

WE WORK TOGETHER. IT'S BETTER THAT WAY.

INTRODUCING WHO WE ARE

HISTORY

City Architecture is a Cleveland firm providing integrated services in architecture, planning and urban design. The office was founded in 1989 by Paul Volpe, Mark Dodds and Dominick Durante with a vision of creating high quality architecture in established neighborhoods and the urban core. As Cleveland's Commissioner of Architecture for six years, Mr. Volpe, along with Mark Dodds, directed the planning, design and construction of \$150 million of municipal projects. In 1989, the two left City Hall and formed their own firm. Starting with three employees in the midst of a recession, they built a firm that has impacted three decades of development in Northeast Ohio. From its establishment, the firm has focused on creating places that are vibrant, responsive to their context, and reflective of the vision of clients and communities.

The founders placed a strong focus on urban design and planning, and sought to develop projects that respected and complemented their surrounding context. High design standards were applied to typically mundane uses, to elevate the quality of experiences of the everyday user. An emphasis on the development of public facilities supported a focus on people-centered design. Historic preservation also played a strong role in the firm's development, with the recognition that a community's unique history is told through its historic structures and development patterns.

City Architecture quickly established itself as neighborhood builders, dedicated to creating unique places for people and championing Cleveland's under-appreciated assets. The team became known for their ability to push boundaries and inspire changes in outdated zoning codes, building codes and policies, to support more innovative development and design.

"I thought a fire station could do more than house fire trucks; it could contribute to the rejuvenation of a neighborhood," says Paul Volpe, Commissioner of Architecture for the City of Cleveland."

-Carol Poh Miller, Habitat (1987)

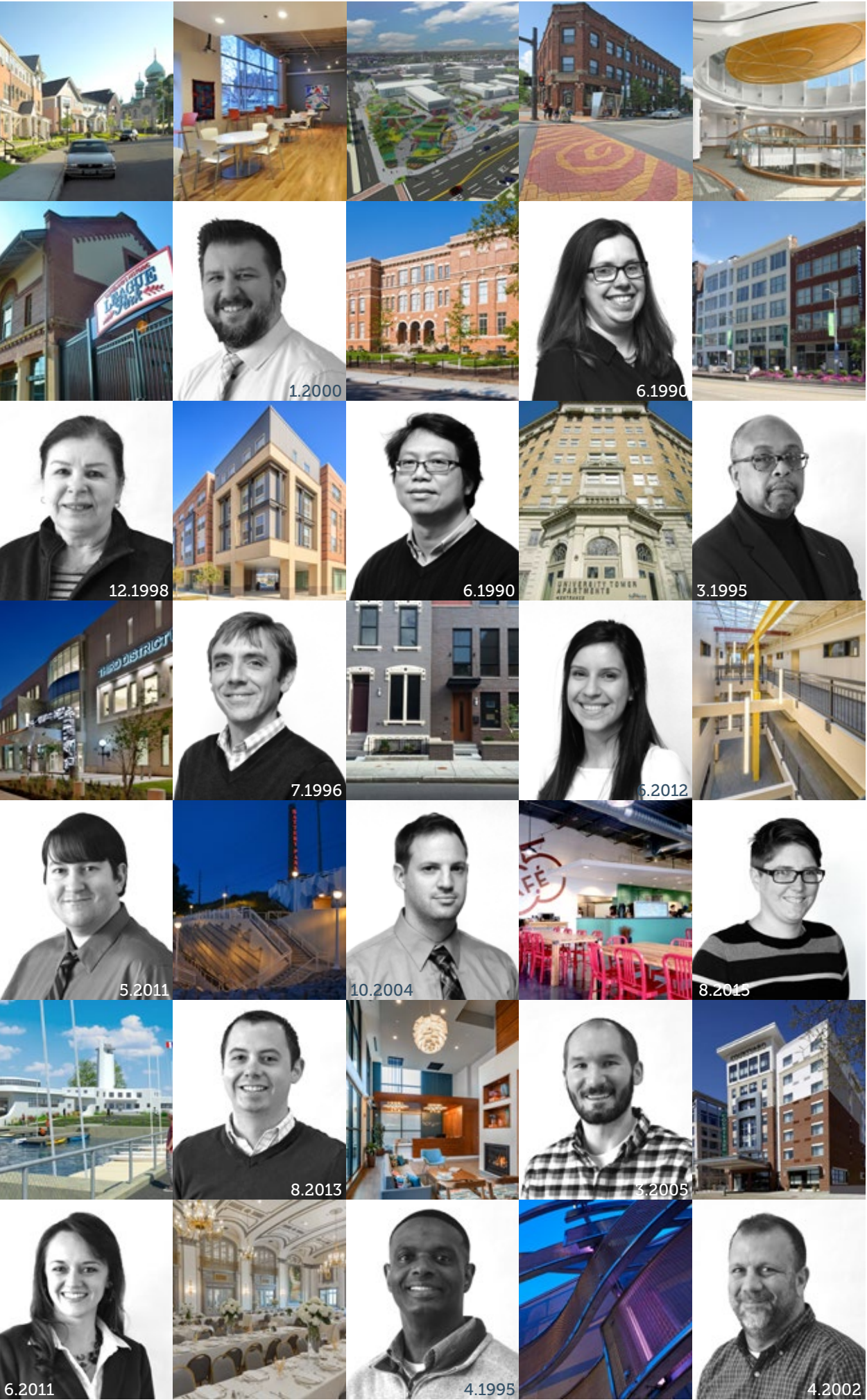
The firm grew quickly in its first decade, developing a talented team of professionals who were equally passionate about rebuilding a city and region that had suffered disinvestment and decline in the latter half of the 20th century. This is reflected in the firm's prolific portfolio, which incorporates everything from small-scale commercial renovations to corporate headquarters, to city-wide master plans.

The 1990s saw the departure of Mr. Durante. Under the leadership of Volpe and Dodds, the firm's focus evolved to include urban housing (both market rate and affordable), bringing new types and approaches to the Northeast Ohio market. City Architecture's Tillman Avenue Townhomes pioneered market rate townhome development in the city. Its Millcreek and Beacon Place neighborhoods developed with Zaremba, were the first new neighborhoods to break ground within city limits in decades.

The firm's planning and design work continued to evolve in the 2000s, incorporating corridor plans, community masterplans, and larger architectural commissions. Throughout this expansion City Architecture held fast to its core principles of focusing on the creation of quality spaces for all, and maintaining a commitment to all scales of projects.

BY THE NUMBERS:
CITY ARCHITECTURE'S EVOLUTION AND MATURATION IS FOUNDED ON INVESTING IN PEOPLE. IN TURN, THEY INVEST IN THE FIRM AND GROW HERE (START DATES INDICATE MUTUAL LOYALTY).

REGISTERED ARCHITECTS
9 ARCHITECTS
CERTIFIED CITY PLANNERS
3 PLANNERS
LEED ACCREDITED PROFESSIONALS
6 PROFESSIONALS



PROGRESSION

In 2014 ownership of the firm was transferred to three senior principals – August Fluker, John Wagner and Alex Pesta (all registered architects and AIA members) - who have brought new energy and vitality to the firm. Their leadership positions the firm to continue to push boundaries and bring high-quality design to the urban environment.

“City Architecture doesn’t aim at making landmarks. Instead, the firm designs apartments, fire stations, supermarkets, industrial plants, movie theaters and corporate offices outside of downtown. Such structures, called background buildings in architectural parlance, are the glue that hold cities together. City Architecture’s buildings are good neighbors. They blend with their surroundings, rather than clamor for attention. Projects such as Ronald McDonald House at E. 105th St. and Euclid Ave., the Pierre’s Ice Cream plant at E. 59th St. and Euclid Ave., and Beacon Place, a residential development between Euclid and Carnegie avenues in the E. 80s, have filled long-vacant patches of urban land with amiable buildings that look like they belong.

