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Director of Land Planning, Areté 3 Design Group Ltd., IL, 2006 – 2007  
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Associate and Senior Planner, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP, Chicago, IL, 1996 – 2003  
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2011 Strategic Plan Award, American Planning Association, Illinois Chapter  
**Comprehensive Plan, Town of Munster, IN**  
2010 Outstanding Plan 2011, American Planning Association, Indiana Chapter  
**Legacy Plan for Downtown Tinley Park**  
2010 Strategic Plan Award, American Planning Association, Illinois Chapter  
**Comprehensive Plan, Village of Manhattan, IL**  
2008 Silver Award, American Planning Association, Illinois Chapter  
**Chicago Central Area Plan, with Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP**  
2004 AIA Honor Awards for Regional and Urban Design  
2004 Institute Honor Awards for Regional and Urban Design  
2004 Best Planning Project, Friends of Downtown  
**A Vision for State, Wabash and Michigan, with Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP**  
2000 Best Plan, Friends of Downtown  
**Chicago River Corridor Development Plan, with Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP**  
2001 Burnham Award, Metropolitan Planning Council  
2000 National Honor Award, Waterfront Center, Department of Planning & Development  
1999 Honor Award, American Society of Landscape Architects, Illinois Chapter  
**Lakeshore East Master Plan, with Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP**  
2002 AIA Honor Awards for Regional and Urban Design  
**2007 Teacher of the Year Award**, University of Illinois, College of Urban Planning & Policy



## **District and Neighborhoods Master Plans**

Addison Corridor Master Plan, Chicago, IL  
Hyde Park Retail District Master Plan, Chicago, IL  
Cottage Grove Corridor Study, Chicago, IL  
Chicago River Corridor Development Plan, Chicago, IL  
Madison Avenue Redevelopment Plan, Oak Park, IL  
Hawthorn Woods Village Center Master Plan, IL  
Centennial Village Master Plan, Munster, IN  
Tampa Cultural District Master Plan  
Chicago State University Campus Master Plan - Phase One  
Wolf Point Master Plan  
Chicago Symphony Orchestra Expansion Master Plan  
Spertus Museum Site Development Study  
Streetscape of Couch and Benton Place, Loop Theater District, IL  
Randolph Street Theater District Streetscaping, Chicago, IL GO TO 2040 Plan for Metropolitan Chicago, Fairmont Township, CMAP  
Vision Plan for State, Wabash and Michigan: Chicago's Historic Core, Chicago, IL  
Vision Plan for Greater State Street, State Street, Chicago, IL  
Historic North Pullman Master Plan, Pullman Neighborhood, IL  
Vision Plan for Historic Hyde Park Retail District, Hyde Park, IL  
Historic Broadway District Master Plan, Detroit, MI  
Historic Morgan Park Academy Campus Plan, Chicago, IL  
Plan for Old Orland Historic District, Village of Orland Park, IL

## **Downtown and Station Area Master Plans**

Downtown Tinley Park Master Plan, Village of Tinley Park, IL  
Manhattan Village Center Master Plan, Manhattan, IL  
Hampshire Station, Village of Hampshire, IL  
Main Street Triangle, Village of Orland Park, IL  
Lake Business Center Master Plan, Munster, IN  
Concept Plan for Downtown Crete, IL  
Downtown Vision Plan, City of Wilmington, IL  
National Street Transit Oriented District Master Plan, Elgin, IL  
Hampshire Station, Village of Hampshire, IL  
Main Street Triangle, Village of Orland Park, IL  
Block 37 Master Plan  
Pritzker Park Quad Plan

## **Comprehensive Plans, Land Development Codes and Design Guidelines**

CMAP 2040 Plan: Three Dimensional Visualization  
Comprehensive Plan for Town of Munster, IN  
Comprehensive Plan for Village of Palatine, IL  
Architectural Design Guidelines, Village of Frankfort, IL  
Comprehensive Plan, Village of Manhattan, IL  
Chicago Central Area Plan, Chicago, IL  
Harvard University North District Design Guidelines, Harvard, MA  
Design and Sign Guidelines, Chicago's Historic Downtown Core, Chicago, IL  
Design and Sign Guidelines, State Street, Chicago, IL  
A New Zoning Bonus System for Chicago, Chicago, IL  
Land Development Codes for Village of Orland Park, IL

## References

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