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Professional Experience

Kimco Realty Corporation

Timonium, Maryland

Director of Multifamily Development

December 2021 to Present

- Project Manager for development and redevelopment projects including the entitlement process, municipal approvals and anchor and junior anchor leasing in the Eastern Mid-Atlantic Region.
- Present projects before community/township boards, public hearings and Planning, Zoning and Board of Appeals. Interact with local jurisdictions, including elected officials and municipal staff.
- Develop proformas and concept plans to review development scenarios for new and existing assets.
- Manage and coordinate project design teams including engineers, architects, attorneys, and planners.
- Coordinate with construction activities at redevelopment projects.
- Review and advise regional development teams on mixed-use residential projects across the national portfolio.

Representative Projects

- Pentagon Center, Arlington Va – entitlement and mixed-use development
- Pike Center, Montgomery County Md – entitlement and mixed-use redevelopment
- Hilltop Village Center, Alexandria Va – entitlement and mixed-use development

Cooper Carry

Alexandria, Virginia

Associate Principal, Architect, Certified Planner

November 2011 – November 2021

- Managed team of four plus design staff members plus full consultant team during basic services and construction administration for large mixed-use, project of approximately 1 million square feet in Va.
- Project managed a team of five plus staff members while designing and coordinating with consultants, jurisdictions' staff, and the public on re-zoning, entitlement, and site plans for multi-block 2.5 - 6 million square feet redevelopments in Va, Md and Fl.
- Projected managed, coordinated public outreach and designed redevelopment scenarios for a Sector Plan and Community Study in Prince George's County, Md.

Representative Projects

- Reston Gateway, Reston Va– entitlement and mixed-use construction
- West End Alexandria (Landmark Mall), Alexandria Va – entitlement and mixed-use construction
- Eastover / Forest Heights/ Glassmanor Sector Plan, Prince George's County, Md

Stanhope Gate **Architectural Designer**

London, England

July 2010 – July 2011

- Developed and coordinated tender drawings with consultants for a building renovation of a 20,000 gsf United Kingdom's Grade I listed structure in Kensington, London, England.
- Documented site conditions of historic properties after demolition prior to renovation for 2,000 gsf – 30,000 gsf United Kingdom's Grade I, II and III listed structures in London, England.

The Prince's Foundation for Building Community
Currently called The King's Foundation
Architectural and Urban Designer
July 2009 - July 2010

London, England

- Researched, designed, and lead charrette tables for community plans in Rushden, Truro, and Neath-Port Talbert, United Kingdom
- Developed kitemarking scheme formulizing the Foundation's development principles into a central structure for future project use and new organizational structure.
- Managed events educating local government officials, community activists, and students about sustainable urbanism in Poundbury and Upton, England.
- Attended lectures, completed coursework and conducted independently researched dissertation through Graduate Fellowship Program that was later accredited for Masters of Sustainable Urbanism and Architecture through the University of Wales.

Cooper Carry
Architectural Designer
July 2007 - June 2009

Alexandria, Virginia

- Created and coordinated SDs, DDs, and CDs for a new Marriott brand hotels in Nj and Va.
- Designed schematic retail and residential plans for transit-oriented developments in Dc, Md, Va

Education

Masters of Business Administration, 2022
Georgetown University – Washington, District of Columbia

Masters of Sustainable Urbanism and Architecture, 2013
University of Wales/ The Prince's Foundation for Building Community – London, England

Bachelors of Architecture, 2007
University of Notre Dame – South Bend, Indiana

Community Service

Congress for New Urbanism, DC Chapter, 2012- present
Chapter Treasurer (current), Secretary, and Communications Director

Braddock Metro Citizens Coalition, 2014 - present
Alexandria Va civic association Treasurer (current) and Communications Director