America's Top 10 Green Schools.](#) By Jane Holtz Kay – Boora Architects; HMFH Architects; Arup Engineering; Moseley Architects; Pfau Architecture; L. Robert Kimball and Associates; BeeryRio; Farewell Mills Gatsch Architects- The Green Guide Institute

[Greening Greenport, phase two: Waterfront's 10-year, \\$16-million face-lift could be model for NYC site...an object lesson in how...architects and politicians can sometimes make life a little better.](#) By Justin Davidson – SHoP [images]- NY Newsday

[I Came, Eyesore, I Conquered: Perimeter security is ugly and may not keep us safe...Olin Partnership's ha-ha is an unobtrusive retaining wall...nice to look at...That it also happens to be designed to stop a madman in a Hummer seems almost an afterthought.](#) By Witold Rybczynski [images]- Slate

[Freedom Tower's 'Unique' Corners Found on Other Drawing Boards: ...the search for architectural provenance is more than an academic exercise. – Skidmore, Owings & Merrill; Robert A. M. Stern; Foster & Partners; Harry Weese; Kohn Pedersen Fox; Thomas Shine \[images\]-](#) New York Times

[Berlin's Indoor Mountain of Art and Protest: ...old East German parliament building...to be demolished to make way for a re-creation of a palace. – Manfred Prasser \(1972\); Benjamin Foerster-Baldenius; Rem Koolhaas \[images\]-](#) New York Times

[California Design's Endless Summer: California's contribution to the American imagination at home is something so ubiquitous now as to seem commonplace. We call it lifestyle. \[slide show\]-](#) New York Times

[Image building: Museum of Contemporary Art/Denver project buttresses David Adjaye's worldwide reputation.](#) By Mary Voelz Chandler – Davis Partnership- Rocky Mountain News (Denver)

[The Secret Jardin: For a quicker taste of what the \[High Line's\] future may hold, here is the story of another such midair park - the only other one, in fact. It is called the Promenade Plantée, and it is in Paris.](#)- New York Times

[Call for Entries: FAR 8 - hyper density in future urban environments, sponsored by FAR Gallery for European Architecture Shanghai; registration deadline: October 1-](#) FAR Gallery

[INSIGHT: Downtown Vancouver's Last Resort: How Did "Living First" Become "Condos Only?"](#) By Trevor Boddy- ArchNewsNow

[August '05 Build Business: PR Tips from Two Pros](#)

– Exhibition: "Dream of Tower" at the Danish Architecture Centre, Copenhagen
– Competition winner: Steven Holl Architects: Sail Hybrid/Albert Place Casino, Knokke-Heist, Belgium
– MVRDV: Gemini Residence, Copenhagen

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