

Dennis Lago

Principal, Urban Designer



Dennis is a Principal and Urban Designer at Urban Strategies. His projects span Canada, the U.S., the U.K, Singapore, and Malaysia, for both public and private sector clients. His work is recognized for finding practical and beautiful solutions to complex challenges facing urban environments. In the GTA, London UK, Manchester UK and Singapore, Dennis delivered several ambitious large-scale regeneration and waterfront projects. He played a central role in preparing, the Cardiff Bay and City-Centre Revitalization in Wales, the Bathurst Quay Neighbourhood Plan in Toronto and the Princeton University Master Plan.

His masterplan for Lakeview Mississauga is guiding renewal of 80ha of post power-generation waterfront lands on Lake Ontario. In Singapore, Dennis was the lead designer for the consortium awarded the consultancy for the Greater Southern Waterfront masterplan transforming its central portlands and led the masterplanning for the Punggol Waterfront, 400 ha of new waterfront community in northern Singapore. In London UK, he was a strategic masterplanner for Nine Elms/ Battersea and was involved in several Royal Docks masterplans, including Silvertown Quays, the ExCeL Estate Masterplan and the Royal Docks Vision Framework. In Manchester, he was lead designer for several major regeneration projects including New East Manchester, Sportcity Strategic Framework, the Manchester City Fringe Spatial Strategy and the Central Salford Regeneration Framework. He master-planned Parkside Village in Mississauga, a high density 15 ha. city-centre development. Past work for Waterfront Toronto established the public space framework for Toronto's waterfront revitalization and he was part of the team master planning Fan Pier and the Cambridge Research Park in Boston. He was lead designer for the 2nd stage competitions for Wood Wharf in London and The Kings Waterfront in Liverpool.

Dennis was invited to be part of the first International Architecture Biennale in Rotterdam 2003, he exhibited research work from his design studio at the Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape and Design, at the University of Toronto. He was adjunct professor for bachelor thesis year in 2000 and for the Masters in Urban Design program in 2003 at the University of Toronto.

EDUCATION

1990
Bachelor of
Landscape Architecture
Faculty of Architecture,
Landscape and Design
University of Toronto
Toronto, ON

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

2016 - Present Principal, Urban Strategies Inc., Toronto
2013 - 2015 Senior Associate, Urban Strategies Inc., Toronto
1998 - 2013 Associate, Urban Strategies Inc., Toronto
1992 - 1998 Designer with Brown and Storey Architects; Janet Rosenberg and Associates;
James Floyd and Associates; Ian Gray and Associates

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

2014 York University, Faculty of Environmental Studies Course Instructor
2002-2003 Masters of Urban Design - Adjunct Assistant Professor + Thesis Advisor,
University of Toronto - Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape and Design
2002-2003 Coordinator - University of Toronto,
First International Architecture Biennale, Rotterdam NL
2000 Adjunct Professor, University of Toronto.
Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape & Design

SELECTED PROJECT EXPERIENCE

2016 - 2018 Princeton University Masterplan
2014 Bathurst Quay Waterfront Neighbourhood Plan, Toronto.
2014 Cardiff Bay Master Plan, Wales UK.
2014 Downtown Cultural Hub, Oakville Ont.
2014 North Riverfront Open Space and Redevelopment Plan. St. Louis MO
2013 Jewel Island, Johor Bahru, Malaysia

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SELECTED PROJECT EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

2019	Humber River Hospital - Finch Site Highest and Best Use
2018 - present	Stelco Master Plan, Hamilton, ON
2018-2019	UBC Stadium Neighbourhood, Vancouver
2012 - 2014	Ontario Place Due Dilligence. Toronto
2011 - 2012	Punggol Waterfront Masterplan, Singapore
2010 - 2014	Lakeview Waterfront Master Plan, Mississauga
2010 -	Greater Southern Waterfront, Singapore
2008 -	Project Spadina - Globe and Mail Lands Master Plan
2010 -	University of Western Ontario Advanced Manufacturing Park.
2010 -	University of Western Ontario Westminster Campus, London Ont.
2009 -	TCHC Alexandra Park Revitalization, Toronto, ON
2009	Strategic Vision Framework, Sportcity, Manchester UK
2009	Manchester City Fringe Spatial Strategy, UK
2008	Nine Elms/Battersea Masterplan, London UK
2007	Gateway Park, St. Louis MO
2006 - 2009	ExCel Conference Centre Estate Masterplan, London UK
2006 - 2009	Royal Docks, London UK
2005	Glengall Bridge, Isle of Dogs, London UK
2005 - 2006	Central Salford Vision and Regeneration Framework, Salford UK
2005	Parkside Village Masterplan, Mississauga Ontario
2004	Woodwharf, Masterplan Finalist, London UK
2003	First International Architecture Biennale, Rotterdam NL
2003	Toronto Waterfront - Public Space Framework, TWRC
2001 - 2009	Silvertown Quays, London UK
2002	North Manchester Business Park, Manchester UK
2002	Port of Hamilton Land Use Plan, Hamilton Ontario
2001	Rochester Ferry Terminal Master Plan, Rochester NY
2001	Kings Waterfront, Finalist, Liverpool UK
2000 -	East Manchester Regeneration, Manchester UK
1999	Fan Pier Master Plan, Boston MA
1999	Cambridge Research Park, Kendal Square, Cambridge MA
1998	WatPark Research Campus, Waterloo Ontario

SELECTED AWARDS

2014	Waterfront Centre Award - Excellence in Masterplanning <i>Punggol Master Plan, Singapore</i>
2014	Singapore Institute of Architects Award <i>Bidadari Community Master Plan, Singapore</i>
2008	CIP Award for Planning Excellence in Urban Design, <i>St.Louis Gateway Mall Masterplan</i>
2006	Best Conceptual Project Contributing to London's Future, London Planning Awards
2005	Waterfront Centre Award, <i>Silvertown Quays Masterplan and Design Code</i>
2005	CIP Award for Planning Excellence, <i>Silvertown Quays Masterplan and Design Code</i>