

Thomas E. Low, AIA CNU LEED
Director of Town Planning

Professional and Service:

1995 – Present Director of Town Planning, Duany Plater-Zyberk & Company, Charlotte, North Carolina
2005 – Present Chair, Civic By Design Forum, Charlotte, North Carolina
2006 Judge - Charlotte Historic District Commission Neighborhood Award program
1991-1995 Project Manager, Duany Plater-Zyberk & Company, Miami, Florida
1983 Architectural Professional Registration, North Carolina
1995-1998 Board of Directors, Seaside Institute
1991 Spring Postgraduate Research Affiliate, University of Miami School of Architecture
1990-1991 Brickell Area Master Plan, Downtown Development Authority of Miami
1988-1989 Associate, J. N. Pease Associates, Charlotte, North Carolina
1986-1988 Townhouse Design and Development, Third Ward, Charlotte, North Carolina
1986-1988 Architect, Clark Tribble Harris & Li, Charlotte, North Carolina
1984-1986 Associate, Middleton McMillian Architects, Charlotte, North Carolina
1979-1984 Intern, Godwin Associates, Charlotte, North Carolina

Academic:

2008 Visiting Professor, Rome, Italy studio, University of Miami, School of Architecture, May-June
2005 Book Grant, Duany Plater-Zyberk & Co., Civic By Design
2004 Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) Professional Accreditation
1990 Master of Architecture (M ARCH) in Suburb and Town Design, University of Miami, School of Architecture
1979 Bachelor of Architecture, (B ARCH) Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, Blacksburg, Virginia
1997 Visiting Professor, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Professional Practice Studio
1994 Spring Visiting Graduate Professor, University of Miami School of Architecture
1993 Fall Juror, Housing Graduate Studio, University of Miami School of Architecture
1992 Research Grant, The John Nolen Research Fund, Cornell University, “John Nolen’s knowledge and applications to current directions in Town Planning”
1992 Fall Part-time Instructor, University of Miami
1992 Spring Visiting Critic, University of North Carolina Charlotte, School of Design, Upper Level Studio
1991 Fall Part Time Instructor, University of Miami
1991 August Dottorato di Ricerca in Composizione Architettionica, University of Naples, 3rd International Seminar of Projects, “Naples Architecture and City”, Italy
1990 Research Grant, Alfandre Fund, “The American 20th Century Town Center”
1990 Research Grant, Alfandre Fund, “The Traditional Neighborhood District Ordinance Manual”
1990-Present Ongoing Research, “Illustrating The Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND) Ordinance”
1990-Present Ongoing Research, “The Traditional Urban District (TUD) Ordinance”
1990 Summer Study Abroad, Survey of Italian Cities and Towns
1989-1991 Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Miami for Undergraduate Design Studio and Materials and Methods Special Projects Instruction

Project Experience:

2008 - Dunleith Master Plan, Greensboro, North Carolina
- Big Canoe/Potts Mountain Town Center, Georgia
- Reynolds Building Master Plan, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky
- Armstrong Road Master Plan, Belmont, North Carolina
- Carlton Landing Master Plan, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- Cheshire Town Center, Cheshire, North Carolina
- City of Camden Vision Plan, Camden, South Carolina
2007 - Lockett Master Plan, Nashville, Tennessee
- Fannin Station Master Plan, Houston, Texas
- Jekyll Island Master Plan, Jekyll Island, Georgia
- Lake Nottley Master plan, Blairsville, Georgia
- Jackson Barracks Master Plan, New Orleans, Louisiana
2006 - St. Bernard Parish Post-Katrina Redevelopment Master Plan, Louisiana
- Griffin Park, Greenville, SC implementation
- Jackson Barracks Master Plan
- Big Canoe/Potts Mountain Master Plan, Georgia
- Habersham Isle Master Plan, Beaufort, South Carolina
- Lost Rabbit Town Center Master Plan, Jackson, Mississippi
- French Quarter Post-Katrina Redevelopment Master Plan, New Orleans, LA
2005 - Roanoke City Market Study, Roanoke, Virginia
- East Frasier Land Master Plan, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- Downtown Chapel Hill New Square and Infill Development, North Carolina
- Reedy Creek Neighborhood Master Plan, Greenville, South Carolina
- Bull Street Redevelopment Master Plan, Columbia, South Carolina

