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Final Three Members of Springfield's Sustainable Design Assessment Team (SDAT) Announced *Visit May 7-9 to Listen and Recommend*

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS – Three men and three women from around the country will join Team Leader Jane Jenkins for Springfield's Sustainable Design Assessment Team (SDAT) taking place May 7-9, 2012.

The public is invited to attend two SDAT events at the Hoogland Center for the Arts: on Monday, May 7, the Team is hosting a Town Hall Meeting at 6 pm to gather input for a community vision of downtown; and on Wednesday, May 9, the Team will present their recommendations at 6:30 pm at the Hoogland.

The three final members announced by the American Institute of Architects (AIA) are:

LAND USE AND PLANNING—John Shields, FAIA

Mr. Shields is the President and Founder of ShieldsDesign LLC, as well as a co-founder and former principal of ICON architecture, Inc. Mr. Shields has over 30 years experience in planning, urban design, and architectural design for historic sites, consumer environments, and mixed-use and residential developments around the world. His work includes a broad range of downtown, neighborhood, and waterfront revitalization planning and design projects. A multiple-award winner for his plans, Mr. Shields has served as a studio critic at nearly all of Boston's architectural teaching institutions and has lectured at several heritage conferences across the nation. He serves on the board of Directors of the Bostonian Society, where he co-chairs the Facility Committee overseeing the preservation and enhancement of the Old State House, the oldest public building in Boston. Mr. Shields also heads the Second Century Vision Plan for Boston's Charles River Esplanade.

- Co-Chairs:
- Charles Joseph Pell, AIA
- Lisa Clemmons Stott
- Alex Block, AIA, LEED AP
- Bruce Ferry, AIA
- Todd Higginbotham, AIA, LEED AP
- Paul O'Shea, FAIA
- T. David Parker, AIA
- John Shafer, AIA, LEED AP
- Greg Swanson, AIA, LEED AP
- Paul Wheeler, AIA, LEED AP
- Diane Beauchamp
- Michael Boer
- Steve Combs
- Cindy Davis, LEED AP
- Nancy Evans
- Mike Farmer
- Ann Ford
- Michael Higgins
- Wes King
- Jim Kuhar
- Melody LaMar
- Sue Massie
- Brian McFadden
- Steve Myers
- Jackie Newman
- Carolyn Oxtoby
- Howard Peters
- Sarah Phalen
- Mike Rapps
- Diane Reinhart
- Victoria Ringer
- Dan Sale
- Norm Sims
- Scott Troehler
- Michael Waldinger



SUSTAINABILITY/GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE—Matt Raimi, AICP, LEED AP

The founder of Raimi + Associates, Mr. Raimi has directed numerous comprehensive plans, open space plans, and site planning projects, with a focus on creating more livable and sustainable cities. He has spoken extensively on applying the principles of new urbanism to comprehensive plans, incorporating public health concerns into the planning process, and promoting sustainable development at the local level. He has assisted with development of the LEED for Neighborhood Development Rating System and Reference Guide as a sub-consultant to the U.S. Green Building Council; has overseen multiple LEED-ND certifications; and is LEED-ND Faculty with USGBC. Mr. Raimi is the co-author of a seminal book on smart growth and the impact of sprawl titled *Once There Were Greenfields: How Urban Sprawl is Undermining America's Environment, Economy and Social Fabric*.

PUBLIC/DEVELOPMENT FINANCE—Jason Claunch

Mr. Claunch is president of Catalyst, a retail consulting and recruiting firm based in Dallas, Texas, with a wealth of experience handling national accounts. Mr. Claunch has consummated over 1 million square feet of leases and closed over 190 raw land transactions. He is experienced with the full lifecycle of real estate including initial market strategy, planning, entitlements, due diligence, design, vertical development and disposition using his extensive relationships with owners, developers, vendors, end users, and the brokerage community. Prior to Catalyst Commercial, Mr. Claunch directed Billingsley's retail division, consisting of over 4,000 acres of raw land and portfolio value of over \$1 billion. Prior to that, he was a partner of a Dallas-based development company and was responsible for site/market planning, acquisition and development of projects for national tenants. As a national accounts broker in Dallas, he exclusively represented national accounts such as Wachovia Bank, Valvoline, Taco Bueno, CVS Pharmacy, and Walgreens.

Team Leader Jane Jenkins, CEO of Downtown Oklahoma City, made a preliminary visit in January to follow up on Springfield's SDAT application, viewable online [here](#). The first three team members she recruited were announced in March: TRANSPORTATION—Seleta Reynolds, AICP, San Francisco, CA; URBAN DESIGN—Catherine Benotto, AIA, ASLA, LEED AP, Seattle, WA; and DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT—Eve Picker, Pittsburgh, PA.

For complete biographies on Springfield's team, and to stay updated on SDAT activities, please visit www.SDATSpringfield.com or friend www.facebook.com/SDATSpringfield.

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