City Architecture can’t single handedly knit the city’s tattered neighborhoods by filling them with its solidly designed background buildings. But the firm is making an important contribution to Cleveland’s comeback.”

-Steven Litt, Cleveland Plain Dealer (1997)

“Significantly, unlike many other design firms in the 1980’s and 90’s, City Architecture didn’t shy away from challenging projects in distressed urban neighborhoods, and projects renting to low-income residents.”

-Robert Brown, former Director City of Cleveland Planning Commission

“I have worked with the City Architecture team on various projects, spanning over two decades. Their practice has helped save and adaptively re-use multiple churches, schools, theaters, cultural landmarks and warehouse buildings. I believe their commitment to historic preservation adds to and emphasizes their focus on urban revitalization. Their team recognizes the value of older buildings - both in terms of financial impact and social importance. They see a historic building as a representation of its neighborhood’s story, and they fight to make sure those stories have new chapters with the renovated buildings.”

-Ted Sande, AIA Member Emeritus

“The Cleveland Foundation and City Architecture have been collaborating since 2005 on the Foundation’s Greater University Circle Initiative. City Architecture’s urban design and planning work for the initiative as a whole, and in the each of the surrounding neighborhoods, has been critical to the success of this complex project. Without City Architecture’s visionary planning and commitment to community, Cleveland would not have the citywide revitalization it is currently realizing”

-Lillian Kuri, Vice President, Strategic Grantmaking, Arts & Urban Design, Cleveland Foundation

“City Architecture has played a major part in my career as an architect. I started working at CA in 1992 as a part time intern, and then as a full time intern architect in 1994 while I worked toward completing my professional licensure examination in 2000. I eventually became an associate at the firm and then moved on to be a principal. There was never a dull moment through my 19 plus years of working there. CA fosters the growth of young architects, planners and designers in an environment where talent is nurtured. Opportunities to design, grow and take on responsibility are key features of working at the firm. There are always so many exciting projects to work on. That energy propels the individual to do more and to succeed. When the individual succeeds, the firm succeeds and, most importantly, the project succeeds.”

-Michael J. Caito, AIA, LEED AP

“Professionally, City Architecture provided me with my first full-time job after graduation, and for over 10 years the firm’s approach to the practice of architecture played a fundamental role in my development as an aspiring architect. I was mentored to blur the edges of planning and architecture, and I was taught to view design through a contextual lens where a single project had the potential to have positive impact beyond the site’s boundaries. Therefore, great design is not undertaken for the sake of the project or the client only, but for the community in which it resides.

City Architecture’s collaborative design environment is another key to its enduring success, the quality of the firm’s design work, and – personally – a large influence on my development as an Architect. The respect for others’ views, values, and voices is a practice that begins inside the firm, and continues with client, consultant and community interactions. As a result, the work produced is always the better for it.

Today, I’m a Partner at my own firm in PA, and I spend much of my time striving to instill these same values in the next generation of Architects and designers because these fundamentals continue to shape my approach to architecture.

-Scott Bofinger, AIA

City Architecture’s role in the built environment continues to evolve. It has been instrumental in guiding the careers of young designers, and has impacted places with its unique approach to design. As the firm approaches its 30th anniversary, the words of past collaborators, employees, journalists and professional associates help to tell the City Architecture story.

FIRM EVOLUTION

City Architecture’s growth has occurred from within the firm via mentoring & collaboration between all. Founding partner, Paul Volpe, guided the current leadership team from early in their careers to eventual partners with the firm. John, Alex and August recognize their roles as stewards of the firm, and work tirelessly to continue City Architecture’s practice as “Community Architects.”

Crain's Cleveland Business, January 15, 1990

Volpe, partners form own firm to help rebuild city, environs

By STAN BULLARD

Paul Volpe, who served as city architect in the Voinovich administration and was occasionally in the public spotlight, has formed a new private firm — City Architecture — with two partners.

Mr. Volpe said the name reflects the type of project they hope to do: public and private work that’s sensitive to the environment and that assists in the rebuilding of the city and its neighborhoods.



Photo by Lynn Chambers Freska

For partners (from left) Dominick Durante Jr., Paul Volpe and Mark Dodds, City Architecture fulfills a dream. The model depicts their \$5.1 million recreation project being designed for Brunswick.

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Developing an ideal exit plan

Volpe transitions ownership of Cleveland Architecture to three longtime colleagues

By STAN BULLARD
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Paul Volpe is 62, in good health and looking forward to continuing to work for years as a planner and architect. However, he has just completed a transition in the ownership of his City Architecture firm that most members of his profession leave to fate. He has transferred shares of the 20-person Midtown Cleveland architecture firm to three long-term associates who now run the show. "They're the age I was when I started this firm 25 years ago," Volpe said. "It's their time to be doing this. When the time comes for me to leave — and it's not anytime soon — this firm will continue."

The new owners are longtime associates that Volpe wants to see continue City Architecture and its work. "I didn't look for a buyer of the business," he said. "I want these people to own this business, and I want to remain a part of it."

The oldest of the new principals is August Fluker, 50, who joined City Architecture 19 years ago after working for other firms in town. John Wagner, 40, joined the firm a dozen years ago fresh from a master's program in ar-

Volpe likes to emphasize the continuity of the firm, and that its focus on rebuilding the city is the same today as in the past. However, things are very different from 1990 when he launched the firm with a name similar to his now-prior job, that of "city architect" in the George Voinovich administration. He used his savings and retirement nest egg from the Public Employees Retirement System to launch the business. The first office was in a Victorian home-turned-offices on Prospect Avenue, where Volpe and his associates painted the walls themselves. The firm did not yet have its first assignment when it opened. Last year, it booked \$4.3 million in gross revenues, a number it expects to exceed this year. This City Architecture is on the third floor of a contemporary office building it designed a decade ago at 3636 Euclid Ave., just a few blocks from its first and second offices. It just finished construction drawings for a proposed \$36 million expansion of Lubrizol Corp. in Eastlake that will add, if it gets final corporate approval, 90,000 square feet to the chemical and oil-related products company's headquarters. City Architecture has won more than 200 local and national architecture and other professional awards. It also is overseeing a streetscape project on Main Street in Painesville and has done a design for the transient marina that the city of Cleveland soon will start building at downtown's North Coast Harbor. The short-term marina is part of a lakefront master plan City Architecture did for the city of Cleveland during the administration of former Mayor Jane Campbell. The firm also is working on a planned Marriott Corp. hotel at North Park Plaza in Akron next to the 10-year-old



JANE T. CENTURY

Paul Volpe, second left, completed a transition in the ownership of his City Architecture firm to, from left, August Fluker, Alex Pesta and John Wagner.

he said, and it has in its portfolio projects that helped turn around areas as varied as the Coventry commercial district in Cleveland Heights. "We also did a plan that took Detroit Avenue and West 65th Street," Pesta said. "After it was repositioned as an arts-district it became the Gordon Square area."

Incredible as it sounds today, City Architecture started designing townhouses when the feeling was that they would not go in Cleveland and inner-ring suburbs.

seek transitions and consulting arrangements because the architecture business was so unsteady for so long. He considers it a change in the way practitioners approach their business, although most will continue producing designs as long as age allows them to do so. During the downturn, senior practitioners frequently set up shop on their own because finances were too tight to plan transitions, he said. "This is really the way to do it," Resder said. "One key is to transfer the goodwill of the founder to the

PARTNERS

ALEX J. PESTA, AIA, AICP, LEED AP



Alex Pesta attended the University of Cincinnati, where he received his B.Arch. His education allowed him to travel abroad, where he learned more about urban environments and the value they offer to their cities and people. His introduction to City

Architecture was made via the University’s co-op program. He immediately recognized what made City Architecture different, and returned to the firm in 2002 to begin his career. He has practiced architecture and city planning for the past 16 years, becoming a licensed architect and certified city planner. He was named a partner in 2014.

