

Magnusson Architecture and Planning PC

An Introduction to Our Firm



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The firm of Magnusson Architecture and Planning (MAP) was established in 1985 with the commitment of creating better communities through better architecture. MAP has emerged as an award winning firm providing comprehensive architectural service that blends design excellence with technical and planning expertise. We have developed specialization in housing, education, commercial facilities and master planning.

Our commitment to service, attention to detail, project follow-through and sound business knowledge have attracted a wide spectrum of private and public clients. Our extensive client list includes businesses, agencies, institutions, real estate developers, schools, and not-for-profit organizations: for most clients, we have completed multiple projects.

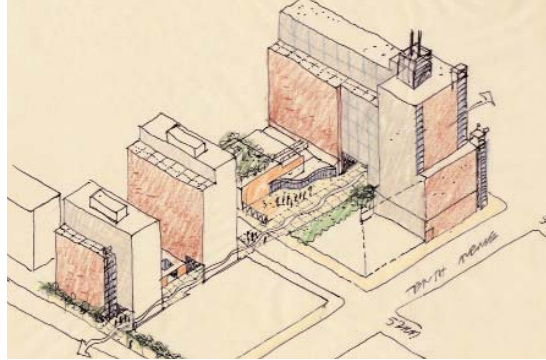
Our firm is known for creative, innovative design that is practical, appropriate, and suits the needs of the users. Because we have worked on a variety of projects – from schools to mixed-use projects, from urban planning to community facilities – we have developed sensitivity to the particular needs of each. This, we believe, is the key to successful projects.

The Principals of Magnusson Architecture and Planning are recognized leaders in their fields. The firm has three Principals, each with over 25 years of experience with complex planning and design issues. Each has demonstrated excellence in his particular field, going well beyond immediate project goals.

The MAP staff is a team of highly talented professionals dedicated to excellence in their work. Since its inception in 1985, the firm has had the opportunity to work with some of the region's leading developers, schools, New York City agencies, development teams, and non-profit groups. We are pleased that our work has been recognized by our peers, in that we have received numerous design awards over the years.

Approach

Architecture and Planning as a Service to our Clients and Community



Listening

Each project begins with listening and we continue to listen throughout the design process. Our primary goal is to understand the client's concerns and discover the underlying issues which will impact the plan.

Commitment to community

MAP believes that architects, like other professionals, have a social responsibility. We focus much of our time and energy on community service, collaborating with various community groups and non-profit organizations, as well as local businesses, throughout the country. The senior staff at MAP shares a common background with roots in the community. They became involved early on with their community and continue to have a positive impact on the quality of life of the public and organizations they serve.

Dedication to quality design

Our work adds to the quality of life of the people and the community for whom it is designed by bringing the social and physical environment into harmony, serving its function elegantly and having visual integrity.

Sustainable Design

MAP architects have a comprehensive approach to Green Building Design. Before design commences, a pre-design phase begins with an evaluation of the building type and the context in which the building is located. Based on this initial analysis, we identify additional systems that might be incorporated into the project. Among the criteria upon which this analysis is based are: lifecycle analysis, embodied energy, internal air quality, durability of equipment, and cost.

Teamwork

Our experience is that teamwork produces superior results. We strive to create an office environment that supports creativity, well-being, self expression, professional growth, and full productive capabilities of our staff. This in turn benefits our clients and the greater community in which we work.

Services

Comprehensive Architectural and Planning Services

Research, Analysis and Planning

Comprehensive planning studies, documentation, research and analysis form the basis of any sound project. Among the types of studies we undertake for our clients are feasibility studies, needs assessments, zoning analysis, and land-use studies. We also provide urban planning and design for community groups, municipalities, public agencies and large scale developments.

Pre-Design Services

In addition to thorough research and analysis, we can provide our clients with a number of other pre-design services which are necessary before the design of any project is undertaken. We conduct property evaluations, code and zoning reviews, and programming studies as well as assist with creating budgets and schedules.

Full Architectural Services

Once the feasibility of a project is determined and the program is set, as a fully licensed architectural firm, we provide a full range of architectural design services. During the early schematic design, we determine the design approach and develop conceptual designs, refine the designs through the design development phase, and then prepare complete specifications and construction documents. Throughout the entire design process, we work closely with our clients to develop cost estimates and refine budget and maintenance schedules. We are also asked to work with teams of other designers, engineers and construction professionals to develop projects.

Interior Design

As interior designers, we can provide our clients with a full range of services to meet their interior design needs. We provide space needs analysis, space planning, selection of furniture, fixtures and finishes, custom millwork, cabinetry, and lighting design

Construction Services

We can provide a range of construction services for our clients. As the clients representative, we can provide construction administration services throughout the construction phase of a project. We assist with the bid process, reviewing bids from contractors and subcontractors and aiding in the negotiating process. As part of the construction administration, we review shop drawings, observe installations and create punch lists. We provide expediting services to obtain proper agency approvals and can assist and coordinate move-ins. Finally, when construction is complete, we can provide as-built record drawings for our client.

Consultation

We are available for consultation during any phase of any project. These services may include planning, design review, building department consulting, equipment planning, artwork and signage services. We can collaborate with other design firms, designing one or many aspects of the the job, coordinate a particular phase or service, or consult on design or planning issues. We may also be hired by a client or agency to maintain quality control and work as an advocate on their behalf.



Magnusson Architecture and Planning PC is a full service architectural, planning and interior design firm that blends design excellence with technical expertise. We have developed specialization in housing, educational, and commercial facilities, both renovation and new construction. We offer a broad range of services to our clients for a variety of building types.