

NEWSLETTER

May 29, 2025 | 8:00 AM to 11:59 PM
Embassy Suites Grand Rapids Downtown
710 Monroe Ave NW, Grand Rapids, MI, 49503

Call 616-512-5700 (800-774-1500) and mention CSI Great Lakes Conference to
confirm the special rate of \$\$259 per night plus tax (breakfast included).

The special rate ends 4/29/2025, so don't wait.

Self-Parking: \$15/night

2025 CSI GR CHAPTER PRODUCT SHOW + GREAT LAKES

REGION LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Navigating the Rapids of CSI Leadership

The CSI Grand Rapids Chapter is excited to bring back our product expo and host the CSI GLR Leadership Conference in the Spring of 2025. These will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan at the Embassy Suites Downtown, conveniently located off of US-131 and I-196.

Our product expo will be held on Thursday May 29th and will include a full day of vendor tabletops and CEU sessions concluding with the **CSI GR Chapter Meeting** for all expo and conference attendees.

The **2025 CSI Great Lakes Region Leadership Conference** will be held on Friday May 30th & Saturday May 31st. Join us and CSI members from Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky for an opportunity for networking, education, vendor tabletops, and leadership development.

Combination package for both events will be available for all attendees. [REGISTER TODAY](#)

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Conference Schedule (subject to change)

Thursday, May 29, 2025 - GLR Chapter Product Show

- 7:30 - 8:30 am - Breakfast (hotel guests only)
- 8:00 - 9:00 am - Exhibitor setup
- 9:00 - 10:00 am - Registration and Tabletops open
- 10:00 - 11:00 am - CEU session
- 11:00 am - 12:00 pm - Tabletops
- 12:00 - 1:00 pm - Lunch & Keynote Speaker
- 1:00 - 2:00 pm - Tabletops
- 2:00 - 3:00 pm - CEU session
- 3:00 - 4:00 pm - Tabletops
- 4:00 - 6:00 pm - Happy Hour: Networking event with GR Chapter & Great Lake Region Conference
- 6:00 - 8:00 pm - Grand Rapids Chapter meeting: Dinner & Speaker

Friday, May 30, 2025 - GLR Leadership Conference

- 7:30 - 8:30 am - Breakfast (hotel guests only)
- 9:00 - 10:00 am - Leadership session
- 10:00 - 11:00 am - Tabletops
- 11:00 am - 12:00 pm - Leadership session
- 12:00 - 1:30 pm - Lunch & Tabletops
- 1:30 - 2:30 pm - Leadership session
- 2:30 - 3:30 pm - Tabletops
- 3:30 - 4:30 pm - Leadership session
- 5:00 - 6:00 pm - Happy hour & Tabletops
- 6:00 - 7:30 pm - Awards banquet & program

Saturday, May 31, 2024 - GLR Leadership Conference

- 7:30 - 9:00 am - Breakfast (hotel guests only)
- 9:00 - 10:30 am - Annual Meeting
- 10:30 am - Checkout

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Registration

- Product Show and Chapter Meeting - \$50.00
- Chapter Meeting, and Leadership Conference - \$150
 - Early Bird Special through March 15, 2025 - \$125
- Product Show, Chapter Meeting, and Leadership Conference - \$200
 - Early Bird Special through March 15, 2025 - \$150

Tickets

\$150.00 Product Show, Chapter Meeting, and Leadership Conference before March 15

\$200 Product Show, Chapter Meeting, and Leadership Conference

\$50 Thursday Only - Product Show and Chapter Meeting

\$125.00 Chapter Meeting and Leadership Conference before March 15

\$150 Chapter Meeting and Leadership Conference

\$1800 SOLD OUT - Gold Level Conference Sponsor

\$1200 SOLD OUT - Silver Level Conference Sponsor

\$750 SOLD OUT - Bronze Level Conference Sponsor

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New Voices in the Room

It's election time in CSI land. Soon we will be voting for the next Region Director to serve at the Institute Board level. Chapter leaders are either performing elections or just finished the task. Our fiscal year is winding down and the Region Conference is around the corner. All these happenings create an opportunity to reflect on what's been accomplished as well as plan to hit the ground running and start off strong in FY26.

If you've been reading this column throughout the year, you know that reaching out to our High Schools, Universities, Construction Trade Programs is a viable way to grow your local chapter. It's an untapped market of new faces eager to learn. It's also a great opportunity to bring some new faces into your board meetings and planning sessions. There are some excellent reasons to do this.

