

Today's News - October 24, 2006

RFQ for design of open public spaces on NYC's Governors Island. -- Call for entries: 2007 Palladio Awards for outstanding work in traditional design. -- Kotkin offers three successful self-sustaining suburban villages that "show us new ways for accommodating growth." -- The Slow City movement is growing in Europe, but can it jump the Atlantic? -- A Canadian wants to see a Scottish New Town as a world heritage site, and the concept "mimicked rather than maligned." -- U.S. Army buys into new urbanism. -- A cautionary report says if we're not cautious today, by 2050 we will need at least two planets' worth of natural resources to live as we do now. -- The good news: corporate thinking is shifting to green: 10 rules to build green on a standard budget. -- Louisiana hopes for FEMA approval of alternative housing program (it does not include trailers). -- Big plans to refashion a London neighborhood. -- Chicago (as elsewhere) seeks to slow condo conversions and find ways to curb drain on affordable housing. -- Singapore is serious about salvaging its historic districts. -- Gehry could be ace card in bid for Singapore's Sentosa \$3 billion-plus gaming resort. -- Cayman Islands taps Chicago firm for school projects. -- Two buildings that make San Francisco's otherwise mundane South Beach sparkle. -- George Washington's Mount Vernon is now "a striking melange of history, art, civics, forensic anthropology, computer science, educational television, Hollywood, Madame Tussauds, and a little bit of hokum." -- Are public parks being co-opted by too many commercial ventures?

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[Request for Qualifications: Public Open Space Professional Design Services: Governors Island, New York City: deadline: November 15](#)- Governors Island Preservation & Education Corporation (GIPEC)

[Call for entries: 2007 Palladio Awards for outstanding work in traditional design for commercial, institutional, and residential projects in new construction, restoration/renovation, adaptive reuse/sympathetic addition, and landscaping: deadline: November 15](#)- Traditional Building

[Toward a New Archipelago: Clusters of self-sustaining suburban villages can be the way we grow — without sprawling: Three successful communities — Reston, Virginia; Valencia, north of Los Angeles; and the Woodlands, outside Houston — show us new ways for accommodating growth. By Joel Kotkin](#)- Metropolis Magazine

[Op-Ed: Can The U.S. Learn From The Slow City Movement? With its emphasis on good food, sustainable living, and local community, the Slow City movement is spreading across Europe. But what potential is there for the movement to make the jump across the Atlantic? By Heike Mayer and Paul L. Knox](#)- PLANetizen

[Roundabouts, concrete, construction: is this a world heritage site? ...East Kilbride could join that illustrious list...New Town appellation is generally regarded as a euphemism for bad planning, sloppy architecture and rotten designs...Borda believes the concept of New Towns should be mimicked rather than maligned. -- Basil Spence; Jack Coia; Alexander Buchanan Campbell](#)- The Herald (Scotland)

[Downtown Fort Belvoir: Army Post in Fairfax County Gets a Taste Of Off-Post Living With Its Own Town Center: Large sections of the post are being remade according to the principles of "new urbanism"...military...especially stands to benefit from the approach.. -- Torti Gallas and Partners \[slide show\]](#)- Washington Post

[Humans using resources of two planets, WWF warns \[Living Planet Report 2006\]: The world's ecosystems are being degraded at an unprecedented rate, and by 2050 humans will need at least two planets' worth of natural resources to live as they do now.](#)- Guardian (UK)

[Building the Green Way: Since 2000, several factors have caused a major shift in corporate thinking about green...Just about any company can build green on a standard budget by implementing the following ten rules.](#)- The Slatin Report

[Louisiana Governor Blanco Submits Alternative Housing Pilot Program to FEMA: ...submission focused on the needs of citizens currently being housed in trailers...Katrina & Carpet Cottages: Home at Last; etc. -- Duany Plater-Zyberk; Marianne Cusato](#)- Bayou Buzz (Louisiana)

[Fashioned with care: The home of the Freemans catalogue will give Stockwell a new look...1896 printworks...will be completely revamped to become the linchpin of a bigger scheme that includes 260 new homes, a café, trendy bar and shops on its four-acre site. -- Squires & Partners \[links to images\]](#)- The Times (UK)

[\[Mayor\] Daley seeks to slow condo conversions: Panel to scope out ways to curb drain on affordable housing](#)- Crain's Chicago Business

[Singapore salvages last old districts by adapting buildings to modern uses: ...scattered pockets of older districts that escaped redevelopment...the government is working to ensure that history doesn't disappear...now auctions off conservation projects. \(AP\) -- Tai Lee Siang](#)- Canoe (Canada)

[Gehry is Kerzner's ace card in Singapore: ...says he has no interest in casinos, but his design -- of two translucent, rippling buildings -- for a US\\$3 billion-plus gaming resort in Singapore \[Sentosa island\] could help...beat two other bidders in the contest for the landmark project. \(Reuters\)](#)- China Post

[US firm hired as architects for three new public schools in the Cayman Islands. -- O'Donnell, Wickland, Picozzi \(OWP\); OA&D; Fielding Nair International \(FNI\)](#)- Cayman Net News

[Belles of the ballpark neighborhood — two buildings sparkle in otherwise-mundane South Beach: There's too much mediocrity in this nearly finished redevelopment district...simply because of their presence, everything around them seems better as well. By John King -- Tom Eliot Fisch; Gary Gee; Michael Leavitt \[images\]](#)- San Francisco Chronicle

[Countrymen, get reacquainted: George Washington the man, the myths and even the teeth](#)

[make up the new Mount Vernon experience...a striking melange of history, art, civics, forensic anthropology, computer science, educational television, Hollywood, Madame Tussauds, and a little bit of hokum... -- GWWO, Inc./Architects \[slide show\]](#)- Los Angeles Times

[William H. Whyte, Meet Pokemon: Bill Thompson, FASLA, asks, how far is too far when it comes to commercial activities in public parks?](#)- LAND Online (ASLA)

[\(Product\) 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



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