

Tony Slanec Principal, Director of Columbus

Education

- Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture, The Ohio State University, 1999
- Minor, City & Regional Planning, The Ohio State University, 1999
- Graduate of the Mike Lin Graphic Workshop, Manhattan, Kansas

Experience

With OHM since 2004 5 years prior experience

Professional Affiliations

- Downtown Commission 2019-Present
- Columbus City Schools Report Card Committee
- Short North Alliance Board of Directors, 2017present
- Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (COG) Board of Directors, 2017-present
- The Ohio State University

 Knowlton School of Architecture, Auxiliary Professor, 2009-present
- American Planning Association
- Urban Land Institute (ULI), Columbus Chapter
- Parsons Avenue Redevelopment Corporation (PARC), 2015-2018

Presentations

- "Fusion Planning: Creative Asset Management, and Progressive Economic Development Policy", Michigan Association of Planning Annual Conference, 2013
- "Redefining the Ashtabula Harbor District", Heritage Ohio Annual Conference, 2011
- "Sustainable Suburbs", Michigan Association of Planning Annual Conference, 2010

Background

With over 20 years of professional experience, Tony's goal is to enhance communities through high-quality urban design. Providing leadership on a variety of planning/design projects, his involvement includes conceptual design, client and consultant management, public involvement, document/plan oversight, and budgeting. As an urban designer, he believes that design is a participatory process which brings citizens, economists, engineers, architects, developers, policy makers, government officials, and builders together to create humane and appropriate designs that are sustainable. He builds on the character and positive qualities inherent to each place. By working at many scales, he weaves the design of individual buildings; the public spaces they help create; the neighborhoods, towns, and cities of which they are a part; and the regional culture they celebrate into a vital urban tapestry. Tony's creative talents and professional drive push past standard solutions to achieve a higher level of design that addresses project function and respects construction budget. His commitment to the community visioning process and sustainable development is the cornerstone of his personal and professional goal which translates to an intense interest in the built environment. Prior to joining the firm, Tony worked as an Urban Designer for NBBJ Inc. and MKSK in Columbus, Ohio.

Relevant Experience

COTA Cleveland Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (CMAX), Columbus, OH

Principal in Charge/Project Manager; Tony is leading OHM's involvement, which includes station design, streetscape design, and design for two park and ride facilities for the 15.6 mile long Bus Rapid Transit operating along Cleveland Avenue from downtown Columbus to Westerville, Ohio. Improving transportation services along this corridor is an integral part of Central Ohio's long-term vision for growth. It is important that the community, and especially the neighborhoods potentially impacted, feel ownership in the story and outcome of the Cleveland Avenue BRT project. The degree of diversity that exists along this corridor requires targeted messaging, neighborhood ownership and sensitivity to businesses, existing and potential riders along the corridor. Our team is providing public outreach, architecture, site engineering, structural engineering, planning, and landscape architecture.

Third Street PE Study, Columbus (German Village), OH

Principal in Charge/Project Manager; Tony is leading a comprehensive study of the Third Street Corridor in historic German Village. The design and engineering study considers everything from enhancements to streetscape and lighting, way finding, traffic calming, stormwater management and utility relocation. "The Village" is known for its walkable brick streets, mid-19th century homes, involved citizens and unique businesses.

Bicentennial Bikeways Plan - Spring and Long Multi-Modal Street Conversion, Columbus, OH

Principal in Charge for the conversion of Spring and Long streets to a safe east-west bicycle route for cyclists in Downtown Columbus. The project presented several unique challenges including maintaining the existing capacity and parking in the project area. The proposed solution includes changes to Spring and Long (one-way streets with an existing 4-lane section) including a road diet that allows for a dedicated a bike lane and on-street parking.



Bicentenial Bikeways Task Order, Columbus, OH

Principal in Charge; This task order is being used to advance the implementation of the Bicentennial Bikeway Plan. Tasks have included on street bikeway striping plans for bike lanes, sharrows, and bike boulevards. This project was a quick to construct project and included a large retaining wall, removal of private owner items from the ROW, drainage modifications, guardrail relocation, new curb ramps, relocation of street lighting and survey services. Later tasks included beacon crossings, road diet analysis and public involvement including the neighborhood commissions.

Blueprint 2015 Yale/Edwin Integrated Solutions Project

Principal in Charge of the Yale/Edwin area for the City of Columbus Blueprint Integrated Solutions project. Blueprint Columbus is an initiative to reduce sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) by mitigating inflow and infiltration through lateral lining, sump pump installation, and rooftop downspout redirection to green infrastructure. The project includes private property investigations, existing conditions evaluation, and downspout redirection recommendations, as well as, green infrastructures siting, alternatives analysis, modeling and design.

