

To all the board members, volunteers, supporters, and very dear friends of the East Tennessee Community Design Center.

You will find enclosed a copy of the Design Center's annual services report for calendar year 2005. It will provide you with information about the services rendered, the groups or agencies receiving services, and other programmatic information and statistics.

As you will see, the Design Center has been able to substantially expand program and service offerings over the years, enabling us to even better meet the needs of the East Tennessee region. We have other resources yet to be tapped, however, we are working diligently to raise awareness of those opportunities to potential recipients.

Keeping in mind our purpose for existing is "to make East Tennessee a better place to live and work by creating *better communities by design*." The efforts of all those listed below are put forth for that sole purpose, and I am convinced the result of the Design Centers work, everyday, enriches lives and strengthens the communities of Knoxville and the surrounding area.

I am confident you will find this report educational, and I sincerely encourage you to take the 6 or 7 minutes needed to read through it. With very little effort it is readily evident to see how our volunteers donated in excess of \$106,000 of their professional time, through the Design Center to assist these worthy organizations.

We thank you for your support of our efforts, and for spending time with us during our 35<sup>th</sup> year of service.

Best regards,

David M. Watson  
Executive Director

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## **East Tennessee Community Design Center Projects**

### Calendar Year 2005 Annual Projects Report

During the calendar year from January 1 thru December 31, 2005 the East Tennessee Community Design Center accepted new projects, and completed work on a few existing projects carried forward from 2004.

Projects types include best practices manuals, neighborhood consensus building on issues regarding traffic calming, programming and planning building renovations, historic structures restorations and preservations, parks and outdoor space plans, neighborhood and community planning projects, new building designs and interior renovations to fit current programming needs of the occupying organization.

Design Center projects are located primarily in the 16 counties of the East Tennessee Development District. Geography however is not a condition for acceptance of a project. There are however, other qualifications that must be met for the Center to accept a project.

The East Tennessee Community Design Center is the only organization in our region that works every day for the sole purpose of assisting non-profit groups and agencies that serve the community. During the past twelve months the Design Center assisted 56 different organizations on 40 different requests for assistance.

Qualifications for receiving assistance are simple, but mandatory:

- The requesting entity must be an organized, non-profit group; association, or organization, 501(c)(3) status is not required.
- The requesting organization must serve the community at large, i.e., the organization does not exist for the sole benefit of its membership.
- The requesting organization must not have the resources to contract for the needed services with a for-profit business.
- The requesting organization must demonstrate there is a plan in place to raise the required funding to bring the project to reality.

Projects are reviewed on their individual need and merit, and accepted if funding and volunteer professionals are available to support the request. Funding in part is received from United Way of Greater Knoxville, the Tennessee Arts Commission, and friends of the Design Center including the Board of Directors, Knox County Community Grants, and the City of Knoxville Community Development Block Grant. A full list of our contributors is published in our newsletter, which is also posted on our web site.

The following is a list of projects and services provided by the volunteers and staff of the Design Center during 2005. Projects are located in Knox County unless otherwise indicated.

Jackson / Depot Redevelopment Advisory Committee, #1494  
Client: Knoxville's Community Development Corporation  
Request: Advisory committee participation for the City of Knoxville redevelopment district in the Jackson Avenue/Depot Street area.  
Committee participant:  
David Watson, ETCDC Executive Director

Central Business Improvement District (Client), #1500  
Request: Advisory committee participation for grant and development opportunity reviews and recommendations to the CBID Board of Directors.  
Committee participant:  
David Watson, ETCDC Executive Director

South Knoxville Waterfront, #1509  
Client: South Knoxville/South Waterfront planning task force  
Request: Provide fiscal agent duties.  
Agent: David Watson, ETCDC Executive Director

Park Theatre, #1513 (Warren County)  
Client: Park Theatre Group, McMinnville  
Request: Assist with documentation of existing facility and renovation planning of this historic theatre.  
Volunteer Professional Advisor and ETCDC Board Treasurer  
Mr. Frank Sparkman, AIA, Sparkman Associates Architects