He has overseen the development of plans for a myriad of campuses, waterfront communities, corridor and streetscape studies and city-wide efforts. His work reflects his value of creating beautiful places for all people. He focuses on planning and urban design, working with Cuyahoga Community College, City of Sandusky, City of Cleveland, University Circle Incorporated, and Famicos Foundation. His work includes managing pioneering planning projects such as the first USEPA Brownfield Area Wide Plan in the state of Ohio and two HUD CHOICE Neighborhood plans.

He is an active member in his community as well. Alex’s passion for place-making and sustainability has driven him to seek opportunities for greater community. His personal involvements include:

- Serving as a long-time board member and board chair for the Cleveland Heights Home Repair Resource Center
- Planning Commission Member and as a board member on the Recreation Advisory Board in Cleveland Heights
- City of Cleveland’s East Side Design Review Board, and volunteering for other events and organizations.

JOHN E.J. WAGNER, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP



John Wagner earned his B. Environmental Design from Miami University. John worked as an associate in the firm before completing his M.Arch at the University of Michigan. He rejoined City Architecture in 2005, where he has led initiatives through all

phases of project development and realization. He leads City Architecture’s design studio, working with long-time clients such as, Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority, Cincinnati Center City Development Corporation, the MetroHealth Systems and many private developer teams.

John’s personal and professional beliefs are well represented in his work and have helped shape the firm’s ongoing commitment of community development and neighborhood revitalization through exceptional planning, focused values and inspired architecture. As a registered architect and LEED accredited professional, he integrates sustainable practices, including high performance construction methods, into each project.

His experience with various scales of design at City Architecture has included neighborhood plans, mixed-use infill developments, and complex facility design. John’s ability to solve problems and envision concepts at multiple scales has led to the development of award-winning projects, and he consistently challenges himself and his colleagues to provide every client with exceptional service and unique design solutions.

John applies his leadership through service with the following organizations:

- City of Cleveland Euclid Corridor Design Review Committee
- Boy Scouts of America assistant scout master for Troop 22
- City of Cleveland Heights Housing Committee
- Annual MidTown Cleveland Cleanup Volunteer
- Communion of Saints School Theater

AUGUST L/ FLUKER, AIA, LEED AP



August Fluker joined City Architecture in 1990, after working with the founding principals at the City of Cleveland’s Division of Architecture. August earned his B. Environmental Design from Miami University. August’s professional experience was

profoundly shaped by the time he spent practicing architecture with Robert P. Madison early in his career, where he learned the importance of equitable design.

August’s professional achievements are accentuated by his respected community role. He has been active in many of Cleveland’s neighborhoods through devoted civic and community participation for more than 30 years. His involvements include:

- City of Cleveland’s Planning Commission
- Board member of New Village Corporation
- Baseball Heritage Museum Board of Directors
- American Institute of Architects Public Outreach Advisory Council
- Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanities Board of Trustees
- State Board of Examiners of Architects
- Partnership for a Safer Cleveland and many other local and regional organizations.

August’s personal commitment to equitable architecture has led to extensive experience in neighborhood revitalization while working in the Hough Neighborhood with Fannie Lewis, Garden Valley Neighborhood, Tremont Pointe, the Fairfax Neighborhood and the Cedar Choice Neighborhood. He is passionate about amplifying diverse voices and creating change in our neighborhoods, and he has focused on exposing youth to opportunities in their communities and beyond.

CLEVELAND’S LEAGUE PARK
Twenty-year City Architecture commitment beginning with comprehensive neighborhood plan and culminating in renovation of one of America’s oldest ballparks.



EVERY DECISION IS INTENTIONAL. OUR APPROACH IS GUIDED.

MOTIVATING **WHY** WE PRACTICE

DESIGN

Central to all of City Architecture’s work is the team’s constant drive for design excellence. The nature of the firm’s work forces it to remain nimble, to not develop a “style” and to remain open to the contexts in which we design. To City Architecture, each design is a product of our process – aimed to connect people – with place, with their community and, most importantly, each other. Our firm has received over 250 design awards and recognitions, but our metric of success is how we have been fortunate to serve our clients, many of whom share our core values. Through our planning, we have worked with neighborhoods and communities of all types, and many of our architectural commissions are borne from these planning efforts. It is fulfilling to help a community, neighborhood, agency or institution realize its goals, especially when our team is involved in those early stages of planning. This integrated approach is what drives us. This is at our core.

INNOVATION

City Architecture is not motivated by fads. The firm’s design process is founded on open and honest communication. In that regard, the team’s innovation is defined best by the ways in which we engage and translate what we have collectively heard into design solutions and planning policies. City Architecture has been involved in the development of innovative projects – integrating sustainable measures before LEED, developing community outreach efforts that yield real results through asking tough questions and listening, and pushing envelopes through our creative designs, particularly in areas that have suffered years of systematic disinvestment. City Architecture’s innovation is not necessarily defined by

the result (a building, etc.) but focuses on the process that integrates critical thinking and new materials to solve each challenge entrusted to the firm.

COMMUNITY BUILDING

The longstanding mission of the firm has been to create buildings and places that improve the quality of life for the neighborhood, the city, and its clients, and public facilities that become focal points for the surrounding community – “people places”. It has been City Architecture’s ongoing commitment to serve as neighborhood builders.

The combination of planning and architecture has always brought an important perspective to the firm’s portfolio while resulting in unique design solutions. This approach means that the firm’s designers consider projects at both the macro and micro scale. Individual projects are studied as a component of their context; as a part of a greater whole, and neighborhood projects are focused toward building momentum from individual initiatives and implementation.

The community’s voice is critical to the success of this approach, and City Architecture has demonstrated a commitment to this important part of community building since its inception. The firm is constantly striving to develop better ways to reach more people during the design process, to empower communities and ensure authenticity. City Architecture is widely-recognized as a firm that listens to the community voices, and has earned the trust and respect of community leaders, residents and partners as a result.



SPRY HEALTH CARE SERVICES
Concierge health care offices located in
Downtown Cleveland

HOUSING INNOVATION

City Architecture has established itself as innovative housing designers for both market rate and affordable projects. The firm pioneered a range of urban housing options within the Cleveland market as urban market-rate housing took hold in the city. Townhomes, Chicago-style detached homes, semi-detached homes, stacked flats and mixed-use buildings were elements of neighborhoods designed by the firm from the start. Through their work, the firm helped to provide more options for a range of lifestyles while increasing the market for urban living.

A similar approach to design innovation has guided the firm's affordable housing projects. The team's designers have emphasized quality and safety in the development of new unit types, layouts and public spaces for public housing neighborhoods throughout the region. The firm's work in the development of the Arbor Park Hope VI community was nationally recognized, and it has worked on multiple CHOICE neighborhoods.

City Architecture's residential work includes the design of over 16,500 new and renovated units in the Cleveland region. Over 70% of those units have been constructed, offering new living options through contextual infill design and the renovation / adaptive re-use of the some of the area's historically significant structures.

