



**GARY SCHMIDT, RLA, AICP**  
Landscape Architecture  
Master Planning

**TECHNICAL SKILLS**

- Land Planning – Urban, Residential, Commercial
- Project Management
- Land Feasibility Studies
- Stormwater Design and Management
- Park and Trail Planning

**REGISTRATION**

- Landscape Architect-Ohio
- American Institute of Certified Planners

**EDUCATION**

- Landscape Architect – The Ohio State University
- Master in Design Studies, Real Estate Development – Harvard Graduate School of Design

**AFFILIATIONS**

- American Planning Association
- BIA of Central Ohio
- Columbus Metropolitan Club
- Columbus Outdoor Pursuits
- Consider Biking
- Adventure Cycling
- Rails to Trails Conservancy

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

- “Port Clinton Marina & Waterworks Plan”, OCASLA 2008 Merit Award
- “Burr Oak – Sustainability”, OSCASLA 2005 Special Recognition Award
- Ohio Planning Conference (OPC): “The Village at Galloway Ridge” – 2004 winner

**SELECTED PROJECT EXPERIENCE**

Mr. Schmidt is a results-driven design professional with over 30 years of proven success as a Landscape Architect and Land Planner. He has successfully created development plans and design standards for sites ranging from 10 to 5000 acres. Outstanding in public relations, he presents Development Plans to communities in a manner that balances private and public goals and ideals and that reduces or eliminates community opposition to development. Gary is an informed researcher and analyst who excels at assessing the feasibility of a client's program for a piece of land with special consideration of the land's unique physical and political constraints. A registered landscape architect and certified planner, Gary's knowledge of large-scale site design and urban design is extensive. His passion for sustainable design patterns in the landscape and his understanding of the complex relationships between design, preservation and land economics are apparent throughout his diverse body of work.

**Parsons Avenue Vision Plan, Columbus, OH** - A consortium of Southside community groups challenged the City of Columbus to make a concerted effort to stimulate economic revitalization of the Parsons Avenue corridor and deal with persistent problems of crime and property neglect. We provided critical analysis of existing conditions, leadership at community forums to gather input, and created build-out scenarios for Priority Invest Locations along the corridor. Final product included a web site, PowerPoint presentation, summary booklet and a multi-media presentation used by Councilpersons Mary Jo Hudson and Patsy Thomas and the Coleman Administration at the press release.

**Golf Village, Powell, OH**

At over 920 acres, this Liberty Township development represents the largest master-planned community in Northwest Franklin County. The community features a 7,150 yard, 18-hole, Arthur Hills signature golf course. The master plan includes retail centers, office sites, condominiums and residential lots of various sizes within this mixed -use development. The plan includes the extension of 3 miles of Sawmill Parkway. The Village of Powell desired a rural landscaped parkway. This was achieved through a gentle, curvilinear road with generous setbacks, minimal curb cuts, fencing and clustered landscaping. A pedestrian bridge for the golf course becomes a significant feature, adding texture, color and visual interest.

**Village at Galloway Ridge, Columbus, OH** - Traditional Neighborhood Design (TND) has enhanced the quality of life in many neighborhoods throughout the nation for over a decade. During this time however, TND has been geared to serve primarily the upper-middle class housing market. The entry-level housing market has experienced limited TND, despite the desires of public officials and planners to create them. With The Village at Galloway Ridge, the gap between public and private sector is bridged and a precedent was set that TND developments at entry-level price points are feasible and can be accomplished with careful planning.  
*Ohio Planning Conference Award Winner*

**Grandview Yard Mixed Use Code, Grandview Heights, OH** - Nationwide Realty Advisors purchased approximately 100 acres of industrial land between Goodale and Third Street that was formerly owned by Big Bear stores. A master plan was developed for Grandview Yard, a combination of office, retail and residential uses, and construction for the first phase began in 2010. The City of Grandview Heights engaged the urban design team to create a new Mixed Use zoning district for the entire site to create predictability for the community and so that the developer would not need to re-zone each phase from its industrial zoning. A secondary goal of the Code was to provide the Planning Commission with a design review guideline by which to more objectively evaluate future development phases.