

DONALD POWERS

AIA, LEED AP, CNU
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Donald W. Powers has over 23 years of experience in all aspects of architectural practice. His completed work includes urban and town planning, commercial and institutional buildings, affordable housing, historic restoration of landmark buildings and single-family residences. In recent years his work has concentrated on integrated, mixed-use planning and architectural design with the goal of creating truly diverse and vibrant neighborhoods. A 13 year association with the Congress for the New Urbanism and frequent collaboration with some of the best firms in the country doing traditional urban design (including the noted firm of Duany Plater-Zyberk) has brought an expertise in the technique and art of creating livable communities and cherished places. Donald has a single minded vision to restore communities and save the world from sprawl.

REGISTRATIONS

Registered Architect: Licensed in Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts, and Vermont. LEED AP.

EDUCATION

Harvard University, Graduate School Of Design - Cambridge, MA
Masters in Architecture

University Of Virginia, School Of Architecture - Charlottesville, VA
Bachelors of Science in Architecture
Awarded Annual Design Prize

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

- 2000 - Present **Union Studio (Formerly Donald Powers Architects)**
Providence, RI
Principal & Founder
- 1993 - 1998 **Graham Gund Architects - Cambridge, MA**
Project Architect/Designer
- 1992 - 1993 **Kyu Sung Woo Architects - Cambridge, MA**
Architectural Designer
- 1987 - 1989 **Cooper Robertson + Partners - New York, NY**
Architectural Intern/Designer



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AFFILIATIONS

Grow Smart Rhode Island - *Board of Directors*

Congress for New the New Urbanism (CNU) - *Member*

CNU | New England Chapter - *Board of Directors*

Institute for Classical Architecture | New England Chapter - *Founding Board Member*

City of Providence Zoning Commission, Subcommittee for Form Based Zoning - *Committee Chairman*

CNU IX Providence (held in June of 2006) - *Executive Committee & Program Co-Chair*

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Innovating Community Design and Mass Market Housing - and - Deconstructing the Mass Appeal and Continued Relevance of Traditional Architecture

Presented at Residential Architect magazine's *Reinvention 2012*

The Real Deal: Implemented Incremental Urbanism

Presented at CNU 20, 2012

Cottage Housing & Innovative Zoning

Presented at the 6th Annual Massachusetts Housing Institute

Principles of Compact Cottage Court Development

Presented at Build Boston 2011

Utopias: A Conversation

Presented at the List Art Gallery at Brown University 2011

(a panel discussion responding to the David Winton Bell Gallery exhibition *Building Expectation: Past & Present Visions of the Architectural Future*)

Planning and Designing Successful Mixed-Use Centers

Presented at the Healthy Places by Design Community Workshops 2011

Small Site Development: Resources and Best Practices

Presented at the Massachusetts Municipal Association Conference 2011

The "New" Increment of Urbanism: Opportunity & Technique

Presented at CNU NE 2009 (Donald Powers & Douglas Kallfelz)

The Details of the New Urbanism: From Curb to Cupola - The Case for Simplicity

Presented at CNU 2007, CNU 2008, & CNU 2009 (Donald Powers & Douglas Kallfelz)