STREETSCAPE AND TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

The firm's approach focuses on the creation of connected, complete places and this has led to a significant body of work in the area of transportation planning. An early recognition of the way that infrastructure shapes neighborhoods and influences behaviors has driven City Architecture to make this a critical part of its planning focus. The development of streets, transportation systems and comprehensive transportation networks are the cornerstones to a complete neighborhood. The firm has pioneered this architectural and experiential approach to the development of infrastructure through the federally-funded TLCI (Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative). City Architecture's approach of linking multi-modal transportation options with redevelopment planning has proven successful. The firm has participated in 24 TLCI plans (approximately one-in-four of the total initiatives funded in the Cleveland region since 2006) resulting in over \$35M of investments, per the local Metropolitan Planning Organization's 2013 report. The firm's work in these areas has helped to guide policy changes and influence design standards.

"No other Cleveland firm comes close to City Architecture's record in housing design in prominence and visual impact on the city."

-Steven Litt, Cleveland Plain Dealer

FIRM CULTURE

The firm's community focus is an integral component of its office culture. Staff members are encouraged and supported to participate in volunteer opportunities and to serve on local boards. Most serve in leadership roles with more than one organization. Annual activities are organized to give back to the communities in which it works through volunteer cleanup and construction projects. City Architecture is also a long-time supporter of the United Way and Harvest for Hunger campaigns, earning United Way's Stellar Campaign Achievement Award.

Critical to the mission of City Architecture is an emphasis on student participation and involvement to help grow the profession. Since its inception, the firm has cultivated relationships with architecture and planning schools to support student development. Paid internship programs are available year round, and the firm regularly hosts students who are interested in the design fields. Many of the leadership positions at the firm have been held by former interns who have returned to the office after graduation.

The firm has focused on long-term growth and the cultivation of employee development. Leadership works tirelessly to align its staff with initiatives that promote their personal values and professional strengths – to position them to succeed. As a result, people choose to stay and grow with the firm. As proof, this highly motivated staff of 16 includes 9 Registered Architects, 3 Certified Planners and 6 LEED Accredited Professionals.

As a further testament to the firm's commitment to quality, its guidance by a strong set of values, and its emphasis on advancement, staff tenure at City Architecture has averaged 12 years. When people do move on to other endeavors, they continue to practice the values instilled by the firm's commitment to equitable design and investments.

NOTTINGHAM SPIRK DESIGN
Adaptive re-use of historic Walker and Weeks designed church as new headquarters for a world-renowned industrial design firm.



WE FOCUS ON GREAT DESIGN. AT EVERY SCALE.

OUR **WORK** SHAPES PLACES

QUANTITY OF QUALITY

Impassioned work serves as our firm’s foundation. The following pages outline City Architecture’s 29 year history, as best defined by our work’s impact on our cities, neighborhoods and streets. The timeline highlights our AIA, APA and ASLA recognitions, pairing these acknowledgments with other milestones throughout our history.

Our firm’s portfolio includes award-winning initiatives at every imaginable scale. Photos of our work show its context. Utility lines, street lights, sidewalks and signs are part of the overall composition. City Architecture’s practice aims to complement, not compete with its surroundings. Our prolific body of work, ever evolving, illustrates who we are and why we practice.

1989-2000



MILLCREEK NEIGHBORHOOD
Cleveland’s first new residential neighborhood development in decades



AIA CLEVELAND RECOGNITION FOR EXCELLENCE
Quay 55



ARBOR PARK
First complete reconstruction of public housing & neighborhood



AIA CLEVELAND HONOR AWARD
League Park Restoration and Redevelopment



AIA CLEVELAND HONOR AWARD
Edgehill Townhomes



TILLMAN TOWNHOMES
First contemporary townhouse development in Cleveland

**AIA OHIO MERIT AWARD
AIA CLEVELAND HONOR AWARD**
Pierre’s Ice Cream Corporate Headquarters



VETERAN’S MEMORIAL BRIDGE
Pilot project for full integration of public art components into streetscape design & construction



TAX CREDIT INFILL HOMES
First lease-purchase homes in Ohio to promote home ownership



AIA CLEVELAND RECOGNITION FOR EXCELLENCE
Tremont Neighborhood Development Plan

CITY ARCHITECTURE
Founded 1989



2000-2010



COLLINWOOD RECREATION CENTER
First LEED certified City of Cleveland facility & first new recreation center constructed in Cleveland in over 30 years



AIA CLEVELAND RECOGNITION FOR EXCELLENCE
Midtown Cleveland 2000 Development Plan

AKRON NORTHSIDE LOFTS
Downtown Akron's first newly constructed mixed-use building in over 20 years



AIA CLEVELAND HONOR AWARD
Chagrin Lee Neighborhood District Plan



ASLA OHIO MERIT AWARD
Huron City-Wide Plan

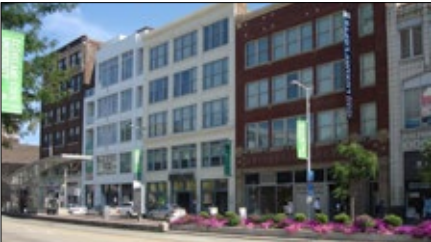
AIA CLEVELAND HONOR AWARD
Garden Valley Neighborhood Plan



AIA CLEVELAND HONOR AWARD
Villa Carabelli Townhomes



AIA OHIO HONOR AWARD
Beachwood Municipal Center



AIA CLEVELAND HONORABLE MENTION
University Lofts



AIA OHIO MERIT AWARD
AIA CLEVELAND HONORABLE MENTION
Cleveland Waterfront District Plan



AIA CLEVELAND HONORABLE MENTION
APA OHIO FOCUSED PLANNING PROJECT AWARD
Gateway District Plan



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NEW FIRM LEADERSHIP
Partnership is formed between three long-time employees



HISTORIC LEAGUE PARK
Last remaining intact historic ballpark, restored as part of neighborhood revitalization plan

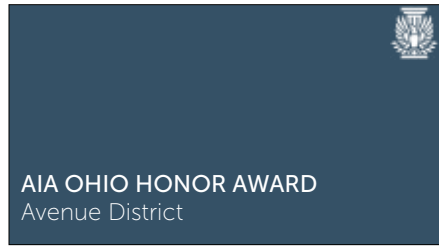
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Historic League Park Restoration



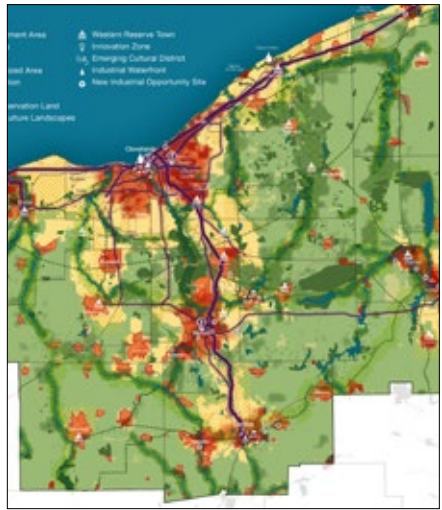
25TH ANNIVERSARY
City Architecture celebrates its twenty-fifth year in business



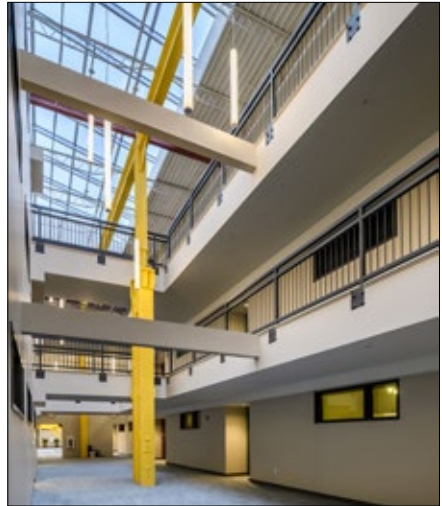
CENTRAL CHOICE PLAN
Ohio's 2nd HUD CHOICE plan and Cleveland's first leading to reconstruction of over 400 units of public housing



