
Christopher Lankenau, AICP

Principal



EDUCATION

University of Vermont

Bachelor's in Geography

Michigan State University

Master's in Urban and Regional Planning

MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

American Planning Association

American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP)

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Christopher Lankenau, AICP, is a planner and economic development consultant with 25 years of professional experience. Since joining Urban Partners in 2006, Chris has managed a variety of projects ranging in scale from single sites to large master plans on behalf of municipalities, community development corporations, and non-profit organizations in several states. His current work focuses on community revitalization and economic development in both commercial and residential areas, including real estate market analysis, demographic analysis, and fiscal impact analysis, as well as economic feasibility analysis for adaptive use and new development projects. Chris also has experience in community outreach, transportation planning, and land use planning.

Prior to joining Urban Partners, Chris was a Senior Associate at the Pennsylvania Economy League, where he focused on community revitalization in Southeastern Pennsylvania's older core communities. Chris also has significant planning experience as a consultant with the Philadelphia firm of Kise Straw & Kolodner (now KSK Architects, Planners and Historians), where he managed a variety of planning projects with a particular focus on commercial district and community revitalization. Previously, Chris also held staff positions with county planning agencies, serving as planner for the Montgomery County Planning Commission (PA), as well as the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

HIGHLIGHTS OF RELEVANT PROJECT EXPERIENCE:

Market Research/Feasibility Analysis

- Market Analysis for Downtown Erie (Erie, PA)
- Garrett Williamson Foundation Master Plan (Newtown Square, PA)
- Johnstown Train Station Reuse Study (Johnstown, PA)
- New Granada Theater Reuse Plan (Pittsburgh, PA)

Neighborhood Planning

- Old City 2026 (Philadelphia, PA)
- Our West Bayfront Neighborhood Plan (Erie, PA)
- Mt. Washington Neighborhood Housing Plan (Pittsburgh, PA)
- Society Hill Neighborhood Plan (Philadelphia, PA)
- East End Partnership Economic Development Strategy (Pittsburgh, PA)

Commercial District/Downtown Revitalization

- Hagerstown City Center Plan (Hagerstown, MD)
- Downtown Erie Master Plan (Erie, PA)
- Asbury Park Main Street Redevelopment Plan (Asbury Park, NJ)
- Arts & Entertainment District Plan (Glassboro, NJ)