Wide Eyed Wonder- Imagine being invited to a State House Dinner. First, you might not think it was real. Why would the Governor want to even have you in the room? What could you possibly add? Now, being invited to a CSI chapter board meeting probably will not impress a young member in the same way, but just to have someone reach out and provide a seat at the table could mean involvement as a future leader.

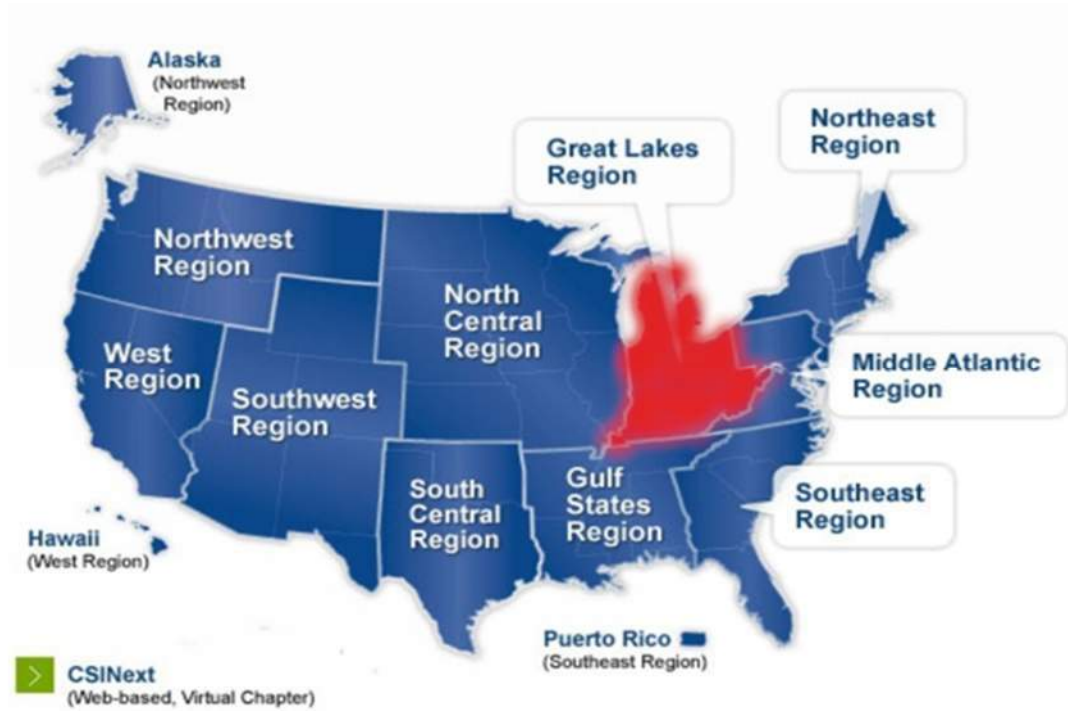
New Ideas- *"If you always do what you've always done, you will always get what you've always gotten".* We all see the world through the lens of our past experience, our current responsibilities, and a set of expectations borne from a familiar timeline. CSI Volunteers have decades of previous happenings to draw from. Things that work. Things that haven't worked. Adding a new voice in the room is a good idea. Without the responsibility of having to make things happen, the new attendee can listen, question, inject new ideas.

Energy Level- My wife recently joined a new organization. She attended her initial training meeting and sat in on her first monthly meeting. The excitement in her voice was evident when she spoke about what happened. She was very happy to be a part of this group. She wrote down several ideas of things she wanted to bring to the table at their next meeting. Her enthusiasm was infectious. I found myself thinking about how nice it is when we bring on a new board member that adds positive energy to the room.

Thad Goodman, FSCI, CDT, CCPR, LEED Green Associate
Region Academic Program Committee

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The Region



CHAPTERS

Akron-Canton

Ohio Valley

Cleveland

CSI Next

Evansville

Grand Rapids

Indianapolis

Lansing

Louisville

Metro Detroit

Our Mission

To advance building information management
and education of project teams to
improve facility performance.

[Home - Great Lakes Region \(csiresources.org\)](http://csiresources.org)

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CERTIFICATION QUIZ ANSWERS

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Here are **some of the things your Region and Region Officers do** better as part of the Construction Specifications Institution Structure:

Leadership Training If you've ever thought about applying for a Chapter Leadership position, it's as simple as looking [here](#) to see what kind of thing are expected.

