



MARGARET M. CONNOR | *Principal*

Professional Responsibilities

Maggie’s interest in architecture and urban design is rooted in a passion for social and environmental responsibility and the creation of sustainable communities that deliver equity in the quality of design – whether repairing a built environment or designing a new one. Her affinity for complex problem-solving can be seen in the diverse array of projects in which she’s been engaged from revitalization plans for depressed urban neighborhoods to brand new urban neighborhoods, villages and towns. Leading a process-oriented, multidisciplinary team, Maggie’s dedication to achieving consensus in our client’s goals and stakeholders’ vision has made a significant contribution to the successful development of numerous projects which, among other considerations, successfully incorporate traditional architecture and planning.

Since joining the firm in 1998, Maggie has been involved in a diverse array of projects, among them downtown master plans, urban revitalization plans, brownfield and infill redevelopment projects, visioning studies, new villages, and several UDA Pattern Books®. Maggie’s recent work includes projects in conjunction with The Prince’s Foundation for the Built Environment in the United Kingdom. One project entailed a visioning process, master plan and pattern book for the town of Ellon, Scotland, identifying areas for growth and creating plans for key initiatives to achieve the town’s growth goals over the next 20 years. Another project, a master plan for Cove (an area of suburban growth south of Aberdeen, Scotland) is aimed at creating a mixed-use, mixed-income town that will serve as a model for how Aberdeen can grow within its current bounds and also remedy many issues it faces as a result of 30+ years of single-use, fractured patterns of development. In the U.S., Maggie is leading the design team that is formulating strategies to redevelop and transform Lafitte – a former public housing project in New Orleans – from its post-Katrina ruined state into a vibrant new neighborhood that will be home again for former residents and also a desirable place for many different interest groups.

Her creativity, talent, and good judgment can also be seen in other planned or built projects, among them:

UDA Pattern Books®

- » Downtown Norfolk, VA
- » East Beach, Norfolk, VA
- » East Garrison, Monterey County, CA
- » Prairie Trail, Ankeny, IA

Master Plans

- » Downtown Revitalization Plan, Boca Raton, FL
- » Prairie Trail, Ankeny, IA

Infill Development

- » Oceanview, Norfolk, VA
Vision Study with several Individual Master Plans
- » Cannery District, Gilroy, CA

HOPE VI Redevelopment

- » University Place, Memphis, TN
- » Legends Park, Memphis, TN
- » Broadway Overlook, Baltimore, MD
- » Westbury, Portsmouth, VA

Education and Professional Affiliations

Maggie earned her professional degree in Architecture from the University of Notre Dame where her experience was substantially influenced by her participation in the Rome Studies Program – a year’s architectural and urban education in one of the world’s most admired cities. Maggie is a member of the Congress of New Urbanism, the American Planning Association, and the Urban Land Institute.

She has also been instrumental in establishing (and creating the curriculum for) an intensive three-week urban design immersion project for UDA’s summer interns in connection with the Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation’s “Main Street Program.”