OPPORTUNITY CORRIDOR BROWNFIELDS AREA-WIDE PLAN
One of six USEPA-funded plans as recipient in pilot program year, first in State of Ohio



AIA CLEVELAND HONORABLE MENTION
Central Choice Neighborhood Transformation Plan



THIRD DISTRICT POLICE STATION
First new police station constructed in City of Cleveland in 40 years

APA NATIONAL DANIEL BURNHAM COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING EXCELLENCE AWARD
Vibrant NEO 2040: A Vision and Framework for Our Future



MERCER COMMONS
Catalytic project in Cincinnati's Over-the-Rhine Neighborhood serving as a national example of urban revitalization



THE MADISON
Adaptive re-use of Robert P. Madison, FAIA designed Glenville Medical Arts Building as artist housing

APA OHIO COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AWARD
Sandusky Bicentennial Plan



NEW OFFICE LOCATION
City Architecture relocates to Cleveland's St. Clair Neighborhood in adaptively re-used Carnegie Library Building as active members in the district's revitalization

AWARDS

We are honored to have been recognized by our peers in the design profession, professional organizations and communities with over 250 awards for design and community building. We are especially proud to have received multiple AIA Awards for our work, at both local and state levels, for architecture, urban design and historic preservation.

**American Planning Association - National Chapter
Daniel Burnham Comprehensive Planning Excellence Award**
Vibrant NEO 2040: A Vision and Framework for Our Future 2015

American Planning Association – Ohio Chapter Planning Awards
Sandusky Bicentennial Plan – Comprehensive Planning (Small Jurisdiction) 2017
Gateway District – Re-Imagining the Public Realm 2011

**Ohio Chapter of the American Society
of Landscape Architects – Merit Award**
League Park Restoration 2015
Huron City-Wide Plan 2012

**Illinois Chapter of the American Society
of Landscape Architects - President's Award**
Cleveland Waterfront District Plan 2006

American Society of Highway Engineers
West 76th St. West Shoreway Pedestrian Tunnels 2014

Cleveland Chapter of the American Institute of Architects
Central Choice Neighborhood Transformation Plan 2014 (Honorable Mention)
University Lofts 2010 (Honorable Mention)
Gateway District – Re-Imagining the Public Realm 2010 (Honorable Mention)
Beachwood Municipal Complex 2006 (Honor Award)
Garden Valley / Kinsman Neighborhood Plan 2006 (Honor Award)
Townhomes of Ohio City 2006 (Merit Award)
Villa Carabelli 2005 (Honor Award)
Cleveland Waterfront District Plan 2005 (Honorable Mention)
Quay 55 2003 (Recognition for Excellence)
Chagrin Lee Neighborhood District Plan 2002 (Honor Award)
Edgehill Townhomes 2000 (Honor Award)
Midtown 2000 Development Plan 1997 (Certificate of Recognition)
Tremont Neighborhood Development Plan 1997 (Certificate of Recognition)
Pierre's Ice Cream Corporate Headquarters 1996 (Honor Award)
League Park Restoration and Redevelopment 1996 (Honor Award)

**Ohio Chapter of the American Institute of Architects
Architecture and Urban Design Awards**
The Avenue District 2007 (Honor Award)
Beachwood Municipal Center 2007 (Honor Award)
Cleveland Waterfront District Plan 2005 (Merit Award)
Pierre's Ice Cream Corporate Headquarters 1998 (Merit Award)

McGregor Foundation Greater Circle Senior Competition
First Place Winner 2009

**Historic Preservation Awards
Cleveland Chapter of the AIA & Cleveland Restoration Society**
West 25th Street Lofts 2017
Historic League Park Restoration 2015
University Tower Apartments 2014
Doan Classroom Apartments 2013
Tudor Arms Hotel 2012
University Lofts 2010
Hiram College 2010
Wade Park Chateau 2009
Park Lane Villa 2008
West Side Homes 2007
Heritage Lane Homes 2007
Makar Residence 2007
Nottingham Spirk Innovation Center 2006
Collinwood High School 2004
Solon Center for the Arts 2003
United Motors Building - YWCA Headquarters 2002
West Side Catholic Center 2002
United Motors Building – YMCA Headquarters 2002
Superior Schoolhouse Restoration 2001
Charles V. Carr Municipal Center 1995
Centrum Theater 1996
Trinity Cathedral 1994

Ohio Historic Preservation Office of the Ohio Historical Society
Historic League Park Restoration 2015
University Tower Apartments 2015
Erie Terminal Place 2013
Doan Classroom Apartments 2013
Tudor Arms Hotel 2012
University Lofts 2010
Park Lane Villa 2009
Nottingham Spirk Innovation Center 2006
United Motors Building – YMCA Headquarters 2002
Superior Schoolhouse Restoration 2001

Mahoning Valley Historical Society
Wick Tower 2016
Erie Terminal Place 2014
Realty Tower 2010

Heritage Ohio Annual Awards
West 25th Street Lofts 2017
Historic League Park Restoration 2015
University Tower Apartments 2014
Doan Classroom Apartments 2013
Erie Terminal Place 2013
Tudor Arms Hotel 2012
Park Lane Villa 2009

**HGTV & the National Trust for Historic Preservation
Restore America Grant**
Heritage Lane Historic Duplexes 2006

Smart Growth Community Excellence Awards
Park Lane Villa 2008
Northside Lofts 2008
Upper Chester Neighborhood Plan 2008
Detroit Superior Bridge Promenade 2006
The Avenue District 2006
Battery Park 2006
Woodhaven 2006
Townhomes of Ohio City 2006
Arbor Park Village 2005
Random Road Lofts 2005
Cleveland Waterfront District Plan 2005
Courtyards of Severance 2003
Quay 55 2003
Home Ownership Zone – Friendship Village 2002
Sussex Courts 2002
Beacon Place 2002
Harborwalk 2002
Chagrin Lee Neighborhood District Plan 2002

Northern Ohio Live Awards of Achievement
Park Lane Villa 2009
Heritage Lane 2007
Nottingham Spirk Innovation Center 2006
Detroit Superior Bridge Promenade 2005
Arbor Park Village 2004
Trinity Commons 2003
Third Federal Savings Headquarters 2001
Millcreek Development 1998
Beacon Place Development 1998

National Association of Housing & Redevelopment Officials
Tremont Pointe 2008

**Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition – Charles L. Edson
Tax Credit Excellence Awards**
Heritage View Homes 2012

Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing Awards of Excellence
University Tower Apartments 2014
Doan Classroom Apartments 2014
Heritage View Homes 2013

**Novogradac Journal of Tax Credits - LIHTC Development that Best
Exemplifies Major Community Impact**
Fairfax Intergenerational Housing 2014

Cleveland Engineering Society Award of Excellence
Quay 55 2004
Trinity Commons 2003
Midtown 2000 Development Plan 1997

International Masonry Institute Golden Trowel Awards
Collinwood High School 2005
Arbor Park Village 2005
Hilton Garden Inn at Gateway 2003
Third Federal Corporate Headquarters 2003

Ohio Concrete Masonry Association Awards
The Free Clinic of Cleveland 2003
Auto Emissions Testing Facilities 1996

NAIOP Northern Ohio Chapter Awards of Excellence
Mercer Commons 2017
Third District Police Station 2016
Griot Village - Fairfax Intergenerational Housing 2015
Heritage View Homes 2013
Doan Classroom Apartments 2013
Collinwood Recreation Center 2012
Tudor Arms Hotel 2012
Cleveland Center for Art & Technology 2011
University Lofts 2010
Tyler Village 2009
Beachwood Municipal Center 2007

