

# **Mark A. Papa, AIA, NCARB    Director of Urban design**

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**AFFILIATION:** leeandassociates

**PROJECT ASSIGNMENT: LEAD URBAN PLANNER**

**EDUCATION:**

Master's/Architecture & Urban Design/Columbia University, NY  
Bachelor's/Architecture/Catholic University of America, DC

**REGISTRATION/AFFILIATION:**

Registered Architect  
NCARB Registration  
American Institute of Architects  
Urban Land Institute  
Currently on Design Council of Catholic University School of Architecture and Planning.

**EXPERIENCE:**

Mr. Papa leads Lee and associates' practice of urban design and planning, and brings over 30 years of experience. His projects include: waterfronts, urban entertainment, retail, mixed use projects, parks and recreation facilities, transit area redevelopment, downtown revitalization, and large-scale residential developments. As the Director of Urban Design for Lee and Associates, he has directed numerous significant projects in The Washington Metropolitan Area. Prominent projects include: The Millennium Gift: The Visioning Plan for The Anacostia waterfront and Transit Orient Development (TOD) Master Plans for WMATA (totaling 30 so far). His waterfront planning includes urban design plans for Jersey City, Hoboken, Norfolk, Oakland, and Portland Maine. Internationally, he recently completed a waterfront master plan for the Ancient Capital City of Nanjing, China, as well as a 150 acre for a new sports related mixed use project within The Dubailand in UAE.

His planning on the Anacostia River includes the South East Federal Center, Southwest Waterfront and the Stadium Armory Metro Station at RFK Stadium. He, along with Jeff Lee, developed the Millennium Gift for Washington, DC at the request of The White House and GSA; a visionary project that led to the signing of the MOU between the federal agencies and D.C. which was the precursor to The Anacostia Waterfront Planning Initiative.

Prior to joining Lee and Associates, he completed numerous urban design projects in NY, NJ, FL, NC, and Washington, DC. His work on the Hudson River waterfront resulted in the urban revitalization of Hoboken and the construction of the Goldman Sachs World Headquarters in Jersey City. He also completed urban entertainment centers in Myrtle Beach, SC, Newark, NJ and Coconut Grove, FL. As partner of MRAssociates, he created for the master plan for a 600 square mile island Kojido off the coast of South Korea. The project included resorts, theme parks, new towns and a new port city.

Mr. Papa was involved in the complete redevelopment of the City of Rockville's downtown area and historic preservation program. While with the American City Corporation of the Rouse Company, he was responsible for the conceptualization and implementation of urban design projects, urban retail projects and comprehensive plans in over thirty cities throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe.

Some relevant project examples are:

- **Millennium Gift: The Vision for The Anacostia, Washington, DC.** Master development and implementation strategy for the redevelopment of the Anacostia Waterfront for GSA and The White House.
- **Waterside Metro, Washington, DC.** New entrance and access study for Waterside Station in Southwest D.C.
- **Southwest Waterfront Development Master Plan, Washington, DC.** 10 acre conceptual master plan of SW Waterfront from the Fish Market to M street along Main Avenue.
- **Southeast Federal Center, Washington, DC.** Member of the urban design team developing the master plan with Forest City
- **Stadium Armory TOD, Washington, DC.** TOD and access study completed for WMATA for the area around the Metro Station and connections to the Anacostia River
- **District of Columbia Transit Development Study, Washington, DC.** Plan and transit oriented development overlays for the proposed study of seven (7) potential starter lines for D.C.
- **Dulles Corridor Transit Project, Northern Virginia** Design of heavy rail connection from West Falls Church metro station to Rt. 772 in Loudoun County including Tyson's corner and Dulles Airport. Conceptual site plans prepared for 16 station stop and landscape design of alignments. Scenarios for selected stations.
- **Fairfax County Station Access Guidelines, Fairfax County, VA.** Planning and Urban design studies for Huntington, Franconia-Springfield and Dun Loring metro station.
- **Pentagon City Station Access Study, Pentagon City, VA.** Improvements to the public areas surrounding the metro station including streetscape and canopies.
- **Prince George's County Return on Investment Study, Maryland.** Build out analysis and alignment for potential stations including National Harbor.
- **Henson Creek TOD Study, Prince George's County, MD.** Urban Design Plan for Oxon Hill, Maryland
- **Branch Avenue Metro, Prince George's County, MD.** TOD Plan for Regional Center Metro Station.
- **WMATA Station Access Planning Guidelines, Washington Metro Area.** Preparation of Guidelines focused on Transit Oriented Development to maximize the potential for Joint Development opportunities.
- **Transit Oriented Development Plan, Rockville, MD.** Urban design plan and joint development guidelines for the Metro owned property at the Rockville Metro Station
- **San Antonio Downtown Revitalization Plan, San Antonio, TX.** Marketing strategy and urban design/preservation plan for Houston St. in downtown San Antonio.
- **Renaissance Newark, Newark Redevelopment Authority.** Urban design master plan for the Penn Station area of downtown Newark including a new arena for the New Jersey Nets NBA team
- **TOD Study, Capitol Heights, MD.** Master Plan and Charette management for metro station area at the capitol Heights Metro Station.