



GINKGO PLANNING & DESIGN INC

Ferhat Zerín AICP

With over 16 years of planning and architectural design experience, Ferhat Zerín has focused primarily on public sector projects both in the Loop and the suburbs. As founder of GINKGO Planning and Design, Inc., she is committed to bringing quality planning services that prioritize long term public needs over private interests. Her work experience includes senior planner roles both in the public and the private sectors, with work ranging from transit oriented developments, comprehensive plans and codes, large master plans, , and implementation. She is a strong advocate of bringing change to the prototypical planning practices in the region - to shift from planning “diagrams” that cannot be built, to economically viable best practice “designs” that can be realized.

EDUCATION M. Arch., University of Illinois at Chicago, 1996
B. Arch., Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology, 1989

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE Principal, Ginkgo Planning & Design, 2007 – present
Director of Land Planning, Areté 3 Design Group Ltd., IL, 2006 – 2007
Director of Design and Senior Planner, Village of Orland Park, IL, 2003 - 2006
Associate and Senior Planner, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP, Chicago, IL, 1996 – 2003
Architectural Designer, William Worn Architects LLC, Chicago, IL, 1996
Architectural Designer, ANGIK, Bangladesh, 1986-1989
Adjunct faculty for Physical Planning, College of Urban Planning and Policy, University of Illinois at Chicago,
Fall 2007 - Spring 2008

PROJECT AWARDS AND GRANTS **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
LaGrange Road Corridor Master Plan, with Village of Orland Park, IL, 2006 RTAP Grant
Pedestrian Bridge over LaGrange Road, with Village of Orland Park, IL, 2006 CMAQ Grant



Station Area / Transit Oriented Plans

Village Station Master Plan, New Lenox, IL
Manhattan Station, Manhattan, IL
Hampshire Station, Village of Hampshire, IL
Main Street Triangle, Village of Orland Park, IL
Orland Crossing, Village of Orland Park
Cherry Hill Station, Village of Orland Park
Block 37 Master Plan
Michael Reese Site Redevelopment Master Plan
Pritzker Park Quad Plan
Colette Highlands TOD
RTAP Grant for LaGrange Road Corridor

Mixed Use Master Plans

Hawthorn Woods Village Center Master Plan
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
East Village Master plan, Manteno, IL
Homer Glen Village Center Master Plan, Homer Glen, IL
Cedar Crossings Retail Master Plan, New Lenox, IL
Frankfort Town Center Master Plan Proposal, Frankfort, IL
Bronks Corners Retail Center Master Plan, Joliet, IL
Cottage Grove Corridor Study - Phase One

Historic District Master Plans

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

Comprehensive Plans, Land Development Codes and Design Guidelines

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

Open Space and Streetscape

Chicago River Corridor Development Plan, Chicago, IL
Streetscape of Couch and Benton Place, Loop Theater District, IL
Loop Lighting Master Plan, Chicago, IL
Randolph Street Theater District Streetscaping, Chicago, IL