Cleveland Choice Awards - Home Builders Association
The Avenue District 2007
The Lofts at Avalon Station 2007
Courtyards of Severance 2006
Townhomes of Ohio City 2006
Southpark Row 2006
Summit Place 2006
Boulevard Townhomes Phase II 2006
Random Road Lofts 2006
Manchester Place 2006
Arbor Park 2005
Heritage Lane Historic Duplexes 2005
Villa Carabelli 2005
Harborwalk Development 2005
Beacon Place Coach Homes 2004
Boulevard Townhomes 2004
Sussex Courts 2003
Villages of Central 2003

**Community Recognitions
Detroit Shoreway Community Partner Award**
Detroit Avenue Streetscape 2010

Detroit Shoreway CDC Neighborhood Improvement Award
Detroit Avenue Streetscape 2010

University Circle Inc. Building the Circle Award
Cedar-University Transit Station 2014
Euclid 115 2014
Ronald McDonald House Renovation and Expansion 2013
Cotman Vistas Apartments 2013
Tudor Arms Hotel 2011
University Circle Place Apartments 2009
Park Lane Villa 2007
City of Cleveland Heights Community Improvement Award
Boulevard Townhomes 2002
Greyton Court Development 2002

Downtown Cleveland Alliance Development Award
St Clair Lofts at the Avenue District 2009
The Avenue District Townhomes 2008
Trinity Commons 2004
Hilton Garden Inn at Gateway 2004

National Institute of Park & Grounds Management Award
Willoughby Municipal Pool 1996

“Celebrating Neighborhoods” Project of the Year
Gabriel's Green Senior Community 2001

The City of Mentor Design Award
Marriott Residence Inn 2000

Midtown Cleveland Development Award
Midtown Corporate Center 1999

Slavic Village Development Awards of Excellence
E.55th / Broadway Streetscape Improvement Project 1999
Mt. Pleasant Development Corp. Partnership Award 1994

Ohio House of Representatives Commendation
Brunswick Community/Recreation Center 1992

**Publication Honors
Urban Land Institute Magazine - 10 Rec./Community Centers Model**
Collinwood Recreation Center 2012

Builder Magazine - Annual Builder's Choice Award
University Lofts 2011
Arbor Park Village 2004
Edgehill Townhomes 2002

Cleveland Magazine - Best of Cleveland Awards
Battery Park 2012
Park Lane Villa 2007
Quay 55 2004

**Professional Builder Magazine and National Association
of Homebuilders Midwest Regional Awards**
Villa Carabelli – Hill Residence 2004

Cleveland Plain Dealer Design Competition
The Lakefront Challenge 2003

**Real Estate & Construction Review /
Building of America Gold Medal Feature Award**
Tremont Pointe 2010
University Lofts 2010
Cleveland Wire Cloth & Manufacturing Company 2010

**Cleveland Builders Exchange
Craftsmanship Awards for Construction**
Villa Carabelli 2004
East Mt. Zion Education Wing Addition 2004
Trinity Commons 2004
Collinwood High School 2004
Ruthie and Moe's Diner 2003
Arbor Park Village 2003
Hilton Garden Inn at Gateway 2003
Solon Center for the Arts 2003
Third Federal Savings Headquarters 2002
St. Ignatius High School - Main Classroom Bldg. 2002
Mentor Senior Center 1996
Lourexis II Seniors' Apartments 1996
St. Angela Center 1994
Trinity Cathedral 1994
Brunswick Community/Recreation Center 1992
Dave's Ohio City Market 1998



Quay 55 Apartments

Cleveland, Ohio
1995

Milestone

Cleveland’s first waterfront redevelopment adaptive re-use initiative which led the subsequent and ongoing decades of re-investment along Lake Erie’s shoreline.

Recognition

- Recognition for Excellence - Cleveland Chapter of the American Institute of Architects
- Golden Trowel Award - Special Recognition - International Masonry Institute
- Best Renovation - Best of Cleveland Awards Cleveland Magazine
- Best Urban / Infill Development - Cleveland Choice Award, Home Builders Association
- Smart Growth Community Excellence Award - Urban Setting Multi-Family
- Award for Excellence - Cleveland Engineering Society

“Quay 55, the warehouse-turned-apartment complex at the north end of East 55th Street in Cleveland (just north of I-90, the Shoreway), is the first apartment building on the lakefront in the city’s history. There’s nothing else like it on nine miles of shoreline in Cleveland.”

-Steven Litt, Cleveland Plain Dealer



Edgehill Townhomes

Cleveland and Cleveland Heights, Ohio
1996

Milestone

Townhome construction on "unbuildable" hillside that offered new living options to Cleveland's Historic Little Italy Neighborhood.

Recognition

- Honor Award - Cleveland Chapter of the American Institute of Architects
- Nationally Published - Builder Magazine, Residential Architect, ABC News
- 22nd Annual Builder's Choice Award, Builder Magazine - Urban Townhouse Category





Third Federal Savings Corporate Campus Headquarters

Cleveland, Ohio
1998

Milestone

Anchor institution in Cleveland’s Broadway Neighborhood that helped stabilize the district.

Recognition

- Golden Trowel Award - Project Award International Masonry Institute
- Craftsmanship Award for Construction - Cleveland Builders Exchange
- Architecture Finalist - Northern Ohio Live Magazine Awards of Achievement

“The Third Federal headquarters won’t single handedly restore Broadway to urban health. But it could have enormous impact as a catalyst for redevelopment. It sets an exemplary precedent for the rest of the city.”

-Steven Litt, Cleveland Plain Dealer





Beachwood Municipal Building and Campus

Beachwood, Ohio
2001

Milestone

City of Beachwood's first fully integrated geo-thermal heating and cooling system.

Recognition

- Honor Award for Architectural Design - Ohio Chapter of the American Institute of Architects
- Honor Award for Architectural Design - Cleveland Chapter of the American Institute of Architects
- High Performance Design of the Year - NAIOP Northern Ohio Chapter





Collinwood Community & Recreation Center

Cleveland, Ohio

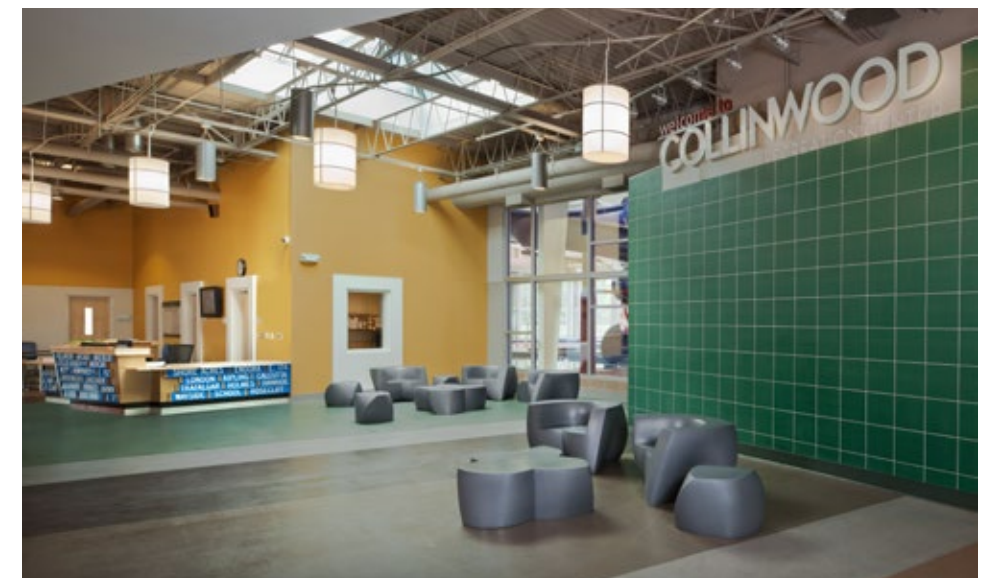
2007 - Programming and Feasibility Study | 2011 - Construction Completed

Milestone

Re-use of vacant big-box store as City of Cleveland's first LEED Gold certified community building.

