



Robert J. Gibbs, AICP, ASLA

Robert Gibbs is considered one of the foremost urban retail planners in America. For more than two decades, his expertise has been sought by some of the most respected mayors, renowned architects, and successful real-estate developers in the country. Profiled in *The New York Times* and *The Atlantic*, Gibbs is said, “to have a sensibility unlike anything possessed by the urban planners who usually design downtown-renewal efforts.” He is also a founder and recognized leader in the Congress for the New Urbanism, having pioneered the implementation of its sustainable principles of Traditional Town Planning as an antidote to suburban sprawl.

Gibbs was recently voted one of the Top 100 Urban Thinkers of the Twentieth Century by Planetizen. In 2012, he was honored by the Clinton Presidential Library for his life’s contributions to urban planning and development and by the City of Auckland, New Zealand for his planning innovations.

For the past 20 years, Gibbs has taught “Urban Retail Planning” at the Harvard Graduate School of Design Executive Education program. He has been active in developing innovative methods for applying traditional urban planning principles to more than 500 new town centers, cities and universities across the Americas and Pacific Rim. Gibbs lectures frequently throughout the country, is the author of *Principles of Urban Retail Planning* and has contributed to numerous books and publications.

Cities that Gibbs has consulted in include: Alexandria, Auckland, Cambridge, Charleston, Houston, Milwaukee, Naples, Panama, Portland, Santa Cruz, Sarasota, Sydney, Seattle, Toronto and Wasilla, Alaska. His consulting for New Urbanist developments has included the new towns of Howell, Kentlands, Macomb and Rosemary Beach. Leading universities, such as Brown, Johns Hopkins, Michigan, Ohio State and Pennsylvania have also retained his services. Gibbs’s corporate clientele has included Electronic Data Systems, Florida Hospital, General Motors, The Walt Disney Company and Taubman Centers. Charleston’s Mayor Riley stated, “*The Gibbs plan has served as the bible for the downtown’s revitalization*”.

Gibbs founded Gibbs Planning Group in 1988 and serves as GPG’s president and as such supervises all operations, planning and research.

Gibbs holds a Bachelors of Arts from Oakland University and a Master’s degree in Landscape Architecture from the University of Michigan. Gibbs is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and the American Society of Landscape Architects.