HeartSong Center for Accessible Music & Art, #1533  
Client: East Tennessee Technology Access Center  
Request: Programming and space planning for addition to existing ETTAC space to accommodate requirements of the new program.  
Volunteer Professional Advisor:  
Mr. Blake Graham, AIA, Barber & McMurry Architects

Faith Based Housing Initiative Consortium, #1556  
Client: Partnership for Neighborhood Improvement  
Request: Technical assistance in grant writing relative to housing development activities.  
Volunteer Professional Advisor and ETCDC Board Member:  
Mr. Doug McCarty AIA, McCarty, Holsaple McCarty Architects

Old North Knoxville Neighborhood Association (Client), #1503  
Request: Community consensus building for a neighborhood endorsed traffic calming plan. Volunteer Professional Advisors: ETCDC Board Member  
Mr. Curtis Catron, ASLA, Bullock Smith Partners, and  
Mr. Bill Cole, PE, City of Knoxville, Traffic Engineering Division

Non-profit Common Office Building, #1561

Client: Partnership for Neighborhood Improvement

Request: Programming and schematic planning for a multi-tenant, nonprofit office center.

Volunteer Professional Advisor and ETDCDC Board Member;  
Mr. Rick Mixon, AIA, Wystwynd Designs

First United Presbyterian Church (Client), #1565

Request: Documentation and mapping of existing historic cemetery

Volunteer Professional Advisor and ETDCDC Board Member:  
Dr. Jan Simek, University of Tennessee

Mary James Park, #1568

Client: South Haven Neighborhood Association

Request: Public meeting facilitation needs identification and rendering for the underutilized South Knoxville Mary James Park.

Volunteer Professional Advisor:  
Mr. Steve Fritts, ASLA, Barge Waggoner Sumner & Cannon, Inc.

The Joy of Music, Youth Music School (Client) #1572

Request: Programming and schematic design for building renovation

Volunteer Professional Advisor:  
Mr. Jeff Johnson AIA, McCarty Holsaple McCarty Architects.

Doughboy Restoration, #1573

Client: Knoxville High School Alumni Association

Request: Rendering of the Doughboy Statue after restoration and new landscaping is in place.

Volunteer Professional Advisor and ETDCDC Board Secretary:  
Ms. Liz Gassel, ASLA

Parkridge Row Houses, #1575

Client: Knox Housing Partnership

Request: Schematic planning for row housing on a 6 lot inner city site

Volunteer Professional Advisors:  
Professor David Fox, UT College of Architecture & Design  
ETDCDC Founding Board Member Mr. Bruce McCarty, FAIA  
McCarty Holsaple McCarty Architects

Broadway / Central Façade Improvement Program, #1577

Client: Metropolitan Planning Commission

Request: Development of design guidelines as part of a comprehensive façade improvement program.

Volunteer Professional Advisor and ETDCDC Board Treasurer  
Mr. Frank Sparkman, AIA, Sparkman Associates Architects

COIN Website & Handbook Development, #1581

Client: Council of Involved Neighborhoods (COIN)

Request: Assist client in development of a website and organizational information handbook.

Volunteer Professional Advisor:

Ms. Kim Davis, PE, Assistant Director UT Waste Management Research & Education Institute

Knoxville Rowing Association (Client), #1582

Request: Membership meeting facilitation, programming, and schematic design for new facility to house the Knoxville Rowing Association.

Volunteer Professional Advisor:

Mr. Brian Ewers, AIA, Dollar & Ewers Architecture, Inc.

Infill Housing Design Guidelines, #1583

Client: City of Knoxville Community Development Department

Request: Provide assistance in development of housing design guidelines for property under the control the City of Knoxville located in inner city neighborhoods.

Volunteer Professional Advisor:

Mr. Mike Carberry, Metropolitan Planning Commission

Mr. Frank Sparkman, AIA, Sparkman Associates Architects

Downtown Technical Advisory Committee, #1584

Client: Office of the Knoxville City Mayor

Request: Participate in a multidiscipline committee format and provide technical input to the Downtown Advisory Committee relative to physical development and recommendations of the Crandall Arambula report.

Volunteer Professional Advisor:

ETCDC Board Treasurer Mr. Frank Sparkman, AIA,

Sparkman Associates Architects

David Watson, ETCDC Executive Director

Pacesetters Community Center, #1585

Client: Pacesetters Youth & Family Outreach, Inc.