Recognition

- Cooper Hewitt Museum - Focus project for By the People: Designing a Better America exhibit
- High Performance Project of the Year - NAIOP Northern Ohio Chapter
- Urban Land Institute Magazine - Feature Project 10 Community / Recreation Centers Model





Little Italy - University Circle Rapid Station

Cleveland, Ohio
2012

Milestone

Rapid station reconstructed in historic bridge vault that realizes portions of the City Architecture-led transit-oriented-development plan and further promoted University Circle's growth.

Recognition

- University Circle Incorporated Building the Circle Award

"Together art and architecture can create inspired infrastructure that creates a memorable sense as neighborhood landmarks. For decades, City Architecture has been a leading firm with integrating the work of local and national artists into the urban experience."

-Gregory Peckham, Executive Director LAND studio



Mercer Commons

Cincinnati, Ohio
2009 - Neighborhood Plan | 2011 - Phases 1 & 2 | 2014 - Phase 3

Milestone

Catalytic initiative in Cincinnati's nationally-recognized revitalization of the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood.

Recognition

- Mixed-Use Architectural Design of the Year - NAIOP Northern Ohio



Heritage View Neighborhood Revitalization

Cleveland, Ohio

2005 - Neighborhood Masterplan | 2008 - Phase 1 | 2009 - Phases 2 & 3 | 2016 - Phase 4

Milestone

Rebuilt one of Cleveland's oldest public housing estates into a well-connected neighborhood.

Recognition

- Honor Award for Urban Design - Cleveland Chapter of the American Institute of Architects
- Charles L. Edson Tax Credit Excellence Award for Public Housing - The Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition
- Architectural Design of the Year - NAIOP Northern Ohio
- Award of Excellence - Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing





Cleveland Waterfront District Plan & West Shoreway Connections

Cleveland, Ohio
2005 - Connecting Cleveland Waterfront District Plan | 2010 - West Shoreway Plan | 2014 - Pedestrian Tunnels at Lake Avenue & West 76th | 2017 - West 73rd Access Point

Milestone

City of Cleveland's first modern-day waterfront plan spurred billions in public and private investments and has reshaped how Lake Erie's shoreline is considered.

Recognition

- Merit Award for Urban Design / Planning Projects - Ohio Chapter of the American Institute of Architects
- Honorable Mention for Planning and Urban Design - Cleveland Chapter of the American Institute of Architects
- Smart Growth Community Excellence Award - Development Proposal, Comprehensive Project
- Presidents Award for Planning and Analysis - Illinois Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects
- 2013 Project of the Year - American Society of Highway Engineers
- Project Recognition - 2014 Greater Cleveland Trails & Greenways Conference

"A lakeshore shrouded by highways, private boat clubs and decades of indifference would re-emerge with a tree-lined boulevard, hiking paths and expanded parks, not to mention dozens of new amenities, under the master plan. The largest land-use plan in the city's history covers eight miles and 3,000 acres from Edgewater to Gordon parks."

-Tom Breckenridge, Cleveland Plain Dealer



OUR WORK TAKES US MANY PLACES. WE ASK FOR DIRECTIONS ALONG THE WAY.

LISTENING TO A VARIETY OF **VOICES**

LETTERS OF SUPPORT

The following pages include support letters from an intentionally diverse group of City Architecture collaborators. From well-respected architects in our community to leaders in the redevelopment of our region, our supporters are as distinct as our work.



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May 21, 2018

AIA Ohio 2018 Honor Awards Committee

RE: City Architecture, candidate for AIA Ohio Gold Medal Firm

Committee members,

I am writing in support of City Architecture for the 2018 Ohio Gold Medal Firm Award. I first met Paul Volpe, founding partner, in the late 80's when, as Cleveland's Commissioner of Architecture, he hired us to design Gunning Park Pool in a run-down section of Cleveland's west side. I was struck by his intimate knowledge of Cleveland neighborhoods and his commitment to reimagining and revitalizing them. Shortly thereafter, he left to found City Architecture. The impact this firm has had on Cleveland neighborhoods in the intervening 30 years has been profound.

All told, in its architecture and urban planning work for Social housing, market rate, and new planned communities, the firm has produced over 16,000 units of housing, creating new and revitalizing older Cleveland enclaves with people-centric, human-scaled, pedestrian based neighborhoods. They advocated for, and then designed livable, desirable conditions for underserved populations throughout some of Cleveland's most blighted districts, converting them from deserts to oases. Their urban plans, such as for the Lakefront and near west side have likewise contributed to mending the urban fabric and reconnecting disassociated sections of the city.

The firm, now in its second or third generation of principals, has also practiced what it preached by training, empowering, and raising up a diverse work force which encompasses female and minority leaders and principals. As evidenced by an extensive list of Design Awards, the firm has been recognized by its peers for a high standard of excellence. The progress of its staff demonstrates the value the firm has placed on elevating its employees. The evidence of the firm's impact on society can be seen and experienced all across the community of Cleveland on a daily basis.

In short, I believe City Architecture meets all three criteria defining an AIA Ohio Gold Medal firm, and I'm honored to write in support of their submission.

Respectfully,

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Jack Alan Bialosky, Jr., FAIA, IIDA, LEED AP
Senior Principal Bialosky Cleveland, AIA Ohio Gold Medal Firm
AIA CLE Chapter Advisor, Past President



May 11, 2018

AIA Ohio Awards Committee

17 S. High Street, Suite 200
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Committee Members:

AIA Cleveland is pleased to provide this letter in support of one of Cleveland's own, City Architecture, for the AIA Ohio Gold Medal Firm Award.

As they approach almost three decades in operation, their commitment to urban revitalization has not wavered and their inclusive planning and creative design practices aimed to connect people not only to places, but to each other, allows them to remain responsive to the contexts in which they design.

Although City Architecture can boast of over 250 design awards and recognitions, their metric of success is how they are able to serve clients – neighborhoods - communities through their planning; helping these organizations realize their goals.

In addition, City Architecture's firm culture is based on hiring talented people and nurturing them to greater roles and responsibilities. Their firm's three current partners have been with City for a combined 54 years, with an average firm tenure of twelve years. Many of their personnel also participate and serve on several local boards and committees; with Partners taking leadership roles with the AIA.

I believe you will find that City Architecture not only meets, but exceeds the criteria of the AIA Ohio Gold Medal Firm Award, and it is with great enthusiasm that the AIA Cleveland chapter supports City Architecture for this prestigious award.

Sincerely,

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Allan Renzi, AIA
President
AIA Cleveland



May 25, 2018

AIA OHIO
2018 Honor Awards Program Jury
17 S. High Street, Suite 200
Columbus, OH 43215

RE: City Architecture Gold Medal Firm Nomination

Dear Jury Members,

On behalf of University Circle Inc. (UCI), I am writing to voice our strong support of City Architecture and their submission to be recognized as a Gold Medal Firm by AIA Ohio. I have personally had the opportunity to work with City Architecture both as the Planning Director for the City of Cleveland and as the President of UCI. They bring tremendous enthusiasm and creativity to the projects they undertake, and I have enjoyed being part of their creative process on several initiatives. Spanning almost three decades, the firm has stayed true to its mission of elevating all types of design; from individual affordable homes to city-wide vision plans.

