



# COMMUNITY DESIGN SOLUTIONS

PHOTO RE-IMAGING  
DESIGN & PLANNING  
MAIN STREET SERVICES  
CHARRETTE FACILITATION

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In 2005, Randy Wilson established Community Design Solutions (CDS) as a community-based planning firm devoted to delivering creative design services for community building. The firm specializes in charrette facilitation, photo rendering, Main Street design services, and general community design, planning and preservation services. Prior to forming CDS, Mr. Wilson served as the full-time architect for the South Carolina Main Street program. During his tenure with the Main Street program he garnered unparalleled experience in looking at the unique assets and challenges of historic central business districts and providing appropriate design solutions. Mr. Wilson continues to serve in this role on a consulting basis.

While serving as the architect for South Carolina's Main Street program, Mr. Wilson provided technical design assistance on thousands of downtown buildings and facades. He has been a part of over 300 charrettes -- on-site design workshops that engage the public in an intensive, interactive planning process-- ranging from studying downtown master plans, to gateway and corridor studies, to marketing and community identity creation, to economic development strategies. His work has taken him to diverse destinations such as Milford, DE, Detroit, MI, Laramie, WY, Anoka, MN, the Arkansas Delta, and the Island of Dominica.

In 2008, Mr. Wilson also became the Director of Design Services for the Mississippi Main Street Association (MMSA). In his role with MMSA, Randy played an instrumental role in leading resource teams along the Gulf Coast in the wake of Hurricane Katrina's destruction. His team's assessment and implementation-focused planning work for Gulfport led to their continued master planning involvement in Biloxi, Bay St. Louis, Waveland, Picayune, Ocean Springs, Pass Christian, Long Beach, Moss Point and Pascagoula.

In addition to his roles with Community Design Solutions, Main Street South Carolina, and Mississippi Main Street he has served as Design Services Director for Clemson University's Institute for Economic and Community Development hosted at the Sandhills Research and Education Campus in Columbia. Prior to his career in community design, Mr. Wilson was involved in private architectural practice for over 14 years. During his private practice tenure he designed numerous award-winning projects such as the offices of the Municipal Association of South Carolina and St. Peter's Catholic Church School in Columbia. He is active in the community, having served as Vice-Chair of the City of Columbia's Design/Development Review Commission, the boards of Historic Columbia Foundation, The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Midlands, Leadership Columbia, and is the Associate Pastor for Worship at Riverbend Community Church.

One of Mr. Wilson's areas of expertise is the utilization of photo re-imaging technology to present proposed design changes and future visions of a community in an easy-to-understand "before & after" photographic medium. In this capacity, Mr. Wilson has spoken at national conferences about the tools and techniques he has developed for this capability. He provides advanced photo re-imaging training and is a member of the National Association of Photoshop Professionals.

Mr. Wilson received his architecture degree with honors from the School of Architecture at Mississippi State University, and did subsequent graduate work at the East China Institute of Technology in Nanjing, China. Mr. Wilson has been a registered architect since 1990 and is a member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. He is a frequent speaker at preservation and community planning based conferences.

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