

Peter Marshall Owens

Curriculum Vitae

B A C K G R O U N D

Nineteen years of experience in landscape architecture and environmental planning. Consulting work has emphasized public-private projects in areas of open space planning, urban design, and cultural landscapes. Research has focused on interaction of people and their environment. His work has been recognized in a number of awards and he has written and lectured widely on environmental design issues.

E D U C A T I O N

1990-96. Ph.D. program in Environmental Planning, University of California, Berkeley.

1983. Master of Arts in Landscape Design, Conway School, Conway, MA

1980. Bachelor of Arts in Art and Geography, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT

1978. Urban Design Program, Institute for Architecture and Urban Studies, NYC, NY

E X P E R I E N C E

Senior Planner, 1999-2003, Presidio Trust, San Francisco, California

Senior planner at the Presidio of San Francisco – the 1500 acre historic Army Post at the Golden Gate. Involved in all aspects of planning the conversion of the post into a sustainable, mixed-use National Park. Responsibilities included cultural landscape assessment of the historic Presidio landscape; drafting planning and design guidelines; overseeing planning consultants; and writing major sections of the Presidio Trust Management Plan – the Presidio’s new master plan adopted in August 2002.

Senior Urban Designer, EDAW/ROMA, 1996-99, San Francisco, CA (selected projects)

Letterman Presidio Village. Proposal for a new urban village mixing housing, and offices within an historic national park. Joint venture with the Robert A. M. Stern (EDAW).

New London, CT Downtown Master Plan. A series of public workshops on re-use of key mixed-use sites to catalyze downtown reinvestment in struggling coastal city (EDAW).

Carmel Town, Philippines. New town plan for 30,000 with 90% transit commuters. Work focused on design of transit-oriented commercial districts & neighborhoods (ROMA).

Central Petaluma, Specific Plan. 280 acre infill redevelopment re-linking historic city to the river with a mixed-use marketplace, housing, and a new light rail station (ROMA).

Santa Monica Downtown Street & Urban Design Plan. Innovative restructuring of downtown streets to reduce traffic impacts in pedestrian-oriented downtown (ROMA).

Moitozo Ranch, San Jose. Urban design framework plan for a 2400 unit, 60 acre mixed use residential district along the North 1st Street light rail corridor in San Jose (ROMA).

Santa Monica Open Space Plan. Innovative open space plan expanding urban forest and interconnect a wide range of neighborhoods and recreational activities (ROMA)

Consulting Landscape Architect, 1986-1995, Burlington, Vermont (selected projects)

Williston Village Common. Urban design plan for a mixed-use extension of historic Vermont village around a new town common. (w/ the Office of Robert White). 1995.

Chittenden Greenways Project. Regional planning process envisioning greenway network linking destinations within a 17 town county (w/ Julie Campoli). 1990.

Shelburne Visual Resource Inventory. Assessment of significant scenic and visual resources for a rapidly growing Chittenden County town on Lake Champlain. 1990.

Maple Tree Place. Act 250 testimony for the City of Burlington assessing the aesthetic and environmental impacts of a large, controversial regional shopping mall. 1989.

Tafts Corner Urban Village. Urban design framework plan, design guidelines & zoning amendments for suburban growth center (w/ Humstone/Squires Associates). 1988-89.

Mad River Valley Visual Resources. Assessment of significant scenic and visual resources for the three towns that made up the Mad River Valley. 1988.

Northshore Condominiums. Act 250 testimony for the Lake Champlain Committee assessing the aesthetic impacts of a large lakefront residential project. 1989.

Dorset Street Park. Master Plan for 350 acre city park three miles from downtown Burlington with active public/private partnership (with Ertel Associates). 1986-88.

Burlington Waterfront. Public access and urban design framework plan for the downtown waterfront (w/ Keilman, Batten, Brooks, and Humstone). 1986-87.

South Burlington City Center. Urban design concept plan and zoning recommendations for mixed use downtown within suburban (with T.J. Boyle and Associates). 1985-86.

Research Associate, 1990-1996, University of California, Berkeley, California

DISSERTATION: Neighborhood Design, Local Travel and Community Life (with Professors Southworth, Deakin, and Duane). Research project examining the impacts of urban design on local travel patterns at neighborhood scale (on-going).

Evolving Patterns at the Urban Edge (with Professor Michael Southworth). Studies of changing patterns of community and neighborhood development at the urban fringe.

Mayors Institute on City Design (with Professor Donlyn Lyndon). Research and preparation of two dozen urban design case studies to be presented at the annual Institute by select Mayors of small and mid-sized Western U.S. cities. 1991-1994.

Faculty Member, 1987-1990, College of the Atlantic, Bar Harbor, Maine

Faculty member in Arts and Design at a small, liberal arts college of environmental studies teaching visual studies, urban design, town planning, and urban history.

