

# Community Design Program Committee

The Community Design Program (CDP) assists communities by providing an open and public decision-making process that brings civic groups, elected officials, and concerned citizens together with design professionals to visualize solutions for community betterment. These groups come together for a charrette based on the project scope agreed upon between the Iowa Architectural Foundation and the individual community.

There are multiple volunteer opportunities within the Community Design Program. Volunteers can serve on the committee or pick-and-choose to be involved with a CDP that works with their schedule. We welcome your interest, input and contribution.

**What:** An opportunity to assist communities with a variety of betterment projects centering on design issues, including downtown revitalization, wayfinding, signage and gateways. CDPs are conducted when contracts are agreed upon.

**When:** This varies, based on when applications are received and approved.

## **Volunteer Opportunities:**

**Committee Member:** Serve on the CDP committee, assist in evaluating project applications, promote and market the program across the state.

**Charrette Team Leader:** Lead charrette and assign tasks to team members as needed.

**Time Commitment:** Charrettes are generally 2 ½ days, and may involve some overnight travel. Food and lodging for IAF volunteers are covered by the community. In addition to the time spent at the CDP, participants may need to do some preparation, such as photography, gathering materials for the CDP, planning, and some follow up, such as drawings, Photoshop or attend a presentation.

## **Desired Backgrounds and Skills:**

Licensed Architects

Intern Architects

Landscape Architects

Intern Landscape Architects

Community Planners

Economic Development

Graphic Design

College Students in Architecture, Landscape Architecture, or Design Fields

Experience with Sketch-Up and PowerPoint

**Get Involved:** Contact IAF Executive Director ([director@iowaarchfoundation.org](mailto:director@iowaarchfoundation.org)) or Co-Chairs, Edd Soenke, AIA ([tdpusa12@aol.com](mailto:tdpusa12@aol.com)) and Ric D'Amico ([rjdamico@gmail.com](mailto:rjdamico@gmail.com))