

STEPHEN C DAVIES | RESUME

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SUMMARY

Public space expert, globally-recognized as a force for the revitalization of communities. Change agent always seeking to advance the field and expand impact. Extensive experience as a consultant, facilitator, educator, researcher and speaker. Unique level of expertise about public markets.

SKILLS

- Public space and public market best practices
- Organizational leadership
- Partnership development
- Project and program management
- Public speaking
- Interactive teaching/learning
- Accomplished writer
- Citizen engagement
- Economic and community development
- Analytical thinker

EXPERIENCE

2018 - Current

Principal

Place Solutions Group, LLC – New York, NY – www.place-solutions.com

- Launched company to refocus on catalytic public space/public market projects that link place with inclusive economies and expand local capacity.
- Led a one-month planning process and design charrette with Hanoi Architects Association to develop innovative ideas for the renovation of the city's neglected wet markets, working with Healthbridge, a Canadian foundation.
- Provide ongoing consulting to Project for Public Spaces for market projects, trainings, and conferences, including Wuhan (China) Placemaking Week in 2018 and the 10th International Public Markets Conference in London (June 6-8, 2019).

1978 - 2018

Co-Founder and Executive Vice President

Project for Public Spaces (PPS) – New York, NY – www.pps.org

- Guided the development of the organization for 40 years as a member of senior leadership team, played a strategic role in building PPS into an organization of remarkable depth and influence.
- Directed a portfolio of over 500 major transformative placemaking projects that have been catalysts for community revitalization in the U.S. and abroad.
- Co-created a new field of "placemaking," taking the concept of "public space" to new levels and applying to downtowns, neighborhoods, transportation facilities and mixed-use development projects.
- Co-created and launched key initiatives at PPS, including its widely-recognized programs in public markets, transportation, and innovation and placemaking that were supported by U.S. federal agencies and major foundations.
- Led PPS's public market program for over 20 years, directing or co-directing seven international conferences; a 3-year, \$3 million grant program funded by The Ford Foundation and The W.K. Kellogg Foundation; a popular biannual training

program; and over 100 market projects, many of which are now national models.

- Expanded the global reach of placemaking as a tool for rebuilding civil society, after the fall of communism in the Czech Republic and in post-conflict Serbia, Montenegro, and Kosovo (Supported by The Rockefeller Brothers Fund).
- Authored and co-authored numerous reports, articles, and books, including *Managing Downtown Public Spaces*, *The Role of Transit in Creating Livable Metropolitan Communities*, *Public Markets as a Vehicle for Social Integration and Upward Mobility*, and *How to Turn a Place Around, Second Edition*.

1977 - 1978

Research Associate

American Institute of Architects Research Corp. – Washington, DC

- Supported data collection to test computer-based simulations of actual building energy consumption and a national training program in energy efficient design.

1976 - 1977

Fellow, John K. Branner Travelling Fellowship in Architecture

College of Environmental Design, University of California, Berkeley, CA

- Conducted research and made site visits to low-rise, high-density housing environments in Western Europe, and laid the foundation for a career in public space.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Masters In Architecture (M. Arch)

College of Environmental Design, University of California, Berkeley – Berkeley, CA

Bachelor of Arts: Art and Environmental Studies (Cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa)

Williams College – Williamstown, MA

OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Riverside Orchestra, New York, NY. Performed as a cellist in over 200 concerts with The Riverside Orchestra and now serve as its general manager. Working with the music director and the orchestra's steering committee, nearly doubled the size of the orchestra and its audience in the past five years. The orchestra is a semi-finalist for The American Prize for Orchestral Performance, community orchestra division.

Davies Community Service Leader Program, Allegheny College, Meadville, PA. Developed and initiated a family program in memory of my father, Lew Davies, Class of 1940, to support student talent to undertake local economic development, arts, education, and social service projects. Since 2004, 215 students have worked with 32 non-profit organizations, building new bridges between "town and gown."