Landscape Architect, 1984-86, T. J. Boyle and Associates, Burlington, Vermont

Project manager for a landscape architecture and planning firm. Projects included transportation corridor planning, aesthetic analysis of transmission lines, town center revitalization, and park design. Projects dealing with aesthetics included:

Quechee Lakes: Newton Inn/Murphy Farm. Aesthetic impact analysis and testimony for two condominium projects in precedent setting case that established standards for evaluating aesthetic impacts under Criterion 8 of Act 250. 1985.

Highgate Transmission Line. Corridor planning and aesthetic impact analysis of for major high-voltage transmission line in Franklin County, Vermont. 1985.

A W A R D S

PresidioTrust Management Plan. Analysis & Planning Merit Award. ASLA. 2003

The Evolving Metropolis. Best Article Award. APA National Planning Awards. 1994.

Sidewalk Stories 3rd Place Award--Site A. *Public Space for the New American City Design Competition*. 1996 Olympics, Atlanta. (with Brewster and Wingwall) 1994.

Barks and Bridges 2nd Place Award--Site B. *Public Space for the New American City Design Competition*. 1996 Olympics, Atlanta. (ibid.) 1994.

Chittenden Greenways. Design Award (1 of 4). Vermont ASLA Design Awards. 1992.

Dorset Street Park. Design Award (1 of 4). Vermont ASLA Design Awards. 1992.

Burlington Waterfront Plan Urban Design Award. Waterfront Center, Wash, D.C. 1989.

South Burlington City Center. Project of the Year. NEC-APA Annual Awards. 1988.

Burlington Urban Design Study. Merit Award. Progressive Architecture Awards. 1987.

P U B L I C A T I O N S

Book Review. *Ranches, Rowhouses, and Railroad Flats: American homes, how they shape landscapes and neighborhoods* (1999). *Journal of the APA*. Spring, 2000.

California Retrofit: Can forbidding downtown plazas be redesigned to be more people friendly? *Landscape Architecture*. February, 1999. (89)2: 22-29.

Silicon Valley Solution: Can a pedestrian-friendly downtown plan provide a center for a sprawling metropolitan area? *Landscape Architecture*. June, 1999. (89)6: 52-58.

Roundtable on the New Urbanism Invited discussion panelist October, 1994. Published proceedings in the *Berkeley Planning Journal*, Winter 1995.

The Art of Accommodation: Designing Infill and Building Cities *On the Ground: The Multimedia Journal of Community, Design and Environment*. (1)1: 10-12, Fall 1994.

The Evolving Metropolis: Community, Neighborhood, and Street Form at the Urban Edge (with Southworth). *Journal of the American Planning Association*. (59)3: 271-287, 1993.

Neighborhood Form and Pedestrian Life: Taking a Closer Look *Landscape and Urban Planning*. (26): 115-135, Fall 1993.

Design Vermont: A Primer for Design Education (with David Raphael). National Endowment for the Arts/Vermont Council on the Arts, 1991.

P R E S E N T A T I O N S & W O R K S H O P S

Planning for Design: The Role of Guidelines in City Building . Speaker and panelist at the American Planning Association Region VI Conference. Long Beach, California. 2000.

Neighborhood Form and Pedestrian Life: Case Studies in Seattle. Paper presented at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Conference. Phoenix, Arizona. 1994.

Assessing the Impacts of Neighborhood Form on Pedestrian Travel. Paper presented at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Conference. Columbus, Ohio. 1992.

The Experience of Place. Vermont Design Institute. Coordinated three day workshop for local planners on community planning and urban design issues (with Tony Hiss, Mary Means and Turner Brooks). Grafton, Vermont. Vermont Council on the Arts. 1991.

Design of Growth Centers. Governor's Conference on Growth Centers. Lecture and workshop related to state planning policy initiatives promoting compact urban growth centers. Vermont Agency of Development and Community Affairs. 1989.

Design and the Public Sector. Governor's Conference on Design. Lecture on role of public sector in the built environment. Vermont Council on the Arts. 1989.

Governor's Institute for the Arts. Taught at intensive interdisciplinary summer institute for select high school seniors. Castleton, Vermont. 1989.

The Upper Valley: Making a Regional Landscape. Montshire Museum Lecture Series. Norwich, VT 1989.

Conservation and Development in New England Towns. Public lecture sponsored by the Blue Hill Heritage Trust. Blue Hill, Maine. 1987.

Vermont Artist-in-Residence. Visiting artist teaching environmental design in elementary and secondary schools. Vermont Council on the Arts. 1985-88.

Visiting Critic in Urban Design:
University of California, Berkeley, 1990-2001.
Yale University. 1987.
University of Vermont. 1984-8.
Conway School of Landscape Design. 1983-9.

A F F I L I A T I O N S

Planning Commissioner. *Town of Hanover, NH.* 2003-present.

Board of Advisors. *On the Ground: the Multimedia Journal of Design, Community and Environment.* Seattle, Washington. 1994-1998.

Executive Council. *Lake Champlain Committee.* Burlington, Vermont. 1987-1990.

Registered Landscape Architect. State of Connecticut. 1986-1998.

Trustee. *Burlington Community Land Trust.* Burlington, Vermont. 1985-1988.