

Kenneth Garcia, CNU-A

Studio Design Lead



Degrees

Master of Architecture
ANDREWS UNIVERSITY
Berrien Springs, Michigan

Bachelor of Architecture
ANDREWS UNIVERSITY
Berrien Springs, Michigan

Professional Experience

Town Planner, 2007 to present
DOVER, KOHL & PARTNERS
Coral Gables, Florida

Honors

CNU ACADEMIC CHARTER AWARD, 2007
The Saucier Town Plan
Andrews University

TAU SIGMA DELTA HONOR SOCIETY IN
ARCHITECTURE, 2007, Andrews University

Affiliations

Member, Congress for the New Urbanism,
2004 to present

Certified Charrette Planner, National
Charrette Institute, 2007

Lectures & Exhibits

CNU 22 - The Art of Street Design, 2014
Art of the New Urbanism Exhibit, 2012
CNU 20 - SketchUp as a Foundation for
Quick Charrette Hand Drawing, 2012

Service

Board Chair, Bike Walk Coral Gables,
2017-2018

Visiting Critic, Andrews University, 2008-
2014

President and Chapter Founder, Students
for the New Urbanism, 2004-2006

Kenneth has been with Dover, Kohl & Partners since 2007 and has participated in over 60 design charrettes. He produces many of the firm's illustrations and renderings, using a combination of computer graphics and traditional watercolor techniques. He oversees the design efforts by staff in the Coral Gables studio, trains team members, and assists firm principals and project directors with assuring the best quality in the work at Dover, Kohl & Partners. Kenneth received both his Master of Architecture and his Bachelor of Architecture from Andrews University, a leading center for the study of New Urbanism. He is CNU-Accredited by the Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU), has been certified by the National Charrette Institute, and is a member of the American Planning Association. Kenneth grew up in Costa Rica and Mexico, and is fluent in Spanish.

Kenneth was a founding member of Andrews University's chapter of the Students for the New Urbanism, and was a member of the design team that won a CNU Charter Award for their work on the Saucier Town Plan for Saucier, Mississippi. He serves on the board of Bike Walk Coral Gables, a local advocacy group that promotes bicycling and walking as safe and healthy forms of transportation and recreation.

Selected Projects

JTA MOBILITY WORKS COMPLETE STREETS - LEM TURNER & DUNN AVENUE CORRIDORS,
Jacksonville, Florida, 2015 - 2016

The Jacksonville Transit Authority (JTA) embarked on an ambitious project to plan and create a project list of improvements for 14 corridors throughout Jacksonville. Dover, Kohl & Partners worked as part of the Michael Baker team focusing on the Lem Turner and Dunn Avenue corridors. Kenneth was the lead designer and illustrator for this planning effort. Plans for Dunn Avenue include the implementation of a mile of separated bike lanes while Dunn Avenue has a focus on creating bus and bike only lanes and a roundabout to help foster one of the city's first BRT routes.

PLAN DOWNTOWN OAKLAND, Oakland, California, 2015

The Plan Downtown Oakland project is an interactive planning process for the creation of a Downtown Specific Plan. The project began in the late summer of 2015, with a community kick-off event. In mid-October, Dover-Kohl led a well attended 9-day charrette, located in a storefront in the heart of downtown. The Specific Plan is expected to be completed during the summer of 2016. An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Downtown Specific Plan is expected to be completed during the summer of 2017. Kenneth serves as town planner and illustrator for this project.

CAPITOL CORRIDOR PLAN, Lansing, Michigan, 2014

The Capitol Corridor plan extends approximately 19-miles from the capitol building to the town of Webberville. Spanning 10 municipalities, the corridor transverses cities, towns and countryside. The resulting plan outlines a vision to guide future growth, change and preservation in the corridor; it also provides recommendations for municipalities and key stakeholders to carry these ideas to implementation. Kenneth served as project manager and illustrator for this project.

WATER CAMPUS MASTER PLAN, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 2013

Working for the Baton Rouge Area Foundation, Dover-Kohl led the initial design of the 30 acre campus that will be the new home of The Water Institute of the Gulf. The campus is expected to grow into a major center for the science and research of river deltas. The Water Campus' walkable streets, public spaces and urban buildings will be a major step toward fostering a better connection between downtown Baton Rouge and Louisiana State University. Kenneth served as Project Director and illustrator for this project.

EL PASO COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, El Paso, Texas, 2012

Over the course of two years, Dover Kohl has led the process of rewriting El Paso's Comprehensive Plan. Through multiple charrettes Dover Kohl worked with the residents, stakeholders and city officials to create a guide to the City's future growth and enable Transit-oriented Development. Kenneth served as a town planner and illustrator for this effort.

CURRIDABAT MASTER PLAN & FORM-BASED CODE, Curridabat, Costa Rica, 2011

Dover, Kohl & Partners teamed with lead firm Castillo Arquitectos of Guatemala City, Guatemala, to create a Master Plan for the municipality of Curridabat, on the outskirts of the Costa Rican capital of San José, with a focus on walkability and livability. Curridabat will be the first municipality in Costa Rica to officially implement a Form-Based Code. It is the recipient of a 2014 CNU Charter Award for Best City Plan. Kenneth served as a town planner and illustrator for this project.