

Our Parks x TEN Baltimore

Historic Preservation of Greenspaces and Community

Call for speakers

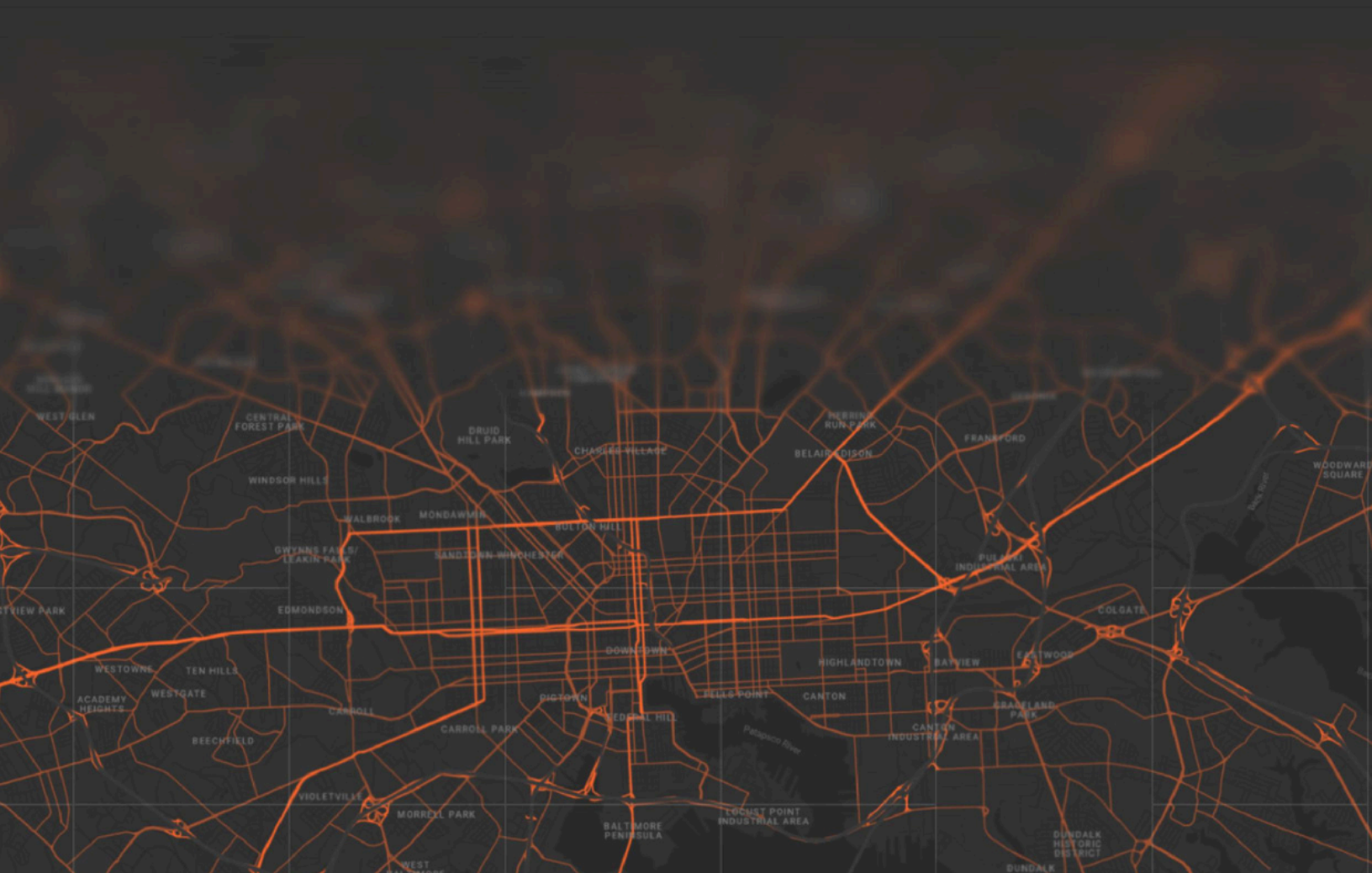
TEN Baltimore, in partnership with the National Parks Service, Parks and People, Nature Conservancy, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, Maryland State Archives, and ULI Baltimore, invites submissions for our upcoming symposium.