- 2004
 - Locust Town Center, Stanly County, North Carolina
 - Apollo Beach Redevelopment Master Plan, Tampa, Florida
 - Cheshire Village Center Master Plan, Black Mountain, North Carolina
 - 5th Avenue South Reassessment, Naples, Florida
 - Downcity Providence Reassessment, Providence, Rhode Island
 - St. Charles Master Plan Update, St. Charles, Missouri
- 2003
 - Sandy Point Master Plan, Edenton, North Carolina
 - Kentlands 15 year Assessment Master Plan, Kentlands, Maryland
 - Stowe Manor Guild Charrette, Belmont, North Carolina
 - Ayls Beach EBSCO Master Plan, South Walton County, Florida
 - Moody Air Force Base Redevelopment Master Plan, Georgia
 - Draper Lake Master Plan, South Walton County, Florida
 - St. Charles Master Plan Update, Miami Beach, Florida
 - Lost Rabbit Master Plan, Madison County, Mississippi
- 2002
 - New Zion Church Master Plan Studies, Greensboro, North Carolina
 - Dade County Agricultural Master Plan, Florida
 - Burton Area Regional Plan, Beaufort County, South Carolina
 - Cherokee Farms Master Plan, Beaufort County, South Carolina
- 2001
 - Willow Oaks HOPE VI Redevelopment Plan, Greensboro, North Carolina
 - Parris Island Marine Base Redevelopment Master Plan, South Carolina
- 2000
 - Ayrley Town Center, Charlotte, North Carolina
 - Celadon Village Master Plan, Beaufort, South Carolina
 - Anchor Mill Transit Oriented Master Plan, Huntersville, North Carolina
 - Cornelius Town Center Master Plan, Cornelius, North Carolina
 - Lake Carolina Master Plan, Columbia, South Carolina
 - Harmony Coastal Village Master Plan, Georgetown, South Carolina
 - Maxwell Springs Master Plan, Greenwood, South Carolina
- 1999
 - Southside Redevelopment Master Plan, Greensboro, North Carolina
 - The Hutton Estate Neighborhood Infill Master Plan, Hickory, North Carolina
 - Viewmont Neighborhood Center Master Plan, Hickory, North Carolina
 - Cline New Village Master Plan, Conover, North Carolina
- 1998
 - Center City Hickory Comprehensive Master Plan, Hickory, North Carolina
 - Cheshire Mountain Village Master Plan, Black Mountain, North Carolina
 - Mt. Laurel Village Master Plan, Birmingham, Alabama
 - Smith Corners Urban Master Plan, Charlotte, North Carolina
- 1997
 - Stowe Manor Neighborhood Infill Master Plan, Belmont, North Carolina
 - Morningside Homes Redevelopment Master Plan, Greensboro, North Carolina
 - Harford Road Corridor Redevelopment Master Plan, Baltimore, Maryland
- 1997
 - New Market Neighborhood Master Plan, Greenwood, South Carolina
- 1996
 - Upper Cane Island Master Plan, Beaufort Co; South Carolina
 - Cane Island Retreat Master Plan, Beaufort Co., South Carolina
 - Habersham Village Master Plan, Beaufort Co., South Carolina
 - Vermillion Neighborhood Master Plan, Huntersville, North Carolina
 - New Village Neighborhood Master Plan, Huntersville, North Carolina
 - Ramah Neighborhood Master Plan, Huntersville, North Carolina
 - Beatty Street Neighborhood Master Plan, Davidson, North Carolina
 - Trillium Village & Links Master Plan, Cashiers, North Carolina
 - Downtown Bennettsville Redevelopment Plan, Bennettsville, North Carolina
 - Downtown Birmingham Redevelopment Master Plan, Birmingham, Michigan
 - EWA Neighborhood Master Plan, Oahu, Hawaii
 - Hendrix College Master Plan, Little Rock, Arkansas
 - Jordan Tract Neighborhood Master Plan, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina
 - South Pointe Streetscape Master Plan, Miami Beach, Florida
 - C-9 Basin Regional Plan, South Florida Water Management District
- 1994
 - Lakeside New Village, Flower Mound, Texas
 - Doré New Village, Lafayette, Louisiana
 - South Walton County, Florida Regional Master Plan
 - Prospect Village Master Plan, Longmont, Colorado
- 1993
 - Cambier Park Redevelopment Plan, Naples, Florida
 - Fifth Avenue South Retail Redevelopment Plan, Naples, Florida
 - South Pointe Redevelopment Plan, Miami Beach, Florida
 - Downtown West Palm Beach Master Plan, Florida
 - Village Green Master Plan, Cashiers, North Carolina
 - Intown Homes Master Plan, Atlanta, Georgia
 - City of Belmont Redevelopment Plan, North Carolina
- 1992
 - Highland Township Master Plan, Detroit, Michigan
 - Florida City Redevelopment Plan, Florida (team participant)