Refugee Road Pedestrian Improvements and Shared-Use Path, City of Columbus, OH

Principal in Charge for the development of design alternatives to add pedestrian facilities including a sidewalk and shared-use path along Refugee Road between Winchester Pike and Hamilton Road. This project required interagency coordination with MORPC and ODOT and had to meet the stormwater requirements for the City of Columbus.

Detroit Airport Visioning, Wayne County Airport Authority, Romulus, MI

Lead Urban Designer; Tony led the Wayne County Airport Authority through a visioning process to develop placemaking strategies for the Detroit Metropolitan Airport. Responsibilities include engaging leaders through a consensus building and prioritization process to outline future investments and phased improvements. This process includes investigating and making recommendations on the functionality of the airport, operational constraints, facility needs, and potential for expansion. Our teams approach includes thorough data analysis, first-hand user evaluation, and a deep-dive into the aspirations of facility leaders to ensure that the placemaking recommendations are innovative and feasible.

Newark Downtown Streetscape Newark, OH

Principal in Charge; Tony led the planning and design process to create a downtown streetscape and transportation improvement plan for the City of Newark. The purpose of the project was to create a vision and plan for the future of Downtown Newark, with a focus on streetscaping, wayfinding, and enhancing the existing transportation network. Through this effort the goal was to improve the image and brand of the Downtown, and in turn the overall economic competitiveness of the area. The resulting solution included complete roadway network reconfiguration and streetscape enhancements including wider sidewalks, crosswalk articulation, plantings, gateways, and engineering of four roundabouts at the corners of the town square.

Green Central Park, Green, OH

Principal in Charge; Tony led the planning and design process for this \$5 million signature community park. Our team worked a steering committee for nine months to

- "Strategies for Urban Redevelopment - Broader than Buildings", Heritage Ohio Annual Conference, 2010
- "Urban Parks...Catalysts for Downtown Revitalization", Ohio Parks & Recreation Association Conference, 2009
- "Port Clinton Marina and Waterworks Park: Creating Synergy and Economic Value through Place Making", Ohio Chapter American Society of Landscape Architects, 2008
- "Creekside After Construction: The Conductor for Cohesive Downtown Redevelopment", Ohio Kentucky Indiana (OKI) Regional Conference, 2008
- "Creekside: Market-Based Solutions to Downtown Redevelopment", Indiana Planning Conference, 2007



develop a program for the park and build buy-in and consensus. The new 10-acre park offers abundant amenities for residents and visitors to enjoy including a multi-function community center, concessions operation, and amphitheater with a covered stage area, walking trails, farmers' market plaza, playgrounds, and a splash pad.

Arlington Avenue Streetscape Improvements Ph IIa & IIb, Upper Arlington, OH

Urban Designer/Project Manager; provided client and consultant management, site design, landscape architecture, documentation oversight, and construction administration services for this phased project in conjunction with engineers EP Ferris & Associates, Inc. The project included study of three designated areas and provision of streetscape plans for each study area. Pedestrian zones were identified, and aesthetic treatments will be recommended for trees, plantings, pavement applications, and site furnishings.

Hilliard's Station Park, Hilliard, OH

Urban Designer/Project Manager; responsible for site design, materials selection, budgeting, project management, and document oversight for this project; which was identified as Phase III of a multi-phased revitalization within the commercial core of Hilliard. This project located at the trailhead of the seven-mile Heritage Trail will act as a catalyst for destination visits to the downtown, providing space for programmed events and community gatherings. The project includes an urban spray park (+/- 10,000 sq. ft.) and a multi-functional shelter and entertainment venue. The entire park has been designed using sustainable practices and materials. A grant obtained through SWACO (Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio) will pay for construction materials. Energyefficient LED lighting is used throughout the park as well.

Hilliard First Responders Park, Hilliard, OH

Urban Designer/Project Manager; responsible for the creation of this 'urban' park project memorializing Hilliard's Sept 11th First Responders Unit. The design blends private contemplative spaces with open public event space. A large polished platform in a reflecting pool within the plaza features a sculpture designed by a local artist.

BriHi Square, Dublin, OH

Urban Designer/Project Manager; provided site design and landscape architecture services for the outdoor public plaza component of this mixed-use development in Historic Dublin. The lively plaza with waterwall and integrated stone seating anchors the square and provides flexible public space for outdoor activities including concerts, festivals, and dining. The project is a public-private venture consisting of 28,000 sq. ft. of office, retail and restaurant space.