Request: Provide programming, schematic design and pricing for new 5 Points community services building.

Volunteer Professional Advisor:

Mr. Greg Armour, AIA, Community Tectonics Inc.

5 Points Residential Housing Program, #1587

Client: Knoxville Community Development Corporation

Request: Committee participation and technical input regarding housing development with-in the 5 Points community.

Committee participation, David Watson, ETCDC Executive Director

Neighborhood Conference 2005, making government better everyday, #1588

Client: Knox County Office of Neighborhoods

Request: Participate in planning and facilitate public forum discussions of community interest.

Co-sponsor, East Tennessee Community Design Center

Facilitator: David Watson, ETCDC Executive Director

Sam E. Hill Community & Investment Center (Client), #1590

Request: Assistance in planning and design for additional parking, tricycle riding trail, wall murals and gymnasium floor refinishing.

Volunteer Professional Advisor and ETCDC Board Member;

Mr. Rick Mixon, AIA, Wystwynd Designs

Mass Transit Authority, #1591 (Regional)

Client: Nine Counties One Vision Mass Transit Task Force

Request: Fiscal agent services, administrative support for continuation of the task force and its mission.

Fiscal Agent, David Watson, ETCDC Executive Director

East Tennessee Regional Grow-out Facility, #1592 (Regional)

Client: Nine Counties One Vision Beautification Task Force

Request: Facilitate development and house a plant grow-out facility for benefit of nonprofit organizations in the East Tennessee region.

Volunteer Professional Advisors:

Mr. David Vandergriff, UT Agriculture Extension Agent

Mr. Sam Adams, Cortese Tree Specialist

Ms. Sharon McKee, ETCDC Board President & S&ME Inc.

Ms. Elizabeth Gassel, ETCDC Board Secretary & Landscape Architect

Ms. Sara Hedstrom, ETCDC Board Ex-Officio Member, ASLA & Carol R.

Johnson Associates, ASLA

And a 19 member volunteer steering committee of local professionals

Lincoln Park United Methodist Church, Client, #1593

Request: Create documentation of existing structure to submit with application for Historic Registry.

Volunteer Professional Advisor:

Ms. Hollie Cook, Knox Heritage, Inc.

The Destiny Center of the Great Smoky Mountains, Client, #1594

Request: Review and evaluate proposal for development of Rich Mountain, Blount County.

Volunteer Professional will consist of a blue ribbon panel for review and discussion and recommendations regarding proposed development.

Panel moderator: ETCDC Board Treasurer

Mr. Frank Sparkman, AIA, Sparkman Associates Architects

Lonsdale Housing Initiative, Phase I, City of Knoxville Department of Development, #1595  
Request: Coordinate with the University of Tennessee College of Architecture & Design creative and alternatives methods for in-fill housing in the Lonsdale community.

Volunteer Professional Advisor and ETCDC Board Members;

Mr. Rick Mixon, AIA, Wystwynd Designs, Mr. Bruce McCarty, FAIA, McCarty Holsaple McCarty Architects, Mr. Frank Sparkman, AIA, Sparkman Associates Architects, and Mr. Blake Graham, AIA, Barber McMurry Incorporated.

Knoxville Dog Owners Group, Client, #1596

Request: Provide fiscal management services for this new organization.

Fiscal Agent, David Watson, ETCDC Executive Director

Five Points One Stop Shop, #1597

Client: Knoxville' Community Development Corporation

Provide technical assistance in development of a one-stop shop for mentoring prospective homebuyers, and neighborhood marketing for the Five Points community.

Committee participant:

David Watson, ETCDC Executive Director

David Webb Park, #1598

Client: Harriman Economic Advisory Team

Request: Provide additional master planning for existing community park, and, planning for park expansion to newly acquired adjacent property.

Volunteer Professional Advisor:

Mr. Ben Pethel, ASLA, The Penland Studio

Regional Education And Community Health Services, Client, #1599 (LaFollette)

Request: Provide space programming and renovation drawings for possible relocation of existing community health clinic to an existing grocery store.

