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DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION INSTITUTE

UPSTAIRS DOWNTOWN

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DAN CARMODY

CARMODY CONSULTING

Benefiting from a schizophrenic youth split between the west side of Chicago and the loess hills of western Iowa, Carmody developed a keen appreciation for the distinctiveness of both central cities and Main Streets. Schooled as a city planner in the Midwest and the North of England, Carmody is a devoted urbanist with special interest in the regenerating depressed local economies. Educated as a tavern keeper, Carmody understands the needs of independent business owners and the importance of conviviality in successful downtown revitalization.

From 1988 until November of 2005, Carmody led Renaissance Rock Island (IL), a consortium of not-for-profits, helping to revive that community which had lost 40% of its tax base. Starting with a budget of \$70,000 and a staff of 1.5 people, Renaissance Rock Island grew to a staff of 14 with an annual budget exceeding \$3,000,000.

From 2005 until 2007 Carmody served as the President of the Downtown Improvement District in Fort Wayne, (IN). In each organization Dan sought to build success upon thorough knowledge of local market conditions, profound partnerships with public and private partners, and an incremental approach to improving the climate for business and real estate development.

In November 2007 Carmody was hired as President of the Eastern Market Corporation where he has been in charge with operating the region's premier public market, renovating and enhancing the market campus, revitalizing the business district around the market, re-building a robust local food system, and leveraging a revitalized Eastern Market District to regenerate adjacent neighborhoods.

Since the mid-1990's Carmody has also served as a consultant to more than 30 community development programs, served on the board of directors of the International Downtown Association, and is a frequent presenter at state and national economic development conferences.

MIKE JACKSON, FAIA

ILLINOIS HISTORIC PRESERVATION AGENCY

Mike Jackson is the Chief Architect of the Preservation Services Division of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA). He directs the IHPA architectural staff in evaluating changes to historic buildings when those alterations fall under a variety of regulatory and benefit programs.

Mike has been with the IHPA since 1983 and was the project manager for the restoration of the Dana-Thomas House in Springfield and the David Davis Mansion in Bloomington. He also supervises the IHPA design services provided to the Illinois Main Street program. He is an active member of the Association for Preservation Technology Committee on Sustainable Heritage, which is making the link between environmentally conscious design and historic preservation.



Mike holds degrees from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Columbia University. He is a fellow of the American Institute of Architects. His professional experience includes work in New York City and New Orleans as well as communities across Illinois. He is a visiting professor of architecture at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

TED CARMAN

CONCORD SQUARE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, INC.

Ted has spent over thirty years in the residential real estate business. This experience has included the development, financing, and management of hundreds of units of market rate housing. Ted's development work has focused primarily on downtown redevelopment, mill conversions and historic renovation. Ted's experience also includes many years of non-profit community development work, mostly with affordable housing, but also including live-work artist space, and extensive downtown revitalization and economic development. Two projects that he developed – the Exeter Mill in Exeter, NH and Holt Hall in Portland, ME – are listed on the National Register of Historic Place.

KAREN CULLEN, AICP

CONCORD SQUARE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, INC.

Karen has recently joined the staff of Concord Square and services as the firm's Senior Planner. Karen has over 20 years of experience working on projects incorporating multiple elements of planning. She has demonstrated competence in analyzing problems, developing and simplifying procedures, and finding innovative solutions. During her work in local and regional government, and as a private consultant, Karen has written plans, bylaws, and regulations that are sensible and understandable to all stakeholders. She has managed multiple complex projects requiring effective communication with diverse audiences in both written and verbal format. In addition to typical office software products, Karen is proficient with GIS mapping software.

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