

Community Design Center

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The mission of the University of Arkansas Community Design Center is to advance creative development in Arkansas through education, research, and design solutions that enhance the physical environment. As an outreach center of the Fay Jones School of Architecture and Design, the Community Design Center is developing a repertoire of new design methodologies applicable to community development issues in Arkansas, with currency at the national level. The center's design solutions introduce a multiple bottom line, integrating social and environmental measures into economic development. Integrative design solutions add long-term value and offer collateral benefits related to sustained economic capacity, enhanced ecologies, and improved public health. The design center also offers hands-on civic design experience to students who work under the direction of design professionals. The University of Arkansas Community Design Center was founded in 1995 and has provided design and planning services to more than 30 communities across Arkansas. The design center's planning has helped Arkansas communities and organizations to secure nearly \$62 million in grant funding to enact suggested improvements.