- Town of Markham Redevelopment Plan, Toronto, Canada (team participant)
- Central Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan, Cleveland, Ohio
- South Island Master Plan, Victoria, B.C., Canada
- Westminster Street Retail Redevelopment Plan, Providence, Rhode Island
- Thayer Street Retail Redevelopment Plan, Providence, Rhode Island
- University of Miami Shelter for the Homeless (construction documents)
- 1991 - Comprehensive Master Plan for Downtown Miami (charrette participant)
- Johnson & Wales University Master Plan, Providence, Rhode Island
- Downcity Providence Master Plan, Providence, Rhode Island
- Village of Pawling Master Plan, New York
- Sanford Historic District Master Plan, Florida
- College Park Neighborhood Master Plan, Gainesville, Florida
- Southport Master Plan, West Sacramento, California (team participant)
- Marion County Regional Plan, Florida
- McKinzie Town Master Plan, Calgary, Canada (team participant)
- Southpointe Redevelopment Plan, The City of Miami Beach, Florida

Speaking Engagements:

- 2008 - "Masters Class: Twentieth Century Urban Planner John Nolen, his Asheville plan and today's urbanism," AIA Asheville Continuing Education Workshop, Asheville, NC
- "Lean, Green, Quality of Life Machine: Twentieth Century Urban Planner John Nolen, his Asheville plan and today's urbanism," AIA Asheville and the Pack Memorial Library, Asheville, NC
- "The Light Imprint Initiative," CNU-Illinois chapter's state conference, Chicago, IL
- "Masters Class: Twentieth Century Urban Planner John Nolen and today's urbanism," Traditional Builders Conference workshop, Chicago, IL
- "Planning and Developing for Tomorrow: Light Imprint – facilitating innovative development," Seventh Annual Fall Environmental Forum on Sustainable Communities at Elon University, Elon, NC
- "Planning and Designing for the Natural Infrastructure: The Neighborhood and Community Scale – Light Imprint Integration of Sustainability and Urbanism," workshop for Cumberland Region Tomorrow and AIA Tennessee, Nashville, TN
- "Light Imprint: The Integration of Sustainability and Urbanism," preconference workshop for AIA North Carolina 2008 Design Conference, Charlotte, NC
- "New Urbanism and Sustainable Projects by DPZ," Central Piedmont meeting of the Sierra Club, Charlotte, NC
- 2007 - "Light Imprint New Urbanism: Designing Sustainable Communities," Clemson University, School of Architecture Lecture Series, Clemson, SC
- "Civic By Design: Learning Lessons from Pioneer Planner John Nolen," for Daffin Park Centennial Celebration, in conjunction with Historic Savannah Foundation and Live Oak Public Libraries, Savannah, GA.
- 2006 - "Green Building and Sustainable Communities," Cool Cities Initiative, Sierra Club, Charlotte, NC
- "Creating Suburban Neighborhoods of Lasting Value." Upstate Forever, Spartanburg, SC Active Living Initiative
- "What are the New Patterns for our Tired Markets?" International Council of Shopping Centers Annual meeting, Roanoke, VA
- "Town Planners at Work: The Legacy of John Nolen in the Work of Duany Plater-Zyberk & Co.," Institute of Classical Architecture & Classical America, New York City
- "Benefits of Mixed Use," Your Town Workshop, Spartanburg, SC
- 2005 - "New Urbanism in Charlotte: The Legacy of John Nolen", Seaside Institute and Levine Museum of the New South seminar lectures and tours, Charlotte, NC
- "Toward a Greener New Urbanism", Wake Technical University, Raleigh, NC
- "Placemaking and Main Street Development," Town Council televised meeting, Chapel Hill, NC
- "New Urbanism and the Civic Design Techniques of John Nolen," North Carolina State University, College of Design, Raleigh, NC
- 2004 - "New Urbanism in the Charlotte Region" Richmond Chamber, Charlotte, NC
- "Mixed-use Development" Planning Workshop, Wrightsville Beach, NC
- "Regional Planning in Beaufort County, SC," The Seaside Institute Real Estate Development Seminar, Franklin, Tennessee
- "New Urbanism and the Environment," "Conservation Design: Workshop on Growing Greener Communities" with Randall Ardent, Rock Hill, SC, and Raleigh, NC
- "Recent DPZ Projects" Women in Architecture, Charlotte, NC
