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Waterfront Planning





Waterfront/Riverfront Planning

Ekistics Planning Design is a multidisciplinary planning and design firm that offers a range of services in landscape architecture, environmental planning, resort planning, civil engineering, architecture and urban design. The firm works on a wide range of projects from large scale waterfronts, regional planning studies, and national parks to smaller scale parks, gardens, campuses, and urban spaces. Striking a balance between people and natural systems, Ekistics applies sound ecological planning principles which stress the alliance of science, technology, and design.

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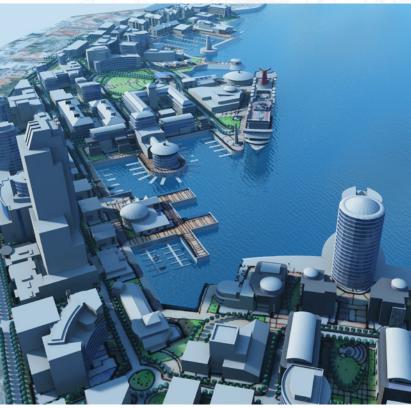
Urban Planning

Urban Design

Urban Design shapes physical settings – from towns and villages, to cities and regions. It combines the skills of urban planning, landscape architecture, architecture, civil and traffic engineering, real estate development, and environmental design. Typical urban design projects include downtown revitalization, streetscape and city design, civic signage design, regional planning, as well as planning for waterfronts, greenways, parks, and campuses. Urban design builds on an established sense of place that is local in character and satisfies elementary needs specific to that place. This approach engages local citizens to collectively determine what makes their community special, motivating them to solve large scale problems or realize hidden opportunities.

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Urban design makes connections between people and places, time and space, movement and urban form, nature and the built fabric. It combines the art of place-making with environmental stewardship, social equity, and economic viability to create places of distinction and identity.





Waterfront / Harbour **Planning & Design**

Waterfront Planning is a special branch of urban design that requires a myriad of skills. For urban areas, waterfront planning is often involved in environmental remediation, finding the best uses for scarce waterfront resources, connecting downtown areas to the waterfront, and building consensus between landowners, the public, and various government departments with vested interests in these special places. Port and harbour planning requires a unique understanding of the economics of waterfront land uses, while riverfront planning requires an understanding of the ecology of rivers, as well as stormwater and floodplain management.

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Streetscape Design

Streets provide much of the setting for social interaction in a city or town, acting as both conduits and destinations. Depending on the setting and the role of the street, streetscape design can be an integral part of city planning and civic identity. The process usually reconciles the various needs of user groups (pedestrians, cars, bikes, buses, etc). Through a public process, a design is fashioned that responds to the needs of these users groups. The end result emphasizes the street as a destination, while strengthening its role as a conduit.



Downtown Revitalization

Downtown change is an ongoing process for cities, villages, and towns. Without active planning and concerted effort, downtowns can degenerate into civic liabilities. Downtown revitalization requires an understanding of development economics, district incentives, heritage planning, streetscape planning, civic art, park planning, events programming, and district management.

Wayfinding & Civic Signage

is an essential aspect of downtown revitalization, waterfront planning, as well as heritage and tourism planning. It is important for both residents and tourists. Ekistics' sister firm, Form:Media (www.form-media. ca) focuses on wayfinding, environmental graphic design, and interpretive planning. This type of work is an integral part of the urban design process for all our projects.

