

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

ROBERT B. TESKA, FAICP, PE

Experience

Robert Teska's professional career spans a period of over forty-five years, during which he has consulted to the World Bank overseas and directed over 400 projects throughout the United States. Many of these have been nationally and internationally acclaimed award winners for innovative concepts in transportation/land use relationships, new town design, business district revitalization and citizen participation in environmental planning.

In 1986, Mr. Teska was awarded the American Society of Civil Engineers' Harland Bartholomew Award for distinguished service in the field of urban and regional planning. In 1999, Mr. Teska became one of the first urban planners in North America to be honored as Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners for his distinguished contributions to the advancement of the planning profession.

Mr. Teska has held positions as Principal and Vice President of Land and Community Planning for Barton-Aschman Associates, Inc. (Evanston and Washington, D.C.), Lieutenant in the U.S. Corps of Engineers, Planning Engineer for the Blauvelt Engineering Company and Staff Planner for the Madison, Wisconsin City Planning Commission. He is a registered Professional Engineer and a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

Mr. Teska founded Teska Associates, Inc. in 1975. The consulting firm specializes in community planning, site design, development economics, and landscape architecture. In 1980, Mr. Teska founded Design Evanston, a non-profit volunteer organization of local design professionals to promote the theme, "Good Design is Good Business". In 1992, he founded Business Districts, Inc., a consulting firm specializing in business district revitalization.

The author of over 50 professional papers and articles, Mr. Teska maintains a heavy public speaking schedule and lectures at numerous colleges and universities. He has served on the Board of Governors of the Metropolitan Planning Council of Chicago and as co-chair of its Regional Development Committee. He has also served as Chairman of the American Planning Association's Metropolitan and Regional Planning Division, Chairman of the Governor's Committee on Metropolitan Planning Organization in Northeastern Illinois, and Chairman of the Evanston Business District Redevelopment Commission.

Education

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| B.S. | Civil Engineering University of Wisconsin (Madison) |
| B.S. | City Planning University of Wisconsin (Madison) |
| M.S. | City Planning University of Illinois (Urbana) |

Professional Affiliations

- American Institute of Certified Planners, College of Fellows
- American Planning Association
- American Society of Civil Engineers
- Urban Land Institute
- International Downtown Association
- Lambda Alpha International, Honorary Land Economics Society