- 2003 - "New Urbanism in the Carolinas & Southside, Greensboro, North Carolina: Case study" Preservation North Carolina Conference, Greensboro, NC
- "Habersham Coastal Village" The Seaside Institute Real Estate Development Seminar, Miami Beach, FL
- "New Town and Country Zoning", NC Smart Growth Alliance Summit, Salisbury, NC
- "The Smart Code and Traditional Neighborhood Development" North Carolina Bar Association, Greensboro, NC
- "Traditional Neighborhoods Are Back" Upstate Forever, Greenville, SC
- 2002 - "The Smart Code," Upstate Forever Zoning Conference, Greenville, SC
- "Center City Walking Tour Design Instruction," Charlotte City Engineering Staff, Charlotte, NC
- "Vermillion and New Urbanism," AIA National Convention, Vermillion, Huntersville, NC
- "Smart Growth and Beaufort County," County Smart Growth Symposium, Hilton Head, SC
- 2001 - "New Urbanism and the Environment" Sierra Club Conference, Cherry Grove, SC
- "Site Planning, Streets, & Public Space" HOPE VI Design Training Conference, Louisville, Kentucky

- "Practicing New Urbanism" Central Piedmont Community College AIAS, Charlotte, North Carolina
- "New Urbanism and Smart Growth," South Carolina Smart Growth Summit, Myrtle Beach, SC
- "Successful Charrettes: Building Consensus Through the Public Process," Seaside Institute, Seaside, FL
- 2000 - "Rethinking Suburban Sprawl," Women in Architecture AIA lecture series, Charlotte, NC
- "Lessons Learned from Seaside," Builder Magazine 20th Year Awards Retreat, Woodstock, Vermont
- "Restoring the Traditional Neighborhood Development Pattern to Center City Charlotte," Urban Forum Lecture Series, Tryon Center for the Arts
- "Crossroads for Change," Prestige Cable Television Special on New Urbanism
- 1999 - "Traditional Neighborhood Developments in the Carolinas" Preservation North Carolina annual conference, Charlotte, NC
- "Morningside Homes, Greensboro," Hope IV Success Stories - Applying the Principles of the New urbanism to Public Housing Developments, HOPE VI: Creating Communities of Opportunity" Conference, Baltimore, MD
- 1998 - "Tour of Historic Charlotte Neighborhoods" Lambda Alpha Board of Governors meeting, Charlotte, NC
- "What is Traditional Neighborhood Development?" Traditional Neighborhood Developments; A Closer Look Conference sponsored by the North Carolina Division of Community Assistance, Asheville, NC
- "The Shape of Community in the Carolina," The Caroline and Albert Simon, Jr. Spring Lecture Series, The Program in Historic Preservation and Community Planning at the College of Charleston, SC
- 1997 - "The Progressive Era Town" and "Beyond New Urbanism" Building Virginia Conference VSAIA
- "Community Design for the Next Century," Innovations in Urban Design Workshop, Practical Strategies and Tools, Madison, Wisconsin
- "The New Urbanism & Hybridization of Principles," Congress for the New Urbanism V Conference, Toronto, Ontario
- "Traditional Neighborhoods," An Introduction to Conservation Land Planning and Traditional Neighborhood Development Conference, Sierra Club-Piedmont Plateau Group, Greensboro, NC
- "Traditional Neighborhood Businesses," Dilworth Community Development Association, Charlotte, NC
- "Traditional Towns in the Low Country: Historical Precedents for TNDs and Plans for New TNDs," Traditional Neighborhood Development Project Tour & Conference, Beaufort, SC
- "Traditional Neighborhoods," Roanoke Housing Coalition, Roanoke, VA
- "Traditional Neighborhood Businesses," Plaza-Central Business Association, Charlotte, NC
- 1996 - "The Techniques of John Nolen," Techniques of Traditional Town Planning Workshop, Urban Institute, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
- 1995 - "Nolen in the 90's" Planning and Growth Symposium, Madison, Wisconsin
- "Rethinking Suburban Sprawl" NCAPA Sustainable Communities Conference, Durham, NC
- 1994 - "A New Plan for the Central Neighborhood, Cleveland," "Future Visions of Public Housing International Forum, Cincinnati, Ohio
- "The Progressive Era Town: Planning Principles of John Nolen," Congress for the New Urbanism, Los Angeles
- 1993 Fall - "Neighborhood Restoration, Naples, Italy" Graduate Program, University of Miami School of Architecture