Programs Bureau- Programs Chairs have a place to go to fill up a hole or two in the annual calendar. If you see a monthly program that stands out, please pass those thoughts on to Jack Morgan, who oversees the submissions. Visit the Speakers Bureau [here](#).

Awards- The format and organization of our Awards program is very robust and well thought out. It has been seen by other regions and used as a template for the creation of their awards programs. Please review it [here](#) to see how to reward active leaders in your chapter. Jack Morgan (Indianapolis) is the current Awards Committee Chair.

Chapter Challenge- Introduced in 2018. It is a way to introduce your friends and colleagues to CSI. More on this on page 3 of this newsletter.

Member Relief Program- Introduced December 2020, still in effect. Details and information [here](#).

We ENCOURAGE YOU to GET INVOLVED with the Region FOR 2025!

Please Join Us - We need YOU!

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- **2025 GLR Region Leadership and Product Show Conference**, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Week of May 29-31. Registration open, also see this Newsletter.
- **Drive** for more Membership! Are you talking it up?
- **Begin** Recruiting Officer and Leaders for Next Fiscal Year.
- **New Fiscal Year** Begins July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.
- **Report** - Officer and Leader Roster Report Due *Must be submitted even if roster remains same 31-May 2025.
- **Members** currently over 624 and counting Members in our Region.
- **The Region needs YOU** for the following OPEN POSITIONS- **2025**:
 - President (Proxy)
 - Vice President-2
 - Technical Chair
- **CSI 2025 National Conference** October 15-17– **Cleveland, Ohio**
- **Chapter events**: Go to Chapter websites. See page 12.
- Kicking around the Idea for a Bi-Region Conference. Stay tuned.
- **Fiscal Year Ends**: June 30, 2025.
- **IRS** From 990 Due - most chapters and regions November 15.
- **Share**: Send to staylo2021@outlook.com
 - your CSI Chapter event photos for Newsletter
 - your CSI Master Specifiers Retreat (MSR) experience for the newsletter
 - your Certification Exam experience that you would like to share
 - your Spec-related photos with message for the Newsletter
- **Outstanding Chapter Commendation** nomination due, July 2025.
- **SCIP** 2025 - Louisville, KY June 8-10, 2025- Registrations open.
- **Earn Learning Units**. Check out the CSI Learning Library for other courses offering Learning Units. There is a wealth of information and learning opportunities.
- There are many resources available to chapters and regions on the chapter and Region community at CSlresources.org.

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- **Chapter Membership:** Make a 2025 plan to get new members with Chapter Challenge at your events.
- **Chapters Activities:** Make a 2025 plan to get your Chapter Activities in the GLR Newsletter. Send staylo2021@outlook.com so we can share.
- **Chapter Study** Certifications: Let us know about your Certification study groups.
- Does your **Chapter** have a plan to **SPONSOR** a member to The CSI National Conference?
- **Showcase your company LOGO in the newsletter.** Send staylo2021@outlook.com.
- **Awards, Awards and more Awards.** See information in this newsletter.
- **Cleveland Chapter Activities:**
 - **May 8, 2025;** – Terracon geotechnical testing facility tour.
 - **June 11, 2025;** CSI outing to Cleveland Guardians Game.
- **Grand Rapids Activities:** (see website for more details)
 - **May 29-31, 2025;** Grand Rapids Product Show and Region Conference.
 - **June 4, 2025;** 40th Annual James "Hojo" Hojnacki Scholarship Golf Outing; Thornapple Pointe Golf Club.
- **Louisville Activities:** (see website for more details)
 - **June 8-10, 2025;** Hosting SCIP Conference.
- **Indianapolis Activities:** (see website for more details)
 - **May 15, 2025;** ADA Topic.
 - **June 19, 2025;** Awards Banquet.
 - **September 18, 2025;** Trade Show.
 - **December 4, 2025;** Holiday Party.
- **CSINext Activities:** (see website for more details)
 - **June 2025;** Owners requirements for Fall Protection.
- **Ohio Valley Activities:** (see website for more details)
 - **May 1, 2025;** Spring Swing at Top Golf.

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The CHAPTER CHALLENGE, which began in 2018, is still in full effect.

The purpose of this CHALLENGE is to increase membership. In this CHAPTER CHALLENGE, the Chapter members must recruit new members with no cost to the new member. The Chapter will pay for the first year's chapter dues, and the Region will pay for the first year's Institute dues. This is for PROFESSIONAL and EMERGING PROFESSIONAL members only (renewals and industry members are not included).