Central City Parkway Corridor Master Plan, Westland, MI

Lead Urban Designer; provided public space and urban design services to fulfill a recently completed community master plan that accommodates a highly diverse program of activities in Westland. The master plan identified a future City Hall site and a strategy to convert a former big-box format Circuit City into a state of the art City Hall and Community Center, carved out a site that includes a Farmers Market Plaza, performance stage and 'great lawn' community meeting/event facility, restrooms/concessions, outdoor seating/café space, arbor/trellis 'swing' benches, children's 'hidden' garden, and a wetland interpretive area. This transformational project results from months of



planning and community engagement and will transform the grassy area into the 'cultural hub' of the Westland Community. The Central City Farmer's Market is considered a nodal element on a much grander plan of tying together a large commercial district to the north to the Civic District thereby creating a linear park called 'The Mile'. 'The Mile' is an aggressive plan underway to shrink Central City Parkway and shift the road to open up green space, multi-use paths, and bike lanes for a multi-modal linear park application. The Westland Library, Westland Central City Farmer's Market, City Hall, Tattan Park, community gardens, dog parks, and open space will line this multimodal transit line.

Springfield One-way Conversion, Springfield OH

Principal in Charge of converting four downtown arterials from one-way to two-way traffic flow. This project utilized a comprehensive approach to studying the conversion including looking at the economic impacts of the conversion, and a complete streets approach to the alternatives development including enhanced pedestrian and bikeway facilities. Specific design elements considered as part of this project were bike lanes, shared lanes, bike boulevards and designated bike routes utilizing alleys and other types of non-traditional biking facilities. The planning and public input process for this study followed the ODOT PDP planning process.

COTA Park and Rides, Central Ohio Transit Authority, Canal Winchester, New Albany, and Grove City, OH

Principal in charge; provided project management for site and landscape design of three Park and Ride facilities. OHM's involvement included preparation of entitlement documents, presentation materials for use in public presentations, construction observation, and submittal reviews.

Canton Economic Development and Strategic Marketing Handbook, Canton Township, MI

As Project Manager, Tony led our planning team in the creation of a market based strategic development plan. The goal of this plan is to attract and guide future private investment in two primary commercial corridors in the community including Ford Road, home of IKEA. The final product is a sleek economic development tool that is intended to attract and guide private sector investment. The document, informed by a complete market assessment study, identifies market opportunities, outlines the potential development areas within the community, and includes capacity studies for each potential development area that were designed to accommodate the target users identified in the market study. In essence, the document serves as the "front-end" for future development deals for the targeted sites and communicates that Canton is open for business to the private sector.

IGS Energy, Dublin, OH

Urban Designer/Project Manager; provided oversight for the site planning, signage, and plaza design of this two-building campus on 16 acres. Trees and natural areas were protected in the master plan to lessen the ecological impact of the campus and pedestrian connections were made between the built and natural environments. Our team worked with the city of Dublin to complete the Rezoning Submission Package to allow for development of future campuses.

Cardinal Health Phase IIA, Dublin, OH



Urban Designer/Project Manager; provided design services and oversaw the completion of the Final Development Plans and Construction Documents for Cardinal's Phase IIA expansion (on a 31.5 acre site). The design incorporates a large central bioswale within the parking lot to catch sheet flow and direct water through a naturalized planted system. The site contains pedestrian paths that connect to the larger public network, a naturalized pond, and outdoor patios with water features. The Phase IIA building, designed to achieve LEED certification, was completed in 2009.

of a pedestrian-focused environment, was recognized for its innovative design of a retaining wall application in a commercial setting.

Past Experience

*Medical University of South Carolina Master Plan 2003, Charleston, SC

Master Planning of a 4 city block medical facility including building site design, streetscape design, main entry design, programming and phasing plans for future growth, and overall vehicular and pedestrian circulation plans. The Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) has embarked on a phased facilities expansion to meet demandcurrently at nearly 90 percent occupancy-and ensure that it maintains its high standard of care. The Ashley River Tower is the first phase of a 10-year master replacement plan. It includes a state-of-the-art Heart and Digestive disease hospital in addition to a new seven-story bed tower. Designed to be the economic engine that funds the ongoing future replacement phases, the design features efficient functional planning to accommodate long-term future expansion strategies.

*Four Season Resort, Nevis, West Indies

Project Manager/Landscape Designer; responsible for master planning, landscape design and field direction of the Four Seasons along Mt. Nevis after Hurricane Lenny leveled much of the five-star resort. Redesigned and orchestrated reconstruction of garden villas, pools/spas, tennis court campus and other site amenities that make this the resort #1 in the Caribbean (according to Travel + Leisure Magazine).