Awards & Honors:

- 2008 Charlotte Region Green Entrepreneurial Effort/Innovative Idea, in Green Awards Competition of 2008, Charlotte Regional Chapter of U. S. Green Building Council and Charlotte Business Journal, for the Light Imprint Initiative
- 2007 Blue Ridge Region Honor Award for Excellence in Urban Design, AIA Blue Ridge Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, for City of Roanoke Market Study (prepared in conjunction with SFCS, Inc., of Roanoke, Virginia)
- Commonwealth Award of Excellence in Downtown Development to City of Roanoke, City Market District Plan, Virginia Downtown Development Association, for City of Roanoke Market Study (prepared in conjunction with SFCS, Inc., of Roanoke, Virginia)
- 2006 North Carolina Statewide Marvin Collins Award for Large City Implementation, American Planning Association, Willow Oaks, HOPE VI Greensboro, North Carolina
- 2005 Cape Fear Stewardship Award, NC Department of Natural Resources, Woodsong, Shallotte, North Carolina
- National Award for Top Ten Developments, Sierra Club, for Southside located in Greensboro, North Carolina
- National Platinum Award for Best of American Living, National Association of Homebuilders and *Professional Builder* Magazine, Habersham, Beaufort Co., South Carolina
- 2004 EPA National Smart Growth Project Award for Southside, Greensboro, North Carolina
- 2003 National Outstanding Planning Award called "Making Great Communities Happen," from the American Planning Association, to the City of Greensboro, North Carolina for implementation of the Southside Area Development Plan
- 2001 American Institute of Architects, Charlotte Chapter Merit Award for Vermillion Neighborhood Master Plan - Phase I
- 2000 Sierra Club: National Smart Growth Award for Best Project in North Carolina for Vermillion
- 1991 University of Naples, Architecture Museum of Frankfurt, and Domus Magazine: "3rd International Urban Design Seminar," Naples, Italy Study Scholarship
- 1991 University of Miami: Alpha Rho Chi 1990 Architecture Honor Award
- 1990 University of Miami: "New Town Design" - Spring Design Charrette, Honorable Mention
- 1989 University of Miami: "Redesign of Miami"- AIAS Beaux Art Competition, Place Award; "Award Object"- U.M. Alumni Design Competition, Place Award; AIAS Beaux Arts Photography Competition, Two Honorable Mentions

1978 “Southern Inn”- etching - Roanoke Fine Arts Center, Festival Award
1975 “Studio Chair”- Tau Sigma Delta Award for Furniture Design