Volunteer Professional Advisor:

Mr. Gregor Smee, AIA, Smee + Busby Architecture

Fountain City Town Hall, Client, #1600

Request: Design of logo based entrance sign for the Fountain City community.

Volunteer Professional Advisor: ETCDC Board member

Mr. Chuck Morris, Morris Creative Group

Domestic Violence Crisis Center, Client, #1601 (Lenoir City)

Request: Provide space programming and renovation illustrations for remodeling of existing structure to house women in transit from homeless to employed.

Volunteer Professional Advisor:

Mr. Dan Brewer, AIA, Brewer Ingram Fuller Architects

Five Points Façade Improvement Grant Program, #1602

Client: City of Knoxville

Request: Development of design guidelines as part of a comprehensive façade improvement program.

Volunteer Professional Advisor and ET CDC Board Treasurer

Mr. Frank Sparkman, AIA, Sparkman Associates Architects

Mechanicsville Façade Improvement Grant Program, #1603

Client: City of Knoxville

Request: Development of design guidelines as part of a comprehensive façade improvement program.

Volunteer Professional Advisor and ET CDC Board Treasurer

Mr. Frank Sparkman, AIA, Sparkman Associates Architects

Burlington Façade Improvement Grant Program, #1604

Client: City of Knoxville

Request: Development of design guidelines as part of a comprehensive façade improvement program.

Volunteer Professional Advisor and ET CDC Board Treasurer

Mr. Frank Sparkman, AIA, Sparkman Associates Architects

Eastport Elementary School, #1605

Client: Mayor Ragsdale for Pacesetter Community Center

Request: Evaluate an existing, unoccupied building for reclamation and renovation for use as a community center.

Volunteer Professional Advisor:

Mr. Brian Ewers, AIA, Dollar & Ewers Architecture, Inc.

Manchester Arts Commission, Client, #1606, (Manchester, Coffee Co., TN)

Request: Space programming and planning for a multi-use, nonprofit housing center.

Volunteer Professional Advisor and ET CDC Board Treasurer

Mr. Frank Sparkman, AIA, Sparkman Associates Architects

Lonsdale Commercial Center, #1607

Client: City of Knoxville Department of Development  
Request: Through public participation and stakeholder meetings, obtain information to create a Request For Proposal (RFP) from private developers to construct and lease a commercial center.

Volunteer Professional Advisor:  
Not yet selected

Lonsdale Façade Design Book, #1609

Client: City of Knoxville Department of Development  
Request: Create a book of appropriate façade design for seventy vacant lots in the Lonsdale community.

Volunteer Professional Advisor and ET CDC Board Treasurer  
Mr. Frank Sparkman, AIA, Sparkman Associates Architects

Lonsdale Housing Initiative, Phase II, City of Knoxville Department of Development, #1610

Request: Coordinate with the University of Tennessee College of Architecture & Design creative and alternatives methods for in-fill housing in the Lonsdale community.

Volunteer Professional Advisor and ET CDC Board Members;  
Mr. Rick Mixon, AIA, Wystwynd Designs, Mr. Bruce McCarty, FAIA, McCarty Holsaple McCarty Architects, Mr. Frank Sparkman, AIA, Sparkman Associates Architects, and Mr. Blake Graham, AIA, Barber McMurry Incorporated.

Oakwood-Lincoln Park, Client, #1611

Request: Plan development and community consensus building around the City of Knoxville's adopted plan to reduce speed and volume of traffic in neighborhoods.

Facilitator:  
David Watson, Executive Director, East Tennessee Community Design Center

Newport Land Use Planning, #1612, (Cocke County)

Client: Downtown Newport Association  
Request: Facilitate process for development and graphic illustration of a master plan for development of downtown Newport.

Ms. Sharon McKee, ET CDC Board President & S&ME Inc.  
Ms. Beth Phillips, ET CDC Board Member and State Department of Economic Development

Ms. Sara Hedstrom, ET CDC Board Ex-Officio Member, ASLA & Carol R. Johnson Associates ASLA

Newport Façade Improvement, #1613 (Cocke County)

Client: Downtown Newport Association  
Request: Assist with development of design guidelines for facades in the central business district.

