

In the News

Illinois and Chicago Preservation Policies

The Preservation Compact has released summaries of important preservation policies at the state and city levels. In addition to interacting with each other, the laws also overlap with HUD's 8bb policy. Learn more about the [right of first refusal](#) and the [timeline for this policy and 8bb](#).

Factory-Built Apartment Project Planned for West Loop

Chicago contractor Skender is leasing factory space on the southwest side where as many as 100 people will work on building apartments and hotel rooms that will be snapped together on construction sites. The first project is a six-story, 110-unit apartment building in the West Loop. Read more [here](#).



Rendering of apartment built through modular construction. Image from Crain's.


Senators Introduce Bill to Create Affordable Housing Task Force

On July 18, a bipartisan coalition of senators introduced the *Task Force on the Impact of the Affordable Housing Crisis Act*, which seeks to better understand and respond to the American housing crisis. Read more [here](#).


TRC Celebrates Donation of Solar Energy System Installation

As part of Chicago's NeoCon 2018, the Mohawk Group and other partners unveiled the installation of a smartflower solar energy system for CRN member The Renaissance Collaborative. TRC, which promotes housing and sustainability, will benefit from the energy produced by the smartflower in its organic garden. Read the full article [here](#).

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The crowd in TRC's garden watches the new smartflower position its petals. Photograph from the Mohawk Group.