*The Ohio State University Shisler Courtyard OSU-OARDC, Wooster, OH Project # 315-2002-903

Design and construction administration of a public event courtyard between the Arden Shisler Center and Library at OSU/ATI. The courtyard provides an outdoor dining terrace, smoking area, garden space and an event lawn sized to house garden tents for outdoor ceremonies and receptions. Unique to the design is a prominent wall fountain and trellis system which screens existing building mechanical systems, enhances the overall courtyard, and unites the different architectural styles of the two buildings.

*The Ohio State University Oval Renovation 2001, Columbus, OH Project # 315-2000-929

Study and design of the irrigation for the Oval. Study included the feasibility of pumping water from the Olentangy River and cost comparisons in utilizing City of Columbus water. Centrally located within the open space of The Ohio State University Campus, the Oval is integral to the University's identity and its daily life. The recent reintroduction of commencement ceremonies to the Oval has reinforced this role on campus. The proposal addresses both the historic character of the Oval and the contemporary needs of the campus. In response to the historic Oval, a unified green



space enclosed by buildings, the design focuses on creating flowing space. Paths rest within the landscape and vegetation is carefully placed so that it will act as a filter and not interrupt the ground plane. Sight lines to the perimeter buildings from the center of the Oval are restored, and a more direct relationship is created between the buildings and the Oval through the minimization of foundation plantings and plazas. The materials chosen for the Oval are simple, durable, low-cost, and timeless. This emphasizes spatial qualities rather than drawing attention to the site paving and furnishings. The design also addresses programmatic concerns. Circulation is accommodated simply and unobtrusively by minimizing parking in the area and weaving pathways for bicycles and service vehicles into the existing fabric. The Oval is recognized as a designated area where bicyclists and drivers should proceed with care and defer to pedestrians. The renovation necessitated the establishment of an "Oval Manager" to oversee the activities, vehicular access, and maintenance of the Oval, in order to ensure the Ovals' continued protection and long term beauty.

*Ohio University East River Gateway Plan 2002, Athens, OH

Gateway design at Stimson Ave. and parking and circulation study for the entire campus. The team created preliminary concept plans, elevations and character sketches each to a fixed dollar amount to ensure the university had a full understanding of the costs associated with gateway designs. The adopted River Corridor Gateway takes elements from the upper campus collegiate architecture and lower campus agrarian context to define the entrance to Ohio University.

*Muskingum College: Caldwell Hall, Communication Arts & Theater Building 2002, New Concord, OH

Master planned Theatre and Arts Complex which included site planning, programming, integration of campus parking into steep grade topography and the renovation of existing fountain court at ceremonial entryway. The building includes a 250-seat flexible theater, theater support space, television and radio studios, TV and radio support space, a speech classroom, and seminar rooms. The site rolls down a four-story drop in grade to the west and incorporates entrances and lobbies on multiple levels. The architecture of the building carefully fits in with the character of the adjacent 80-year-old Montgomery and Cambridge Halls while incorporating 21st Century technologies. The project also includes a 300-car parking lot to provide ample parking for theater events and improve parking for the campus as a whole. Other site services included lighting design and recommendations for the renovation of the existing fountain court and ceremonial campus entry.

*Bowling Green State University Campus Master Plan 2004, Bowling Green, OH

The Bowling Green State University Comprehensive Master Plan is the result of an eighteen-month intensive process with a broad range of University constituents. The master plan for the entire campus includes Design Guidelines, Component Plans, Space Utilization and Implementation.

The general phases of the study included:

- Grounding: an intensive period of interviews, observation, and research to gain a comprehensive understanding of the University and its surroundings
- Exploration: developing, in words and concepts, broad planning principles and goals in response to University issues and needs



- Alternative Ideas: the formulation of physical planning and design concepts, tested against planning principles and goals, in meeting identified campus program and enhancement needs.
- Finalization: the refinement and adoption of a comprehensive, unified set of ideas that comprise the master plan

These steps were undertaken in concert with a Master Plan Advisory Task Force, which provided input and evaluation of each step of the study process, and a series of specifically created task forces to more specifically address focused campus planning issues: real Estate task force, Student Life task force, and capital Planning task force.

*OSU-ATI Secrest Arboretum Master Plan, 2002

The Secrest Arboretum is an outdoor research laboratory and display garden generating knowledge to advance and communicate the understanding, use and enjoyment of plants for people of the Great Lakes Region. Linking people of all walks of life with plans through research, exhibits and programs that span the world of science consistent with the land-grant message: an improved quality of life for everyone. Striving to stay fresh and contemporary, appealing to diverse audiences and various tastes and preferences OARDC commissioned to plan and implement a 10 year vision.

*Work completed while at other firms.