Your involvement does not stop there! Once the new members attend their first Chapter meeting, the Chapter has to engage those new members, embrace them by making them a part of the Chapter, getting them involved, and giving them a sense of belonging.

Who can you recommend today?

If you have any questions or need any other information, please contact one of the following:

Great Lakes Region - President

Kirk Paisley – 513-964-1154

kirk.paisley@bdclarchitects.com

Great Lakes Region - Membership Chair

Blair Reese 313-269-3868

breese@ghafari.com

Form(s) attached



Construction Specifications Institute Great Lakes Region

“CHAPTER CHALLENGE”

What is [CHAPTER CHALLENGE](#)?

- Chapter Challenge is a way to allow Design and Construction Professionals the opportunity to experience CSI for one year with CSI's goal of the Professional realizing the value of CSI and continue Membership beyond the Chapter Challenge Year.

Who is eligible for [CHAPTER CHALLENGE](#)?

- Chapter Challenge is open to a Member of an Architect, Engineer, Interior Designer, or General Contractor Firm who may not be familiar with CSI or have not been a Member of CSI for at least 3 years.

What Does the [CHAPTER CHALLENGE](#) Cost?

- New Member - \$0.00 for the first year of membership:
 - The only cost will be participation:
 - Commitment to attend a minimum of 4 regularly scheduled educational meetings in the Chapter Challenge Year;
 - Report the value of being a CSI Member to a Principal or Decision Maker in the Chapter Challenge Member's Firm a minimum of two times during the Chapter Challenge Year.

How to apply for [CHAPTER CHALLENGE](#)?

- Fill out TODAY the attached CSI Membership Application and return it to the Great Lakes Region Membership Chair in the Newsletter.



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Annapolis Junction, MD 20701
Phone: 800-689-2900
CSI Tax ID#: 53-0242938
Fax to: 703-940-8600

Enroll online at www.csiresources.org/join

MEMBERSHIP TYPES

☐ **Professional: \$375**

I am a technically experienced individual whose primary function is to author, manage, or communicate building information; to create, interpret, or use construction documents; or to educate, support, or assist the construction industry.

☐ **Emerging Professional: \$200***

I am an individual who has less than three years experience in any construction-related field and am a prospective Professional Member.

☐ **Student: \$70***

I am a full-time student enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program in a construction industry curriculum at an educational institution.

**Emerging Professional membership is limited to three years, at which time members must renew at the Professional level.*

CSI Membership

CSI Membership is good for one year, with your membership starting the day that your payment is received and processed.



Prices and information are subject to change.

MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT FORM

Personal Information

First name: _____ Middle initial: _____ Last name: _____

Nickname: _____

Title: _____

Firm name: _____

Website: _____

Primary Address: _____

City | State | Zip: _____

Primary phone: _____

Fax: _____

(_____) (_____) _____

Primary Email: _____

Date of birth: _____

Please review the listings on the back and enter the corresponding number(s) that best describe the following:

Occupation code: _____

Firm type code: _____

Membership Dues and Chapter Designation

Membership Dues (See types of membership above) \$ _____

Home Chapter (See reverse side) _____ Included

Membership Certificate (Optional) \$ 15.00

Total (US funds only) \$ _____

Signature* _____

**Required to validate your enrollment form.*

(Payable to CSI—please specify "Member Dues" and if renewing membership include member ID on memo line.)

Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ AMEX ☐ Check ☐

Card # _____ CVV Code _____ Exp Date _____

Signature* _____

**Signature required for credit card authorization. If using a credit card, please do not email form for security purposes.*



Occupation Codes

100 Specifier or Specifications Consultant	118 A/E Drafter – CAD Operator	137 Surety Professional
101 Architect	119 Estimator	138 Insurance Professional
102 Forensic Architect	120 Surveyor	139 Accountant
103 Landscape Architect/ Designer	121 Construction Manager	140 Attorney
104 Interior Designer/Space Planner	122 General Contractor	141 Manufacturer's Rep/ Supplier
105 Project Manager	123 Subcontractor	142 Building Product Distributor
106 Contract Administrator	124 Constructor	143 Electronic Media Manufacturing Personnel
107 Civil Engineer	125 Construction Trades	144 Project Information Manager
108 Environmental Engineer	126 Labor Representative	145 Publisher
109 Water Resources Engineer	127 Test Lab Personnel	146 Graphic Designer
110 Structural Engineer	128 A/E Representative	147 Technical Writer
111 Electrical Engineer	129 Public Agencies Staff	148 Computer Support Specialist
112 Electronics Engineer	130 Building Official	149 Systems Administrator
113 Mechanical Engineer	131 Building Inspector	150 Association Staff
114 Forensic Engineer	132 Building Owner	151 Academician/Professor/ Teacher
115 Urban Planner	133 Developer	152 Academic Staff
116 Engineering Technician	134 Facilities Manager	153 Student
117 Consultant	135 Realtor	154 Other
	136 Construction Finance Professional	