Save the Amp, Chautauqua Institution, NY. Co-founded a campaign to prevent the demolition and replacement of an historic 1893 amphitheater, the centerpiece of a National Historic District. Secured the designation of "The Amp" as one of the National Trust for Historic Preservation's 11 Most Endangered Places in 2015. Mobilized thousands to advocate for an historic preservation solution.

SELECTED PROJECTS AND PROGRAM EXPERIENCE

Publications

- **Managing Downtown Public Spaces** (Project for Public Spaces, 1984)
- **Public Markets and Community Revitalization** (Urban Land Institute & Project for Public Spaces, 1985)
- **Streets for All Users** (New York City Department of City Planning, 1986)
- Multiple Reports for the Transit Cooperative Research Project, Transportation Research Board
 - **The Role of Transit in Creating Livable Metropolitan Communities** (1998)
 - **Transit Friendly Streets: Design and Management Strategies to Support Livable Communities** (1998)
 - **The Role of Transit Amenities and Vehicle Characteristics in Building Transit Ridership** (2000)
- **Public Markets as a Vehicle for Social Integration and Upward Mobility** (Ford Foundation, 2003)
- **How to Turn a Place Around**, Second Edition (Project for Public Spaces, 2018)

Parks, Plaza, and Squares

- BakerRipley Guffton-Sharpstown Campus (BakerRipley formerly Houston Neighborhood Center, Inc.)
- Beacon Park, Detroit (DTE Energy)
- Belle Isle, Detroit (The Kresge Foundation)
- Capitol Park, Grand Army Circus, and Campus Martius Lighter, Quicker, Cheaper Plan, Detroit (Rock Ventures)
- Chinatown Central Plaza, Los Angeles (Community Redevelopment Agency)
- Clinton Square, Syracuse, NY (Metropolitan Development Foundation, City of Syracuse)
- Community Pavilion, Washington, PA (Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation)
- Downtown Flint Public Spaces Renewal Program, Flint, MI (Ruth Mott Foundation)
- Rockefeller Center, New York (Rockefeller Center, Inc.)

Transportation: Streets and Transit Facilities

- Context Sensitive Solutions Training Programs (New Jersey DOT and New York State DOT)
- Delmar Boulevard, St. Louis, MO (Bi-State Development Agency, City of St. Louis, University City)
- Peninsula Corridor Plan, San Mateo County, CA (Multiple funders)
- Raymond Boulevard, Poughkeepsie, NY (Vassar College)
- Rutherford Station Square, Rutherford, NJ (New Jersey Transit)
- Transit Friendly Communities for New Jersey (Federal Transit Administration)

Public Markets

- Catalytic Market projects
 - Newbo City Market, Cedar Rapids (Various)
 - Boston Public Market/Boston Market District (Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, Boston Redevelopment Agency)
 - Flint Farmers Market, Flint, MI (Uptown Development Corporation, Ruth Mott Foundation)
 - Halifax Seaport Farmers Market, Halifax, NS (Port of Halifax)
 - Hub City Farmers Market, Spartanburg, SC (The Mary Black Foundation)
- *Diversifying Farmers Markets and Public Markets*, a 3 year \$3 million grant program in over 40 communities (The Ford Foundation, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation)
- *Farmers Markets as a Strategy to Improve Healthy Food for Low-Income Families and Communities* (research with Columbia University, supported by The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Healthy Eating Research program)
- International Public Market Conferences (1987- present in Seattle, New Orleans, Philadelphia, New York, Washington DC, San Francisco, Cleveland, Barcelona, London)
- Markets and Public Spaces in Detroit
 - Eastern Market Action Plan, Detroit (City of Detroit)
 - Strengthening Neighborhood Markets Project (The Kresge Foundation, The W.K. Kellogg Foundation)
 - Neighborhood Placemaking Grant Program (The Kresge Foundation)

Central Europe and the Balkans Greenways and Public Spaces

- Community Revitalization through Democratic Action, Serbia (Rockefeller Brothers Fund, USAID, Balkan Community Initiatives Fund)
- "Path of Peace" Greenway linking Serbia and Croatia (Rockefeller Brothers Fund)
- Rebuilding Czech Civil Society through Public Spaces (Rockefeller Brothers Fund, German Marshall Fund)