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Affordable Housing Opportunities with Mass Timber

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Through a Wood Innovation Grant (WIG) from the USDA Forest Service, research was conducted to analyze the history of affordable multifamily housing in the US, and trace improvements along the way. The research summarized in **this paper**



considered the issues facing the creation of affordable housing of acceptable quality at an acceptable price; the social, economic, and racial conditions facing the industry; and the problems created by the acute affordable housing shortage. This paper also presents *340+ Dixwell*, a planned mass timber, passive house, affordable housing project in New Haven, Connecticut.

Timber within the Built Environment on College Campuses



Aviva Meyerhoff, Dovetail Intern from Gustavus Adolphus College, explored mass timber opportunities on college campuses as a way to meet sustainability goals and to promote a better-built environment. The report features five structures that exist on campuses throughout North America and can be used to start discussions within schools on mass timber integration.



MARCH 30-APRIL 1, 2021

International Mass Timber Conference



Fire in Minnesota Ecosystems event

Kathryn Fernholz, President and CEO of Dovetail Partners, will moderate the panel entitled *Connections from Forests to Buildings, the Many Paths for Sustainability* on April 1 at the **International Mass Timber Conference**. The panel will include Kate Gatto, Vice President, Communications with the National Alliance of Forest Owners, and Thomas Robinson, Founding Principal for LEVER Architecture.

This **three-day virtual event** will explore the broader ecological, cultural, and social importance and impacts of fire in boreal systems, through both a historical and current lens. Gloria Erickson, Community Wildfire Project Manager of Dovetail Partners, will present perspectives about working with communities living with fire.



CTBUH Tall+Urban Podcast

Sustainable forestry is key to the success of the mass timber construction industry. CTBUH Editor-in-Chief Daniel Safarik **interviewed** Kathryn Fernholz, President & CEO of Dovetail Partners, about some of the key premises behind sustainable forestry.

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