

Transformation of the 500 block of Main Street in Buffalo to be discussed

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The Western New York chapter of the Urban Land Institute will hold a special panel discussion Oct. 16 about the transformation of the 500 block of Main Street in downtown Buffalo, with speakers including participants in the revitalization work, members of the block association and local business owners.

The program will provide an overview of how the block has changed from a neglected area to a mixed-use zone of commercial and residential activity. Tours will also be offered of the homes and businesses from 487-537 Main St., followed by a gathering at Oshun Oyster Bar.

The panel includes Buffalo Place Manager of Planning Debra Chernoff, Hyatt Regency General Manager Jay Dellavecchia and Main Street resident and business owner John Volpe, and will be moderated by resident and business owner Steven Carmina of Carmina Woods Morris PC, who owns two buildings on the block.

The session, which will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Downtown Buffalo, is open to public and private sector, and includes hors d'oeuvres.