Exhibitions:

2006 “Nolen in the New South” Traveling Exhibition and Symposium, Levine Museum of the New South, Charlotte, NC
“ John Nolen Florida Symposium” Exhibition and Catalogue, Winter Park, Florida
1993 “Sprawl, The City as the Largest Man-made Object,” Exhibition including TND illustrations, SPACE Arts Collaborative, Tallahassee, Florida
1991 “Redevelopment of Monte Santo and the Pedimentina,” Exhibition of seminar projects, Castel S’ Elmo, Naples, Italy
1991 “Tryon Mall Suburban Retrofit,” “Southside Urban Redevelopment,” *New Directions in American Urbanism*, Traveling graduate work exhibition and catalogue, University of Virginia, University of Miami

Books and Articles:

Pending “New Urban Patterns: Diagrams and Graphics”
2008 *Civic By Design: John Nolen’s Lessons and the New Urbanism*, illustrated book with Thomas Hanchett
“Light Imprint: Integrating Sustainability with New Urbanism,” CNU Council Report VII
Light Imprint Handbook: Integrating Sustainability and Community Design, with the Light Imprint Team
“Light Imprint New Urbanism – a framework for urban and environmental sustainability,” published in *Eco-Architecture II: Harmonisation Between Architecture and Nature*, Chapter in “Section 1: Ecological and cultural sensitivity,” with G. Tachiev, P. Kelly, G. Pearlman, N. Black, M. Carney & L. Koutrelakos
2006 “Light Imprint New Urbanism” Report and Case Study
2005 “Replanning Mississippi’s Coast in Six Days: The Mississippi Renewal Forum,” cover article in AIA North Carolina Architext
2004 “Harrisburg downtown an example for others,” Business Forum, *The Charlotte Observer*
2003 “Recipe for Slow Growth” *Huntersville Herald*
“Slow Food and Slow Urbanism – *Terrain.org* web magazine
“The New Civic Art: Elements of Town Planning” contributor *Rizzoli*
“Bravo, Presto Bar & Grill: More ‘liner buildings’ could be just what uptown Charlotte needs” *The Charlotte Observer*
2000 “The Manual Craft of Town Planning” *The Town Paper*
“Great, Good Homes for Traditional Villages” *The Town Paper*
1999 “Your Friendly Neighborhood Transit Stop” *The Charlotte Observer*
1998 “If You Want Traditional Don’t Settle for the Hybrid” *The Charlotte Observer*
“Restoring Traditional Neighborhood Development to Center City Charlotte” *Pamphlet*
1997 “The Chautauquans and Progressives in Florida” *The Journal of Decorative and Propaganda Arts*
“Charlotte’s Future Crisis; Learn from America’s New Generation of Fading, Outdated Cities — of Risk Repeating Their Failure” co-author with Andres Duany, *The Charlotte Observer*
In addition: Editorials and quotes are regular features in publications including *The Charlotte Observer*, *Our State Magazine*, and *The Charlotte Business Journal*
1995 “A New Plan for the Central Neighborhood, Cleveland,” *Future Visions of Public Housing International Forum catalogue*, co-author with Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk

Public Art:

“Traditional Neighborhood Chair: American Four Square House” *Chairs on Parade* public art exhibit, McColl Center for the Arts, Charlotte, North Carolina
“Pop-Gothic” Pop Art exhibition, McColl Center for the Arts, with Anne Wise Low
“ Extreme Makeover: Town Edition” *The Chair Affair*, public art exhibit, Seaside Florida

Illustrations and Photography credits:

Huntersville Herald - cover and article illustrations
Architectural Record - photography
Engineering News Record - cover illustration
The New City - illustrations
Realtor Reflections “New Urban Neighborhoods” - cover illustration,
University of Miami School of Architecture Journal - illustrations
New Urban News – diagrams and illustrations
The Town Paper - diagrams
Traditional Neighborhood Home Plans - diagrams
Suburban Nation: The Rise of Sprawl and the Decline of the American Dream, A Better Place to Live, Roanoke Past and Present - diagrams