

Community Check-Up

Smart Solutions for Community Regeneration

Is your community in good health?

Let us conduct a check up of a District, Downtown or Neighborhood in your community and we'll identify key issues and prescribe a program to get it back into top form



Practical strategies to get your community back in shape

The goal of a **Community Check-up** is to conduct a high-level, focused examination of a specific area in your community to identify both what's working well (your community assets) and what's not working well (your community liabilities) and based on that information to develop a series of practical and cost-effective solutions for community regeneration.

The Check-up consists of a one-day examination review and analysis of a defined area in your community where we identify immediate opportunities and strategies for physical change as well as longer-term tactics to help maintain your community at optimal health and peak performance. We conclude the Check-up with a summarizing analysis presentation and recommendations report.

Potential solutions may include recommendations for both public and privately held properties as well as changes to municipal policies, and ordinances. Pilot projects and temporary installations may also be prescribed.



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Check-up Overview:

The focus of your Community Check-up is an intense one-day workshop that takes place in the heart of your community. It begins with a thorough examination of the area identified for review, which may include downtowns, main-streets, precincts, shopping districts, office parks, campuses or neighborhoods. We'll walk the streets and review maps and analysis diagrams together in order to identify the assets, opportunities, liabilities and issues. We then diagnose the problems and propose a series of initiatives to get your community back on the road to recovery.

Why Us?

The joint venture between **Archive DS** and **Urban Solutions** brings together three leading practitioners with over 75 years of combined public and private sector experience working in communities -- like yours -- across the United States and Canada.

Mark Nickita – President of Archive DS - is not only an Architect and Urban Designer but also a successful entrepreneur and former Mayor of Birmingham Michigan.

Dorian Moore – Vice President of Archive DS - is an Architect, entrepreneur and urban designer who specializes in implementing urbandesign and architectural projects.

Robert Freedman - Principal of Freedman Urban Solutions is an urban designer with a multi-disciplinary background in Architecture, Planning and Law. He was the Director of Urban Design for the City of Toronto (2002-2013) and an inner-city revitalization expert with Urban Design Associates of Pittsburgh (1992-2002).

Results:

The Community Check-up is designed to be extremely practical and results oriented. At the end of the process we will have:

- 1] Identified the underused public spaces and private properties and developed strategies for how to put them to better use in the short and long term.
- 2] Created a plan to make your community more inviting and convenient for pedestrians. A walkable community is a healthy community!
- 3] Proposed a number of concrete ideas for enhancing the area's assets and diminishing its liabilities, including:
 - Traffic calming
 - Parking strategies
 - Pedestrian and cycling strategies
 - Retail area enhancements: Lighting, paving, facade/sign improvements
 - Heritage preservation strategies
 - Pilot projects and temporary installations
 - Initial recommendations regarding changes to guidelines and by-laws

The long-term results will be a healthier community for residents and business owners as well as an increase in tax revenue for the municipality

Investment: \$7500.



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