The team has always sought to push the boundaries of development, and Northeast Ohio has been fortunate to receive the care and dedication they bring to their work. Their unique approach to seamlessly combining architecture and urban design brings a perspective that is critical to the creation of vibrant community spaces. Recently, City Architecture designed the new Little Italy-University Circle RTA station, creating a vital link for our two neighborhoods. True to form, City Architecture elevated this transit infrastructure project into a transformative community amenity with unique public art elements and creative lighting enhancements.

While the firm does not focus on high profile architectural projects, I hope others see the value in the level of design and detail that they bring to the people spaces of our communities. Their work has impacted the City of Cleveland and surrounding communities in a very visible way. Their unwavering commitment to our region's neighborhoods and the people that live and work in them is unique. They have approached their work with this focus from their beginnings, and Paul Volpe instilled these important values in all that have worked for the firm. I've personally known the current leadership team for most of their professional careers, and I recognize their personal values in the work the firm continues to produce, the ways in which they practice, and how the entire City Architecture team advocates for the city.

I enthusiastically offer this recommendation on their behalf.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Ronayne".

Chris Ronayne
President

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May 17, 2018

AIA Gold Medal Firm Committee

To Whom It May Concern

Dear AIA Gold Medal Firm Committee:

On behalf of the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA), I am writing to express our full support of City Architecture as an AIA Gold Medal Firm. CMHA has partnered with City Architecture to design and build healthy communities and provide neighborhood revitalization, urban planning, and community broadening for decades. The deep understanding and extensive knowledge of CMHA, one of the oldest and largest public housing authorities in the country, and the needs of our communities possessed by City Architecture, has led to the success of CMHA projects that have an immense and positive impact on the lives of our residents.

City Architecture has broad, innovative and successful experience leading master planning and integrative design processes for CMHA that resulted in successful collaboration of the redevelopment of Tremont Pointe, Heritage View, and Cedar Extension properties and the implementation and design of Cleveland’s first intergenerational housing development. City Architecture has also been instrumental in the vision of the transformation of urban Cleveland neighborhoods such as Fairfax, Opportunity Corridor, and East 79th Corridor. For the last ten years, I have worked with City Architecture on projects such as these and have received nothing but exemplary services and a complete understanding of client needs.

CMHA benefits greatly from City Architecture’s multi-disciplinary approach in providing inspired architectural, urban planning and neighborhood revitalization services. Their experience and expertise enables them to apply unique approaches to problem solving in the urban core. Their devotion and active participation in the development of neighborhood projects reflect their commitment to community.

City Architecture is an ideal candidate for the AIA Gold Medal. The impact of their work with CMHA in creating new housing and neighborhoods is evident in our shared successes. Seeing communities grow from City Architecture’s ability to connect people to place makes us thankful of City Architecture’s presence and continued services.

Sincerely,

Rachel Loewy
Deputy Director of Modernization and Development

Jeffery K. Patterson, Chief Executive Officer, Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority

CMHA provides reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities.
If you need an accommodation, including auxiliary aids and/or services, please contact
CMHA's Section 504/ADA Coordinator at 216-348-8000 (voice) or 1-800-780-4780 (Ohio Relay Service).



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May 16, 2018

AIA Gold Metal Firm Committee

To Whom It May Concern:

As the Councilman of the City of Cleveland for the past sixteen years, I wholeheartedly recommend City Architecture for the American Institute of Architect’s Ohio Chapter Gold Firm. City Architecture is an architecture and planning firm that has changed Cleveland’s neighborhoods for the better, and with whom I have an excellent ongoing working relationship. I have seen them yield tremendous results, whether it is in master planning for neighborhood revitalization or designing specific facilities.

City Architecture has collaborated with my office to complete projects such as the Cleveland Waterfront Plan, the West Shoreway Lakefront Plan, and Battery Park development. The greatest cities in the world take advantage of their waterfront. For decades and generations, Cleveland has turned its back to the lakefront and now finally as a community, we’ve woken up with the skillful planning of City Architecture.

City Architecture’s collaborative process and intuitive understanding of Cleveland’s neighborhoods result in projects that are consistently unique, distinctive and appropriate to their context. They engage the community throughout the design process, which separates them from other firms my office has worked with. As such, City Architecture remains committed to urban and neighborhood revitalization, while at the same time sensitive to our neighborhoods.

City Architecture’s design team strives to elevate even the simplest of projects to bring beauty and quality to everyday life, for all of our citizens. This is why I enthusiastically offer this recommendation on their behalf. If you need any additional information please do not hesitate to reach out to my office anytime at 216-664-4235.

Respectfully,

Matt Zone
Fifteenth Ward Council Member

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April 16, 2018.

RE: CITY ARCHITECTURE

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I, John Anoliefo, Executive Director, Famicos Foundation unequivocally recommend City Architecture as a responsive and talented planning and architectural firm. Famicos Foundation's past collaborations with City Architecture have yielded tremendous results –whether planning for the recently completed, residents led Glenville Neighborhood Revitalization Plan (MyGlenville Plan) or designing specific facilities such as the Medical Associates Building (The Madison) on E. 105th street. In our experience, their longstanding dedication to creating the highest quality buildings and spaces in Cleveland's neighborhoods sets them apart. They value community input and seek to build trust among residents, business operators, large institutions, students and others in their work to transform neighborhoods. They recognize that even the smallest project can impact quality of life for many.

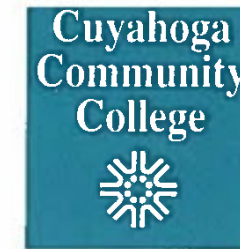
We believe City Architecture possesses the necessary creativity, passion and loyalty to help support initiatives in ways that lead to long-term successes. We know the team at City Architecture well, and we appreciate their dedication to design excellence at all levels. Their experience and perspectives have provided valuable guidance and support. More importantly, they are committed to the belief that all neighborhoods deserve thoughtful and unique design solutions.

Our relationship with City Architecture is based on mutual respect and shared values that have defined our work together since 1995. We trust that City Architecture's team will approach our projects with dedication and creativity, and this trust has grown through the years.

In two decades of working with this firm, I believe City Architecture's projects and staff have embodied the types of qualities that would be important to an AIA "Gold Firm" designation. I offer this recommendation on their behalf.

Sincerely,

John Anoliefo, Executive Director
Famicos Foundation



March 30, 2018

RE: City Architecture Letter of Support

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Cuyahoga Community College, I am pleased to recommend City Architecture for the American Institute of Architect's Ohio Chapter Gold Firm. Cuyahoga Community College's collaborations with City Architecture have created unique, adaptable and transformative spaces that current and future generations will come to appreciate. In our experience, their cooperative approach and attitude builds trust. This is extremely important in the College's environment where multiple stakeholders (faculty, staff, students, the community, vendors and others) all co-exist. City Architecture understands the importance of listening to multiple voices and perspectives, and uses that vital information to plan and design environments that are truly mixed-use.

We believe City Architecture possesses the necessary talent, and more importantly passion, to help guide processes that lead to long-term successes. We know the people at City Architecture well, and appreciate that they have always been committed to urban and neighborhood revitalization. We recognize their approach as sensitive to our neighborhoods while offering perspectives that build from their experiences – all in efforts to help us achieve our goals. We imagine these are important attributes in AIA's definition of a "Gold Firm."

Our ongoing work with City Architecture is based on our aligned value and the fact that, through the years, we have all earned each other's trust. We offer that the value of that trust is exceptional.

In my opinion, there is not an urban design firm more consistently involved in the revitalization of our neighborhoods than City Architecture, and certainly not another group of talented people that practice their design craft with as much passion. I enthusiastically offer this recommendation on their behalf.

Sincerely,

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Vice President, Capital, Construction and Facilities

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