Locate the numbers corresponding to your occupation and type of firm, then write them in on the front of this form.

Firm Codes

300 Commercial Developer
301 Municipal Government
302 State Government
303 Federal Government
304 Product Distributor
305 Manufacturer/Supplier
306 A/E Firm
307 Architectural Design Firm
308 Construction Management
309 Contractor
310 Subcontractor
311 Other (indicate on application)
312 Academic
313 Association/ Technical Society

Chapters

A home chapter is included as part of your CSI membership. Designate your preferred home chapter on the front of this application. If one is not chosen, the home chapter will be assigned based on your address. For more information, visit www.csiresources.org/communities/components.

Alabama

Birmingham
Huntsville
Mobile Bay
Montgomery

Alaska

Cook Inlet

Arizona

Phoenix
Tucson

Arkansas

Little Rock

California

East Bay-Oakland
Fresno
Los Angeles
Orange County
Redwood Empire
Sacramento
San Diego
San Francisco
Santa Clara Valley

Colorado

Denver
Pikes Peak

Connecticut

Hartford
Housatonic

District of Columbia

DC Metropolitan

Florida

Greater Orlando
South Florida
Pensacola
Suncoast
Tampa Bay

Georgia

Atlanta

Hawaii

Honolulu

Illinois

Chicago

Indiana

Evansville
Indianapolis

Iowa

Central Iowa
Crandic

Kansas

Flint Hills
Mid-Kansas

Kentucky

Louisville

Louisiana

Acadiana
Baton Rouge
New Orleans
Shreveport

Maryland

Baltimore

Massachusetts

Boston

Worcester County

Michigan

Grand Rapids
Lansing
Metropolitan Detroit

Minnesota

Minneapolis-St. Paul
Twin Ports

Mississippi

Mississippi

Missouri

Central Missouri
Greater St. Louis
Kansas City
Southwest Missouri

Nebraska

Nebraska

Nevada

Las Vegas

New Hampshire

New Hampshire

New Jersey

New Jersey

New Mexico

Albuquerque

New York

Buffalo-Western NY
Eastern New York
Long Island
Metropolitan New York
Rochester

Syracuse

North Carolina

Charlotte
Raleigh-Durham

North Dakota

North Dakota/Red River Valley

Ohio

Akron-Canton
Cincinnati
Columbus
Cleveland
Dayton-Miami Valley

Oklahoma

Oklahoma City
Oklahoma State Univ.

Oregon

Portland
Willamette Valley

Pennsylvania

Greater Lehigh Valley
Central Pennsylvania
Erie-Northwestern
Pennsylvania
Northcentral Penn
Philadelphia
Pittsburgh

Rhode Island

Rhode Island

South Carolina

Charleston
Grand Strand
Greenville

Tennessee

Chattanooga
Knoxville
Memphis
Nashville

Texas

Amarillo
Austin
Dallas
Fort Worth
Houston
San Antonio

Utah

Salt Lake City

Vermont

Vermont

Virginia

Blue Ridge
Central Virginia
Northern Virginia
Richmond
Tidewater

Washington

Mt. Rainier
Puget Sound
Spokane

Wisconsin

Fox River Valley
Madison
Milwaukee

CSINext

(Virtual Chapter)

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- A reminder that **Leadership Training** powerpoint information is available. We encourage all new Leaders to please review the information. Look for your role here:

<https://www.csiresources.org/greatlakesregion/training/leader-training>

- **CSI Member Product Reps** - please send us your Logos to get showcased in the GLR Newsletter. Contact staylo2021@outlook.com
- **Newsletter Content. Say something! You have a voice.** Sound off in the newsletter. Contact staylo2021@outlook.com

- **Chapter Presidents** – please forward the “in grace” Members to your Chapter Membership Chairs and ask them to personally reach out to the Members in your Chapter that are on the “in grace” list.