Volunteer Professional Advisor and ET CDC Board Treasurer  
Mr. Frank Sparkman, AIA, Sparkman Associates Architects

James White's Fort, Client, #1614

Request: Plan development for an outdoor multi-function pavilion

Volunteer Professional Advisor:

Mr. Blake Graham, AIA, Barber McMurry Inc.

Helen Ross McNabb Center, Client, #1615

Request: Provide technical assistance for selection of firm to provide architectural related services.

Technical assistance provided by:

David Watson, Executive Director, East Tennessee Community Design Center

Old North Knoxville, Client, #1616

Request: Provide master plan assistance for development of a residential neighborhood park.

Volunteer Professional Advisor:

Mr. Trey Benefield, ASLA, Benefield Richters Co.

Cansler Learning Center, Client, #1617

Request: Master plan development for campus landscaping

Volunteer Professional Advisor: ETCDC Board member & Secretary

Ms. Elizabeth Gassel, ASLA

Knox Area Rescue Ministries, Client, #1618

Request: Space programming and renovation suggestions to increase efficiency and create rental space.

Volunteer Professional Advisor: ETCDC Board member,

Mr. Ric Mixon, AIA, Wystwynd Designs

Sam Duff Park, #1619

Client: City of Knoxville Parks Department

Request: Through public and stakeholder meetings build consensus, document, and graphically illustrate community desires for possible park renovation.

Volunteer Professional Advisor:

Not yet selected

Kingston Woods Neighborhood, Client, #1620

Request: Plan development and community consensus building around the City of Knoxville's adopted plan to reduce speed and volume of traffic in neighborhoods.

Facilitator:

David Watson, Executive Director, East Tennessee Community Design Center

Lonsdale House #1, #1621

Client: East Tennessee Housing Development Corporation

Request: Assist in development of plans and specifications for an in-fill house in Lonsdale.

Volunteer Professional Advisor and ETCDC Board Members;

Mr. Rick Mixon, AIA, Wystwynd Designs, Mr. Bruce McCarty, FAIA, McCarty Holsaple McCarty Architects, Mr. Frank Sparkman, AIA, Sparkman Associates Architects, and Mr. Blake Graham, AIA, Barber McMurry Incorporated.

Lonsdale Housing Initiative, Phase III, City of Knoxville Department of Development, #1623  
Request: Coordinate with the University of Tennessee College of Architecture & Design creative and alternatives methods for in-fill housing in the Lonsdale community.  
Volunteer Professional Advisor and ET CDC Board Members;  
Mr. Rick Mixon, AIA, Wystwynd Designs, Mr. Bruce McCarty, FAIA, McCarty Holsaple McCarty Architects, Mr. Frank Sparkman, AIA, Sparkman Associates Architects, and Mr. Blake Graham, AIA, Barber McMurry Incorporated.

Lonsdale Study, #1624

Client: City of Knoxville Department of Development  
Request: Coordinate with the University of Tennessee College of Architecture and Design a study of the proposed Commercial Center area of Lonsdale, and recommend mixed-use development and implementation strategies.  
Volunteer Professional Advisor and ET CDC Board Treasurer  
Mr. Frank Sparkman, AIA, Sparkman Associates Architects

Alianza de Pueblo, Client, #1625

Request: Assist with creating an interactive web site and information brochure around the services offered by the alliance.  
Assistance provided by ET CDC staff:  
Ms Kylie Kaiser, UTCA&D fifth year student

East Tennessee Regional Leadership Association (Client), #2123 (Regional)

Request: Provide fiscal agent services, and administrative support.  
Staff services provided by Ms. Jan Mosadegh,  
Administrative Assistant and Program Director

I hope to never undervalue, or fail to recognize all the volunteers that contribute their time and energy in support of the Design Center and its mission. I do from time to time fail to recognize all the efforts of the paid staff. Without a doubt, one reason for the success of the Design Center is the dedicated, unselfish, staff that so willingly work above and beyond the call of duty in support of our mission, and to make us all look good. Customer service, both inside and outside of the organization, will not be exceeded by any other employee group, bar none!

Thank you Jan, Chris, Jennifer, Qi Jin, Kylie, Brian & Ashley.

Respectfully submitted.

David M. Watson  
Executive Director