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National Conference of New Urbanism Will Tour Bluffton's Historic District Thursday

A group of about 50 attendees from The National Conference of New Urbanism, being held in Savannah, will tour Bluffton tomorrow, May 17, from 9 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. This tour will provide examples of how a mid-sized city's redevelopment and urban planning resulted in a walkable, accessible, connected district which provides a diversity of residential and commercial uses.

Thursday's field trip for the annual Congress for New Urbanism will include Palmetto Bluff and the Bluffton Historic District.

"Bluffton is honored to be chosen as a field trip for this premiere urban planning and design organization. To be viewed as an example of what towns do right is quite a compliment," Town Manager Marc Orlando said.

Mayor Lisa Sulka said she largely attributes the success of the Historic District to the extensive planning process of the Old Town Master Plan, which was approved a decade ago.

"The design and implementation of the Old Town Master Plan has been the town's blueprint of redeveloping and enhancing the Historic District to attract economic development and tourism," Mayor Lisa Sulka said. "We are proud of its outcomes."

Heather Colin, the Town's director of growth management, has been in contact with the conference representatives. If you have any questions about this field trip, please contact Heather Colin at (email) hcolin@townofbluffton.com or (Office) 843.706.4592.

About Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU):

Members of the Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU) help create vibrant and walkable cities, towns, and neighborhoods where people have diverse choices for how they live, work and shop. People want to live in well-designed places that are unique and authentic. CNU's mission is to help people build those places.

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With 18 local and state chapters and offices in Chicago, IL and Washington, DC, CNU works to unite the New Urbanist movement. The organization's projects and campaigns serve to empower the organization's efforts, identify policy opportunities, spread great ideas and innovative work to a national audience, and catalyze new strategies for implementing policy through design approaches.

CNU is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization with offices in Chicago, IL and Washington, DC.

The Savannah conference is the organization's 26th annual event.