



Randall Arendt

Randall Arendt is a landscape planner, site designer, author, lecturer, and an advocate of "conservation planning".

He received his B.A. degree from Wesleyan University (magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa) and his M.Phil. degree in Urban Design and Regional Planning from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, where he was a St. Andrew's Scholar. He is Senior Conservation Advisor at the Natural Lands Trust in Media, Pennsylvania, and is the former Director of Planning and Research at the Center for Rural Massachusetts, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, where he also served as an Adjunct Professor.

In 2003 he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Town Planning Institute in London. In 2004 he was named an Honorary Member of the American Society of Landscape Architects, and in 2005 he received the American Institute of Architects' Award for Collaborative Achievement. In 2008 he received an Honorary Degree in Landscape Planning and Design from the Conway School of Landscape Design, in Conway, Massachusetts.

Author

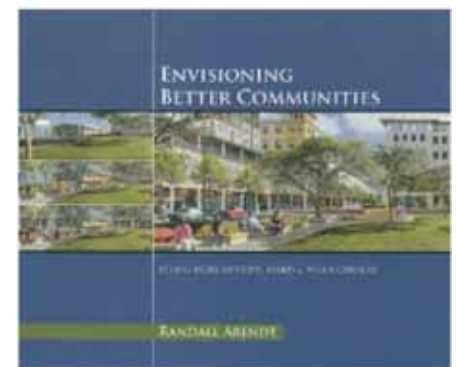
Mr. Arendt is the author of more than 20 publications. After co-authoring the award-winning *Dealing with Change in the Connecticut River Valley: A Design Manual for Conservation and Development*, he produced a 450-page sequel entitled *Rural by Design: Maintaining Small Town Character*, in 1994, which is listed among 39 volumes recommended by the American Planning Association for "the essential planning library". His third major work *Conservation Design for Subdivisions: A Practical Guide to Creating Open Space Networks* (1996) was followed by a companion volume three years later, *Growing Greener: Putting Conservation into Local Plans and Ordinances*. Also in 1999 his fifth book, *Crossroads, Hamlet, Village, Town: Design Characteristics of Traditional Neighborhoods, Old and New*.

Lecturer

Mr. Arendt is the country's most sought-after speaker on the topic of creative development design as a conservation tool. He has presented slide lectures in 47 states and five Canadian provinces. In recent years he has been featured as a key speaker at national conferences sponsored by the American Planning Association, the Urban Land Institute, the American Farmland Trust, the American Society of Landscape Architects, the National Association of Home Builders, the Land Trust Alliance, and the US EPA. His work has been featured in leading periodicals including the *New York Times*, the *Christian Science Monitor*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *Landscape Architect*, *Urban Land*, the *Amicus Journal*, the *Smithsonian*, and the *New Yorker*.

Site Designer and "Twice Green" Results

Mr. Arendt has designed "conservation subdivisions" for a wide variety of clients in 21 states. His designs are "twice green" because they succeed both environmentally and economically.



His latest book, *Envisioning Better Communities: Seeing More Options, Making Wiser Choices*, was published in June 2010 by the APA and the Urban Land Institute. The description from Amazon.com: "Randall Arendt's work has shaped a generation of planners, designers, and landscape architects. In *Envisioning Better Communities*, he brings his insights to a broader public, with a profusely illustrated demonstration of how local officials, planning commissioners, and everyday citizens can work to make their communities more attractive, more habitable, and more sustainable."

Selected Comments from recent workshops

"Thanks so much for an absolutely wonderful presentation. It was exceptionally well-suited to our audience of Placer and El Dorado County officials."

Judy Corbett, Local Government Commission, Sacramento, CA

"I enjoyed hearing you again this summer. Your numerous visits to this state have had great repercussions. In almost every community where I work (in the Brainerd Lakes Area), there are thoughtful discussions about the merits of conservation design. This didn't happen until you showed up."

Phil Hunsicker, Lakes Region Program Director, 1000 Friends of Minnesota

"There were nothing but rave reviews of your presentation."

Hank Metcalf, Planning Board Chair, Orono, ME

"I am a Village Council member and just wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed our day, and how productive it was to me. Applying your ideas and perspectives will be of great value as we continue to deal with change, but preserve the uniqueness of our community."

Douglas Lapins, Village Council, Pinehurst, NC

"Thank you for the time you spent with me in Montpelier recently. I found your presentation fascinating, and think your ideas for growth management and changes in our enabling laws deserve further attention. I will ask Commissioner Holmes to follow up on your suggestions."

Madeleine M. Kunin, Governor, Montpelier, VT

"I want to thank you for the stimulating, informative, and inspiring presentation. We all felt energized by it, as well as gaining the in-depth understanding that you communicate so well. It was fun, too! Some of the town officials are quite ready, now, to launch into the Growing Greener program. Thank you for taking the time and effort to provide such an excellent and valuable evening. I only wish we could have you here every month!"

Patty Elkis, AICP, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, Philadelphia, PA

"As a result of your presentation we are making great progress in implementing your conservation design principles into our land use code. The response we received and the support to change some of our Land Use Code was amazing! Our Board of County Commissioners now fully supports the idea of implementing these principles into our code."

Julia Stantic, La Plata County Community Development Office, Durango, CO

"Thank you so much for your contribution to the Your Town workshop -- and what a contribution it was! We witnessed a remarkable difference in the workshop participants after your presentation."

Lisa Vogel, University of Georgia School of Environmental Design, Athens, GA

"The response to your workshop has been phenomenal. One planning commissioner actually rewrote his township zoning ordinance as a result."

John Koches, Water Resources Institute, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI

"Your ideas will have a lasting impact on the town. Already one developer is proposing to devote part of a major project to an extremely creative cluster design"

Benjamin Frost, Town Planner, Kittery, ME