

Community Planning Workshops

Coordinated by the AIA Cincinnati Urban Design Committee

AIA Cincinnati's Urban Design Committee occasionally provides a service of working with communities to help them visualize a preferred future for their neighborhoods. These are typically urban design plans which can show:

- where and how growth should happen (if at all)
- where new development can and should happen
- where new parks and open space can be built (or maintained)
- what types of uses would be best for a neighborhood
- what roads and paths could be built
- what features should be erected
- what zoning or other regulatory changes could be made to help a community achieve its goals
- other aspects as desired by a community

These urban design plans are **conceptual** and meant to help a community initiate the changes needed to make their environment better.

The urban design plans are created by a group of volunteer architects (and often landscape architects, engineers, and other allied design professionals). These professionals hold a **1-day workshop** where community stakeholders come together to voice their concerns, aspirations, and ideas. Upon hearing from the stakeholders, the design professionals formulate graphics (usually hand-drawn sketches and text) on the day of the workshop and follow up with more refined graphics during the following weeks. The result is a document (Power Point or PDF) which reflects the concepts that the community has expressed.

To make the workshop happen, AIA Cincinnati typically works with representatives from the community **for about 3 or 4 months ahead of time** to gather necessary information, and adequately prepare for a productive workshop. **Our urban design plans are led by communities and guided by experts.**

If your community is interested in a workshop, contact info@aiaincinnati.org to be connected with the Urban Design Committee.