

Exchanging Ideas. Exploring Issues.

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at St. Mary's Place

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Since 1985, the Downtown Community Forum (DCF) has offered an open exchange of ideas along with opportunities to explore important issues in gathering that are ecumenical, nonpartisan, democratic and value-centered. DCF encourages a better-informed citizenry by showcasing the diversity of the Rochester community. Support for these programs comes from the people of St. Mary's Church as well as individuals, corporations and the Rochester Area Community Foundation.



Design Matters: Revitalization Stories from Cleveland, Pittsburgh & Detroit Community Design Centers

Speakers:

*Anne-Marie Lubenau, AIA, Executive Director, Community Design
Center of Pittsburgh*

Ruth Durack, AICP, Director, Urban Design Center of Northeast Ohio

Andrew Sturm, Associate Director, Detroit Collaborative Design Center

Mention the word design and many of us think about painting and wallpapering our homes. But, design is so much more than that, especially when it involves the revitalization of a entire city or neighborhood — then it's about our overall built environment and sense of community.

With more cities undertaking major revitalization projects, Community Design Centers have been emerging throughout the country. The success they are having in shaping the way we build and revitalize our communities is inspirational.

There are approximately 50 Community Design Centers nationwide, all having a similar common goal of design excellence in our built environment. Most of these centers are members of the Association for Community Design (ACD), an international network of individuals, organizations, and institutions committed to increasing the capacity of planning and design professions to better serve communities.

Through collaboration, education and advocacy, Community Design Centers are helping to produce quality design

solutions that respond to local concerns. They earn credibility with neighborhoods, architects and public officials, further enhancing their ability to achieve the shared goals for their community.

Rochester has recently launched a Community Design Center that consists of a group of design professionals, planners and citizens with a common interest in defining, promoting and implementing design excellence for the City of Rochester and surrounding region. They serve as a design resource for Rochester's urban, suburban and rural communities. Emphasis is on promoting design excellence, preservation of historic fabric and maximizing use of existing resources.

Join us for intriguing and informative discussions about the impact Community Design Centers are having in Cleveland, Pittsburgh and Detroit. We will also focus on the many benefits the new Regional Community Design Center will bring to the Rochester area.

For more information about the Rochester Regional Community Design Center visit their web site at www.rrcdc.org