EIG Opportunity Zones Coalition Conference Call
Conference Call Agenda
Thursday, October 31, 2019
2:00 - 3:00 pm ET
Dial-in: 720-707-2699; Meeting ID: 105 081 015
or https://zoom.us/j/105081015

Coalition Portal: https://eig.org/opportunityzones/coalition; Password: EIGOZcoalition

- Discussion of Recent Media on Opportunity Zones
- Recap of Ways and Means Committee Roundtable on Opportunity Zones
- Updates to Form 8996
  - Comment Letter Working Group Call: Thursday, November 7, 2:00 - 3:00 pm ET
- Updates from the Road
  - October 21: Mastercard Inclusive Growth Summit, Washington, DC
  - October 22-25: SOCAP 2019, San Francisco, CA
  - October 22: Opportunity Virginia Launch & Summit, Charlottesville, VA
  - October 24-25: Novogradac Opportunity Zones Fall Conference, Chicago, IL
  - October 30: Accelerator for America Investor Summit, Dayton, OH
- Review of EIG’s Response to Department of Commerce RFI on OZs
  - EIG | Response to Department of Commerce RFI on Opportunity Zones
  - Federal Register | Review of DOC Policy in Opportunity Zones
- Guest Speaker: Peter Truog, The Opportunity Exchange
  - See attached slides
- Policy Updates
  - The Roanoke Times | Northam kicks off statewide investment program at event in Charlottesville
    - Opportunity Virginia | https://www.opportunityva.org/
  - HUD Issues Information Collection on Opportunity Zones Grant Certification Form (Deadline for comments: December 9)
IRS publishes draft Form 8997 for QOF statements, issues RFI (Deadline for comments: December 2)

**Market Updates and Resources**

- Nowak Metro Finance Lab/Blueprint Local/Accelerator for America | [Towards a New System of Community Wealth](#)
- NYCEDC | [City Seeks Organization to Operate Memorial & Cultural Education Center at Historical African Burial Ground in Harlem](#)
  - RFEI Application
- GlobeSt | [Seattle's Opportunity Zones Tackle Housing Affordability](#)
- Washington Business Journal | [With financing nailed down, Anacostia's MLK Gateway set to break ground this year](#)
- Lawrence Journal-World | [City seeking feedback on desired developments in low-income ‘opportunity zones’](#)
- NBC5 | [Proposal calls for transformation of closed Vermont college](#)
- Guam Daily Post | [50 housing units to open, groundbreaking for 88 more today](#)
- Opelika Economic Development | [Hillstone Advantage Partners, LLC Announces Hi Pack Business Park, A New Opportunity Zone Development](#)
- *Do you have an upcoming OZ project or announcement? Let us know: catherine@eig.org*

**Open Discussion**

**Next Steps**

- Comment Letter Working Group Call: Thursday, November 7, 2:00 - 3:00 pm ET
- Next Coalition Call: Thursday, November 14, 2:00 - 3:00 pm ET
General Updates and Resources

Upcoming Opportunity Zones Events

- October 30: EIG Webinar on Anchor Institutions in OZs
- October 30: Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development’s Opportunity Zones - Choose Connecticut, New Haven, CT
- November 7: NYCEDC Information Sessions on Harlem African Burial Ground Memorial and Cultural Education Center Operator Request for Expressions of Interest (12:00 pm at NYCEDC, 6:30 pm at The Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College)
- November 12: IMN Opportunity Zones Forum West, Los Angeles, CA
- February 5-7: Sorenson Impact 2020 Winter Innovation Summit, Salt Lake City, UT

Past Opportunity Zones Events

- October 21: Mastercard Inclusive Growth Summit, Washington, DC
- October 22-25: SOCAP 2019, San Francisco, CA
- October 22: CDFA Catalyzing Opportunity Zone Investments in New England, Boston, MA
- October 22: Opportunity Virginia Launch & Summit, Charlottesville, VA
- October 23: Columbus Chamber of Commerce Government Day, Columbus, OH
- October 24-25: Novogradac Opportunity Zones Fall Conference, Chicago, IL

Key Opportunity Zones Clips

- Colorado Sun | The Western Slope economy was already improving, Then Opportunity Zones added a power boost.
- GoErie | Erie downtown group spends $3.85 million for former McDonald's property
- Talk Business & Politics | Safe Foods opens state-of-the-art North Little Rock facility
- MaineBiz | Filling in the lobster supply chain: New processing sites are keeping dollars in Maine
- The Square Center | Virginia launches initiative to increase economic investment in low-income areas
- SavannahNow | Trump officials visit Savannah for opportunity zone talk and tour
- Street Insider | Tampa Tech Company Among First to Use Opportunity Zones
- Commercial Property Executive | CENTRL to Open Sacramento Shared Space