Any questions contact: breese@ghafari.com

- **Strategic Plan** -Need your input for the following:
 1. Suggest ways to increase membership?
 2. Suggest revenue streams for the Region?
 3. Suggest ways to Improve the membership experience?
 4. Suggest ways to involve the building information community?

Send responses here: [Strategic plan comments](#)

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Great Lakes Region CSI Quizmaster – April 2025

Jack P. Morgan, FCSI, CCS, CCCA, CDT, AIA, LEED Green Associate, NCARB, SCIP
Great Lakes CSI Quizmaster

1. Which of the following is a Procurement Stage Activity?
 - a. Bid securities are provided by Owner.
 - b. Owner enters negotiations with Contractor.
 - c. Purchase Orders are given to consultants.
 - d. Architect certifies an Application for Payment.
2. A/E's approval of Shop Drawings is:
 - a. For conformance with information given and design concept.
 - b. To make certain products supplied by Contractor fit in project.
 - c. To make minor adjustments to Project, as necessary.
 - d. To protect Owner from unscrupulous subcontractors.
3. Dollar amounts of Cash Allowances are:
 - a. In Instructions To Bidders.
 - b. In Supplementary Conditions.
 - c. In Division 01.
 - d. In Specification Sections of Division 02 through 49 that specify product installation.
4. Drawings prepared by Contractor, subcontractor, or material supplier that show how a particular aspect of work is to be fabricated and installed, are called:
 - a. Record Drawings.
 - b. Construction Documents.
 - c. Shop Drawings.
 - d. Details.
5. Instructions for Procurement:
 - a. Are used on private projects.
 - b. Frequently use standard industry forms.
 - c. May include Geotechnical Report as an attachment.
 - d. Are binding upon Contractor.

CERTIFICATION QUIZ ANSWERS – See page 3

GREEN Architecture:

<https://blog.enscape3d.com/what-is-green-architecture>

New XPS foam options available for architects seeking GREENER solutions:

<https://www.constructionspecifier.com/new-xps-foam-options-available-for-architects-seeking-greener-solutions/>

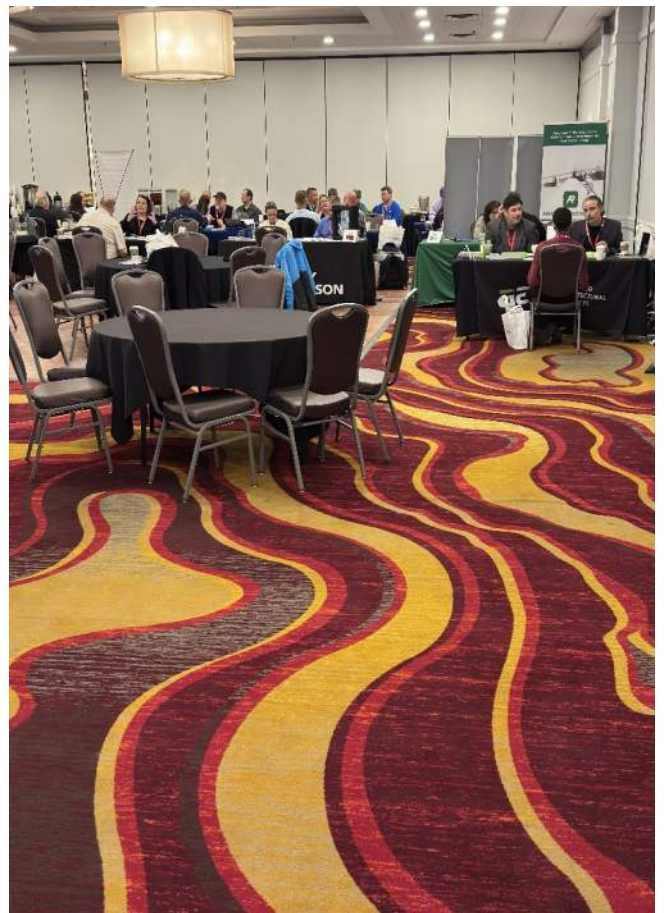
How Will AI Improve Sustainable (GREEN) Architecture?

<https://ugreen.io/how-will-ai-improve-sustainable-architecture/>

12 Ways to Live More Sustainably (GREEN)

https://www.biologicaldiversity.org/programs/population_and_sustainability/sustainability/live_more_sustainably.html

CSI SPECTacCLE April 2025



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