

David Barth, PhD

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CT.org has always appreciated David as a great gentleman as well as one at the top of his field. His successes in planning and designing parks and park systems across the United States stand as tribute to his talents. His resume is offered below as the best way to present the breadth and depth of his work. He will be missed by many.



David Barth, PhD, AICP, ASLA, CPRP

Dr. David Barth is a registered Landscape Architect, Certified Planner, and Certified Parks and Recreation Professional who specializes in the planning, design, and implementation of the public realm. He is also an expert facilitator and strategic planner.

He has developed parks and recreation system master plans for over 80 communities throughout the United States including Washington, D.C, Miami-Dade County, Norfolk, VA, downtown San Diego, and the City of Raleigh. He has also led the planning and/or design of hundreds of parks



and trails including Orange County's West Orange Trail, Martin County's Indian Riverside Park, and the City of Kissimmee's Lakefront Park. He was a co-author of the American Planning Association (APA) publication *From Recreation to Re-Creation*, as well as a contributor to APA's *Planning and Urban Design Standards* for parks and recreation needs assessments. Most recently he authored APA's Planning Advisory Service Memo *Alternatives for Determining Parks and Recreation Levels of Service*.

David received his undergraduate degree in Landscape Architecture from the University of Florida; his Master's Degree in Organizational Leadership from Palm Beach Atlantic University; and his PhD in Design, Construction and Planning at the University of Florida.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **President, Barth Associates, LLC** | Gainesville, FL | 2012–present
- **Adjunct Professor/ Graduate Assistant** | University of Florida, Gainesville, FL | 2008–2015
- **Vice President/ Principal, Glatting Jackson/ AECOM** | West Palm Beach, FL | 1987-2012
- **Director of Planning and Landscape Architecture, BJM Associates, Inc.** | Orlando, FL | 1986-87
- **Assistant Regional Planning Manager, PBSJ** | Orlando, FL | 1982-86
- **Landscape Architect/Planner, Glenn Acomb Assoc. / Boyle Engineering Corp.** | Orlando, FL | 1980-82
- **Associate Land Planner, ITT Community Development Corp.** | Palm Coast, FL | 1980-81
- **Landscape Architect, Harry Weese & Associates, Kaiser Transit Group** | Miami, FL | 1978-79

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

- **Landscape Architect** | Florida, #528 | 1979
- **American Institute of Certified Planners, #011226** | 1995

- **Certified Parks and Recreation Professional** | 2002

EDUCATION

- **PhD Design, Construction and Planning** | University of Florida | 2015
- **Masters of Organizational Leadership Palm Beach Atlantic University** | 2003
- **Bachelor of Landscape Architecture** | University of Florida – Gainesville | 1978

RECENT/SELECTED PROJECTS (Alphabetical Order)

- Aiken, SC Open Space Element for the Comprehensive Plan
- Arlington County, VA Parks and Open Space Master Plan
- Atlanta, GA Georgia 400 Trail Master Plan
- Buckhead, Atlanta, GA Green Space Plan
- Cape Coral, FL Parks and Recreation Master Plan
- Colombia Pike, Arlington, VA Open Space Plan
- Coral Gables, FL Parks and Open Space Master Plan
- Eldon, MO Rock Island Trail
- Ft. Lauderdale FL, Parks and Long Range Strategic Plan
- Hillsborough County, FL Conservation and Environmental Lands Master Plan

- Kissimmee, FL Lakefront Master Plan
- Lenexa, KS Parks and Recreation Master Plan
- Macon, GA, Parks and Recreation Open Space Master Plan
- Macon, GA Ocmulgee Heritage Greenway
- Miami-Dade County, FL Parks and Open Space Master Plan
- NASA/ Kennedy Space Center Strategic Framework Charrette
- Norfolk, VA, Recreation Master Plan
- Orlando, FL Families, Parks and Recreation Vision Plan
- Poarch Band of the Creek Indians, Atmore, AL Strategic Master Plan
- Raleigh, NC Parks and Recreation Master Plan
- Rocky Mount, NC Parks and Recreation Master Plan
- Rocky Mount, NC River Falls Park Concept Plan
- San Diego, CA Downtown Parks and Open Space Needs Assessment
- Sarasota County, FL Park, Preserves, and Recreation Master Plan
- Seattle, WA Community Center Strategic Plan
- Space Florida Spaceport Master Plan
- St. Petersburg, FL Downtown Waterfront Master Plan

- Suwannee River Water Management District, FL Strategic Recreation Plan
- Washington, D.C. Parks Master Plan
- Walkable and Livable Communities (WALC) Board Strategic Planning Retreat
- Wellington, FL Waterfront Plan

