

# Jennifer Garcia, CNU-A

## Town Planner



### Degrees

Master of Architecture  
ANDREWS UNIVERSITY  
Berrien Springs, Michigan

Bachelor of Architecture  
ANDREWS UNIVERSITY  
Berrien Springs, Michigan

Bachelor of Arts in Spanish Studies  
ANDREWS UNIVERSITY  
Berrien Springs, Michigan

### Professional Experience

Town Planner, 2013 to present  
DOVER, KOHL & PARTNERS  
Coral Gables, Florida

Proprietor, 2009-2013  
GARCIA DESIGN STUDIO  
Coral Gables, Florida

Associate Urban Designer, 2007-2009  
JAIME CORREA & ASSOCIATES  
Miami, Florida

Architectural Designer, 2006-2007  
ARKOS DESIGN, INC  
Niles, Michigan

### Service

Board Member, Bike Walk Coral Gables  
VP/Designer, MAA Alumni Association  
Visiting Critic, Andrews University  
Rebuilding for Resilience Haiti Design  
Workshop, University of Miami, 2010  
CERENID, Hogar de Ninos, Bolivia, 2006  
Escuela Gabriela Mistral, Ecuador, 2005

Jennifer is a certified Charrette Planner through the National Charrette Institute and is an accredited professional with the Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU). She received both her Master and Bachelor of Architecture from Andrews University, a leading center for the study of New Urbanism. She has spoken at national conferences including Congress for the New Urbanism about creating plan report documents and her illustrations can be seen in several publications and exhibits. While at Dover-Kohl, she has worked with both municipalities and developers alike to produce innovative master plans, form-based codes, graphics and reports that contribute to the creation of walkable, sustainable urban places.

Jennifer's understanding of a community's history, culture, traditions, and how they contribute to the range of urbanism and local vernacular is influenced by her time living and traveling abroad. Prior to joining Dover-Kohl, Jennifer worked with several top New Urbanist thinkers and contributed to a variety of design teams, including Jaime Correa, Charles Bohl, and Castillo Arquitectos. She also enjoys blogging as a local transit advocate for Transit Miami and as an architecture contributor for Global Site Plans. Her daily bicycle commutes reinforce her belief in nurturing living urbanism with livable streets.

### Selected Projects

COCOA BEACH GATEWAYS MASTER PLAN, Cocoa Beach, Florida, 2015

Cocoa Beach has remained relatively untouched for several decades, surviving on outside attractions like the Space Shuttle Program. Now the City wants to be "Open for Business" and attract new growth to its commercial areas to attract more visitors and increase its tax base. Jennifer served as a town planner to create the *Gateways Master Plan*. The resulting vision redefines SR 520 as a premier east-west corridor connecting the Banana River to the Ocean with a multi-way boulevard. The plan lays out a path to revise and fine tune development regulations allowing redevelopment to occur.

SEVEN50 (7 COUNTIES, 50 YEARS), Southeast Florida, 2011-2014

Seven50 is a blueprint for growing a more prosperous and desirable Southeast Florida during the next 50 years and beyond. The plan helps ensure a vibrant and resilient economy, and stewardship of the fragile ecosystem which is quickly becoming one of the world's most important mega-regions. A unique collaboration of more than 200 public, private, and civic stakeholders, Seven50 mapped the strategy for the best-possible quality of life for the more than six million residents of Southeast Florida. Jennifer served as a town planner, illustrator, and graphic designer for these efforts.

CAPITOL CORRIDOR, Lansing Region, Michigan, 2013

Jennifer served as a town planner for this planning effort to engage the Lansing region in defining a unified vision for the Michigan Avenue / Grand Avenue corridor. A series of charrettes provided the opportunity for an in-depth community conversation about the future urban form of the corridor, and strive to produce a consensus-based vision for the urban design, land use, transportation, and economic development.

EAST PORT OF SPAIN MASTER PLAN, Trinidad & Tobago, West Indies, 2012

Although East Port of Spain is rich in history and culture, some communities have attracted a reputation for crime and violence. Applying the principles of traditional town planning, the firm assisted the East Port of Spain Development Company to restore the existing urban centers within the Comprehensive Development Areas, reconfigure sprawling settlements into communities of neighborhoods, conserve natural features, and preserve the area's built legacy. Jennifer served as an urban design consultant for this effort.

CONNECTING EL PASO, El Paso, Texas, 2010

Connecting El Paso focused on areas expected to become new centers under the City's new transit plan: Remcon Circle, 5 Points, and the Oregon Corridor. The plan also proposes redevelopment at the former ASARCO site to include connected networks of pedestrian-friendly streets, protected open spaces, office and commercial uses, and regional landmark destinations. The City plans to complete new bus rapid transit centers and street improvements at each transit site and compact, mixed-use transit-oriented development is expected to follow in time. Jennifer served as an urban design consultant for this effort.