SYMPOSIUM

July 25-26, 2025

Location: Bon Secours Community Works

Submission deadline: June 15, 2025



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ABOUT TEN BALTIMORE

TEN Baltimore is a trail network connecting Druid Hill Park and Carroll Park—the *first direct link between these major green spaces in West Baltimore's history*. Throughout 2024, we implemented various engagement strategies to ensure community voices shaped the project's development. Now we need expert guidance to implement these community-identified solutions effectively.



THE CHALLENGE

West Baltimore faces a significant environmental imbalance. There's a *61.9°F temperature difference* between tree-covered and concrete neighborhoods, and residents have limited pedestrian access to major green spaces despite living nearby. As we build connections between Druid Hill Park and Carroll Park, we must also address the history of Mount Clare Plantation, which sits within Carroll Park and requires sensitive community-centered preservation approaches. Your expertise will inform our planning decisions as we navigate these interconnected challenges.

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THE SYMPOSIUM

We're bringing together 1XY participants for two focused days of collaborative work. Each time slot includes concurrent sessions with one lecture and one workshop. Participants can choose specific lecture-workshop pairs to create a tailored learning experience.

Landscape Architecture & Urban Forestry	2 PM July 25, 2025
Social Design & Community Capacity	4 PM July 25, 2025
Preservation as Reclamation	12 PM July 26, 2025
Urban Design & Mapping Perspectives	2 PM July 26, 2025
Community Health & Collective Storytelling	4 PM July 26, 2025

WHAT WE'RE SEEKING

We want speakers with three or more years of experience who have track records of community-centered work and can share practical solutions. Experience with urban equity or capacity-building projects helps you understand the context we're working in.

For Landscape Architecture and Urban Forestry, we're looking for expertise in *urban cooling solutions, community-managed forestry, or green infrastructure* in climates similar to Baltimore's. Social Design and Community Capacity speakers should *bring experience with community engagement methods, particularly with historically underserved communities or around contentious issues*.

Preservation as Reclamation requires speakers who understand how *historic preservation can center community needs and address complex histories constructively*. Speakers in Urban design and Mapping should offer *accessible design solutions, participatory planning experience, or knowledge of transit-oriented development*. Speakers in Community Health and Storytelling must demonstrate connections between *green space access and health outcomes or experience with creative methods for community input*.

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SPEAKER SUPPORT

We provide a **\$1,500 honorarium and travel reimbursement of up to \$800 for speakers outside the Baltimore area**. Two nights of hotel accommodation are included, plus full symposium access with meals. You'll have professional audiovisual support and receive a video recording of your presentation. Invitation to Community Showcase at Mount Clare Mansion **on September 6, 2025**, alongside partners from the National Parks Service, Parks and People, Nature Conservancy, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, Maryland State Archives, and ULI Baltimore

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Send your complete application to symposium@tenbaltimore.org by **June 15, 2025**.

Required:

- Contact information (name, title, organization, email, phone)
- Biography (150 words max)
- Presentation title and format (lecture or workshop)
- Abstract (150 - 300 words max) describing your presentation and relevance
- Selected theme (choose one primary focus area)
- Previous relevant experience (brief list)
- High-resolution headshot
- Technical requirements (beyond standard A/V)

Optional:

- Portfolio samples or project links
- Baltimore connections or related experience

SELECTION AND TIMELINE

Applications are due **June 15, 2025**. Selected speakers will be **notified by June 30**, with a **planning call on July 7** to coordinate sessions. We will review applications for relevance to Baltimore's challenges, community-centered practice, collaborative problem-solving, and diverse perspectives. The review panel consists of the TEN Baltimore, community partners, and experts.

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IMPACT AND FOLLOW-UP

Your participation will inform trail design and construction, our approach to Mount Clare preservation, community programming, and our policy recommendations to Baltimore City. After the symposium, all speakers receive a summary report showing how their recommendations were incorporated into our planning, plus an invitation to the trail opening celebration.

COMMUNITY SHOWCASE

On **September 6, 2025**, we'll host an open community celebration at Mount Clare Mansion in Carroll Park. Residents will learn about symposium recommendations in an accessible, engaging format. This gives you a second opportunity to connect with the community and see how your ideas translate into neighborhood-level programming.

QUESTIONS

Contact the TEN Baltimore Team
Email: ten.baltimore@gmail.com

Deadline: June 15, 2025

PARTNERS

