



The City of Detroit seeks: Directors – East, West and Central Design Divisions

Cross-trained in two disciplines:

- Architecture or Landscape Architecture

and

- Urban Planning, Physical Neighborhood Planning or Urban Design

Skilled in:

- Planning and Land Use Analysis

- Community Engagement

- Public Presentations

- Project Management

- Staff Supervision

Possesses:

- A Master's degree in planning, architecture, landscape architecture, urban planning or urban design

- Minimum 4 years of professional experience, or evidence of education in, one additional discipline

- Minimum 2 years supervisory experience

Under new leadership, the City of Detroit's Planning & Development Department is reorganizing to create a new, innovative model of public practice and community engagement in urban revitalization.

The city is seeking three (3) creative and motivated individuals with outstanding professional records to serve as **Directors for the City's East Side, West Side and Central Design Divisions**. The ideal candidates will be cross-trained or experienced in at least two professional disciplines: Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Physical Neighborhood Planning, Urban Planning and/or Urban Design. They will be technically well-prepared professionals, willing to engage with local leaders and community stakeholders and assist our department in creating a participatory model of urban planning, design and development that encourages renewed population growth within the city and ensures that every neighborhood has a future.

In partnership with the Director and Deputy Director, the Design Directors will constitute the Department's Leadership Team and be responsible for managing the work of dedicated staff experienced in multiple professional design disciplines. Together, Design Directors and their teams will be responsible for establishing community-located design resource centers, "homebases" for urban design, planning and community engagement within a specific geographic region of the city. The Design Director will:



- Coordinate and supervise the creation of plans for neighborhood, commercial, business and industrial areas, historic districts, and city-wide

- Manage design consultant teams, intergovernmental partnerships, private partnerships, operating budgets and project deadlines

- Engage deeply in community processes

- Provide design leadership. Defines areas of staff responsibility. Advises staff on problems. Reviews and checks work. Evaluates proposed design solutions, suggests new or innovative approaches and provides design review

- Provide public presentations of planning and development proposals and their progress, confer with other city agencies, developers, business, neighborhood and civic groups to determine their reactions to proposals and modifications necessary to obtain approval and support

- Apply data pertinent to urban area design solutions as drawn from environmental studies, changing demographics, market feasibility studies, economic development, field reports and other surveys as may be required for the development of residential, commercial and industrial areas

- Articulate and elevate a vision for Detroit neighborhoods that embodies the highest quality of design excellence, sustainable and ecological performance and social equity for all Detroiters.

Resumes and cover letters should be sent to the attention of:

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