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CALL FOR PROPOSALS: 2015 Midwest Urban Design Charrette

Kent State University's Cleveland Urban Design Collaborative (CUDC), the home of the KSU College of Architecture and Environmental Design's graduate program in urban design and architecture, issues a CALL FOR PROPOSALS to communities throughout Northeast Ohio in need of urban design assistance.

The CUDC is seeking a community partner from an Ohio city, suburb, town, or neighborhood facing a unique urban design or planning challenge and in need of fresh ideas and perspectives to host our 2015 Urban Design Charrette.

The CUDC and our two partner urban design schools – Lawrence Technological University's College of Architecture and Design in Detroit, MI; and Ball State University's Urban Design Center in Indianapolis, IN – will bring graduate students in urban design & architecture to the selected partner community for a 3-4 day intensive workshop charrette. The Midwest Urban Design Charrette, as our three schools call the partnership, has been conducted for four consecutive years, traveling to Detroit, MI in 2014, Indianapolis, IN in 2012 and 2013, and Cleveland, OH in 2011.

The ideal community partner will be a municipality or other vested stakeholder with the ability to engage local community stakeholders and potentially realize some of the final design recommendations. The partner will also be responsible for basic food and lodging for approximately 30 students and staff over the 3-4 day Charrette period. The CUDC, LTU, & BSU team will bring staff, supplies, and expertise.

The Midwest Urban Design Charrette is a unique and rewarding experience for students, who get an opportunity to face real-life design challenges and propose solutions, and for cities, who receive a wide range of design and planning ideas in a short and intense period of time. We welcome the chance to bring our partner schools to Northeastern Ohio in the fall of 2015 and hope to hear from cities, towns, suburbs, and neighborhoods equally excited about this opportunity.

SUBMISSION:

If you'd like your community to be considered for this year's charrette, please send a proposal of no more than two pages, including:

- Brief overview of your city, town, or neighborhood;
- Design challenges, opportunities, and issues you'd like the charrette team to address;
- Description of charrette site or neighborhood, including any unique information or specific characteristics.
- Map of site, or written description of site boundaries.

TIMELINE:

The 2015 Charrette will be held in October; the specific dates will be coordinated with the host community. Please submit your proposal to the CUDC by **April 15th, 2015** in order for us to review and select by the beginning of May. This will allow time to plan curriculum and coordinate logistics.

Proposals can either be submitted electronically to kzeiber@kent.edu with “2015 Charrette” in the subject line, or mailed to 1309 Euclid Ave Suite #200, Cleveland, OH 44109.

DELIVERABLES:

Students and staff will produce a series of analytical drawings, diagrams, renderings, design guidelines, and other relevant planning & urban design graphics, to be presented to the community partner at the end of the Charrette period. Following the Charrette, CUDC staff will assemble the design proposals into a final report and presentation to be delivered to the community partner no later than the end of 2015. Examples of previous CUDC charrette reports can be found here: <https://www.scribd.com/collections/13114661/Charrette-Reports>