
Committee to draft green building standards: LEED will continue to evolve as a goal for the top 25% of building practices, while Standard 189P is intended to serve the entire construction industry. — U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC); American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE); Illuminating Engineering Society of North America (IESNA); National Real Estate Investor (NREI)

Third Time's the Charm: Will the latest corporate sustainability reporting guidelines herald a brave new world? ...perhaps counter-intuitively, leading global companies are finding value in reporting far more information on their sustainability performance than the GRI currently demands. — Global Reporting Initiative Sustainability Reporting Guidelines

African American Museum hires designer: After a controvesial split between the Kansas African American Museum and local architect Charles McAfee...museum has hired a firm to design its new riverfront building. — Schafer Johnson Cox Frey Architecture - Wichita Eagle (Kansas)

Additions Give Mount Vernon The Feel of Yesterdayland: New museum space struggles with the fine balance between education and entertainment. It all feels 'very familiar, very something.'...Very Disney. By Philip Kennicott — GWWO Inc (Architects) (images, podcast, etc.) — Washington Post

Group pushes to transform 42nd Street into pedestrian mall: Advocates say would turn the blooed streets into a narrower version of an Italian piazza, would boost business on the strip by up to $500 million a year while cutting cross-town travel time in half. — Vision42-AM New York

Dia Art Foundation Calls Off Museum Project: ...at the entrance to the High Line. Asked whether the Whitney was considering backing out of the Piano expansion in favor of a site at the High Line, a museum spokeswoman said yesterday, "The Whitney is keeping its expansion options open." — New York Times

Norman Foster Lauds East Side's 'Tradition of Radicalism': ...residents who have been arguing over a proposed 22-story apartment building on Madison Avenue in a historic district brought their fight downtown yesterday for a four-hour public hearing before the Landmarks Preservation Commission. — New York Sun

Market hall plans go on show: Members of public get chance to view major component of multi-million pound Marsh Way development...a new £5m market hall in Wakefield. — David Adjaye (image) — Yorkshire Post Today (UK)

Soaring New [65-story] CBD Tower Planned For Nashville: The nation's tallest office tower outside of Chicago and New York...plans incorporate more glass, a thinner footprint and an artistic, 200-foot spire. — Smallwood Reynolds Stewart Stewart (architect) — National Real Estate Investor (NREI)

'Green' roof shows its stuff. The downtown library is covered in sturdy sedum, not the rumored grass that drew the billy goat jokes. The library didn't spend an extra $750,000 on a planted roof simply for aesthetic reasons. It was part of an overall focus on energy efficiency. — David Chipperfield (images) — Des Moines Register

Rethinking Auto Showrooms: Shark Tanks, Anyone? Automobile companies are experimenting with new ways of selling, trying to replace the image of standardized buildings and high-pressure salesmen. — Eddie Sotto/Sotto Studios (audio slide show) — New York Times

Portrait of the artist: Will Alsop, architect: "I've learned never to trust anyone with big feet and a small head" — Guardian (UK)

Massive Fire Claims Adler & Sullivan's landmark Wirt Dexter Building in Chicago: The loss to fire of two Adler and Sullivan's landmarks, Pilgrim Baptist Church and now the Wirt Dexter Building, in less than a year raises questions about the effectiveness of the Chicago's landmark protection. By Lynn Becker — Repeat (Chicago)


Hong Kong Conference Aims to Make Feng Shui More Scientific: Architects, engineers and Feng Shui researchers from around the globe met in an attempt to make the system less mystical. — Albert So; Michael Mak; Howard Choy; Lilian Too — Voice of America

Welcome to the Slate Green Challenge: Your eight-week carbon diet — Slate

(Product) Red "Pop-Up" Store: A temporary retail store in the heart of Chicago is all heart for a good cause. — WalkerGroup with Motorola (images) — ArchNewsNow