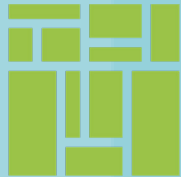


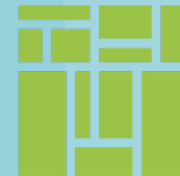
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We engage the community in decision-making and help teach the value and benefits of urban planning and design.

Since 2009, TDC has provided 49 internships and co-op opportunities, offering hands-on, paid experiences to regional university students across diverse fields of study. Through our studio, students gain practical skills, build professional portfolios, and contribute to meaningful projects that enhance Toledo's neighborhoods and improve residents' quality of life. Our educational mission is rooted in mentorship, fostering the next generation of planning and design professionals both locally and nationwide.



Intern alumni and City Council Member Mac Driscoll; TDC staff with intern Dylan Gomez celebrate PARK(ing) Day 2024.

TDC intern alumni hold several influential positions in Toledo.

Jennifer Van Horn, Metroparks Toledo & TDC Board Chair, 2013

Rachel Momenee, The Collaborative & TDC Board, 2010

Mac Driscoll, Toledo City Council & ConneCToledo, 2017

Brandon Sehlhorst, City of Toledo, 2012

Ryne Sunvold, Toledo-Lucas County Plan Commission, 2012

Nick Irmin, Duket Architects, 2010

Jeremy Mizak, Duket Architects, 2016

“My internship with TDC taught me valuable planning, communication and networking skills that were an important part of my education and professional development. [It] gave me real-world experience and I was able to network and establish relationships that I continue to foster and benefit from today.”

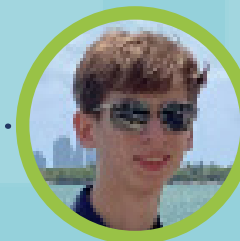
Brandon Sehlhorst

Director of Economic Development, City of Toledo
2012 TDC Intern



DYLAN GOMEZ, Fall 2024
University of Cincinnati, DAAP
Urban Planning

My opportunity at TDC has been a great exercise in confidence building. Feeling the trust, care, and passion within the organization towards not only their work in the community but also their place in inspiring an intern's career going forward has left me feeling newly confident in my abilities.



SAM RICHMOND, Spring 2024
University of Cincinnati, DAAP,
Urban Planning

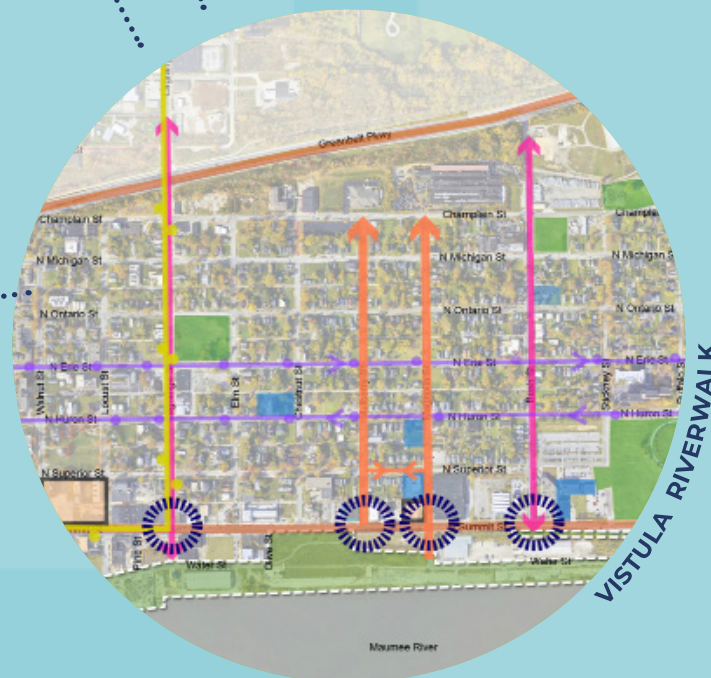
Toledo became a home away from home. I learned meaningful public engagement, how to facilitate conversations, and how to translate community feedback into design — skills that will shape my future career. I've also gained invaluable experience in teamwork, communication, and meeting deadlines. This internship has been a pivotal part of my academic and professional journey.

VACANT LOT PROGRAM



ROMAN MARRA, Summer 2024
Miami University B.A., Architecture
University of Michigan M.A., Architecture

My summer internship with the Toledo Design Collective built a sensitivity to the underlying forces that shape the 419 community. Collaborating with the team I learned new strategies focused on research driven design that promoted a healthier and more connected environment. The collected experiences broadened my perspective on urban design within Toledo and the dedication of those who believe in its potential.



VISTULA RIVERWALK

700+
Community Connections



NATALIE KUNES, Fall 2023-Spring 2024
University of Cincinnati, DAAP
Urban Planning

Meeting people where they are is essential to designing to meet their specific needs. The team was helpful and encouraging and I am grateful for them. I will carry the knowledge and memories I have gained at TDC into the next phase of my urban planning journey.

LAKEWOODS CAMPUS



MAKENZIE STEWART, Summer 2024
University of Cincinnati, DAAP
Urban Planning

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CAIDEN LYONS, Summer 2024
Pratt Institute, BArch

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