RECENT/SELECTED PRESENTATIONS (Chronological Order)

- *Resiliency Is Not an Option: The Role of the Public Realm*, National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA), New Orleans, 2017<
- *The Eye of the Beholder: 25 Dimensions of Park Planning and Design*, National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA), New Orleans, 2017
- *Creating a High Performance Public Space*, Northern New England Recreation and Parks Conference, Bartlett, NH, 2017
- *New Models and Metrics for Parks System Planning*, National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA), St. Louis, 2016
- *Reimagining Neighborhood Parks*, National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA), St. Louis, 2016

- *Parks that Reshape Cities*, American Planning Association, Phoenix, AZ, 2016
- *New Alternatives for Determining Parks and Recreation Needs and LOS*, National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA), Las Vegas, 2015
- *Social Equity in Public/Private Partnership Agreements (P3's)*, NRPA, Las Vegas, 2015
- *Creating High Performance Parks and Recreation Systems®*, Florida Recreation and Park Association/ Florida ASLA, Orlando, 2015; Park Pride, Atlanta, 2015

SELECTED RESEARCH, PUBLICATIONS

- *Reimagining Neighborhood Parks*, FRPA Journal, 2017
- *Contemporary Parks and Recreation Planning*, APA Planning, 2016
- *High Performance Public Spaces© – a Tool for Building Great Communities*, FRPA Journal, 2016
- *Alternatives for Determining Parks and Recreation Level of Service (LOS)*, American Planning Association Planning Advisory Service (PAS) Memo, 2016
- *2015, The Adoption of Innovation in the Planning and Design Process: Creating High Performance Public Spaces that Contribute to Community*

Sustainability, PhD Dissertation, University of Florida, 2015

- *Using a Delphi Method to Develop Criteria for High Performance Public Spaces*, Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture Conference Proceedings, 2014
- *Planning the Public Realm as a Plexus*, University of Florida (unpublished), 2014
- *Parks and Sense of Place*, FRPA Journal, 2012
- *New Alternatives for Parks and Recreation Levels of Service*, American Public Works Association Reporter, 2011
- *Providing Equity for Parks and Recreation Facilities; Alternatives for Calculating Level of Service (LOS)*, FRPA Journal, 2009
- *From Recreation to Re-creation*, Chapter 3 – “Does My Community Need More Parks?”, American Planning Association (APA), 2006
- *Planning and Urban Design Standards, Conducting a Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment*, APA, 2005
- FRPA Journal, *Developing an Effective Parks and Recreation System*, 1998

VOLUNTEER AND PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

ACTIVITIES

- 2017- Present | **National Recreation and Parks Association Directors School Curriculum Review Committee**
- 2017 – Present | **Gainesville Entrepreneurship and Adversity Program Mentor**
- 2016 – Present | **Take Stock in Kids Mentor**
- 2015 – Present | **Trustee, Florida Recreation and Parks Association Foundation**
- 1979 – Present | **Member, American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)**
- 1987 – Present | **Member, Florida Recreation and Parks Association (FRPA)**
- 2010 – 2012 | **Member, City of West Palm Beach Waterfront Committee**
- 2000 – 2008 | **Trustee, Florida Public Officials Design Institute**
- 2000 – 2005 | **Trustee, Florida Recreation and Parks Association Foundation**
- 2002 – 2003 | **Chair, Florida Recreation and Parks Association Foundation Board of Trustees**

- 2000 – 2001 | **Chair, FRPA Articles and Bylaws Committee**
- 1995 – 1997 | **Member, Florida DNR Recreation User Group Advisory Committee**
- 1991 – 1992 | **Treasurer, Florida Chapter ASLA**
- 1985 – 1986 | **Chair, Florida Chapter ASLA Orlando Section**

SELECTED AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- **Best Transportation Report Award**, Miami-Dade County Ludlam Trail Design Guidelines, Florida APA, 2010
- **Focused Issue Planning Award**, Downtown San Diego Needs Assessment for Parks and Open Space, San Diego APA, 2010
- **Award of Honor**, Northeast Everglades Natural Area Master Plan, Florida ASLA, 2006
- **Award of Merit**, City of Homestead Parks and Recreation Master Plan, Florida ASLA 2005
- **Award of Honor**, Indian Riverside Park, Florida ASLA, 2002
- **Landscape Architect of the Year**, Palm Beach County AIA, 2001

- **Award of Excellence**, West Orange Trail, Florida ASLA, 1996
- **Award of Excellence**, Cypress Grove Park, Florida ASLA, 1994