

Participatory Master Planning Process

Recent Projects:

- Whirlpool Corporation Campus, Benton Harbor, MI
- Hobart Marsh Master Plan, Hobart, IN
- Bronson Park, Kalamazoo, MI
- Monument & Veterans Memorial Parks, Grand Rapids, MI
- Oshtemo Township Parks
Flesher Field Park
- Pierce Cedar Creek Environmental Institute, Barry County, MI
- SW Michiagn Land Conservancy
Chipman Preserve
Pilgrim Haven Nature Preserve
Wa-Ke-Na Preserve
- St. Joseph County Senior Center, Sturgis, MI
- Family Health Center, Adrian, MI
- Kalamazoo County Juvenile Home, Kalamazoo, MI
- South Haven Streetscape, South Haven, MI
- Greenville Streetscape, Greenville, MI
- Port Huron Streetscape, Port Huron, MI
- Frost Valley YMCA, Claryville, NY
- Camp Tecumseh YMCA Outdoor Center, West Lafayette, IN
- YMCA of Greater Rochester, NY
Camp Cory
Camp Gorham
East Point Day Camp
North Point Day Camp
- Jameson Camp, Indianapolis, IN
- Y Camp Edwards, East Troy, WI
- LifeChurch Camp Restoration, Pocono Pines, PA
- Sherman Lake YMCA Outdoor Center, Augusta, Michigan
- Fairview Lake Y Camp
YMCA of the Metro Oranges, NJ
- Camp Watia
YMCA of Western North Carolina, Asheville, NC
- Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya
YMCA of Greater Green Bay, WI
- YMCA Camps Ockanickon, Inc. Medford, N J
- Camp Hazen YMCA, Chester, CT
- YMCA Camp Huckins
Freedom, NH



OCBA Landscape Architects has been developing master plans for parks, streetscapes, and youth camps using a participatory design process for over 20 years. The key piece of this approach is an intensive, on-site charrette process in which design ideas are quickly developed and communicated graphically so that charrette participants can visualize concepts as soon as they are generated.

Our goal through all of our work is to develop a master plan that reflects the goals and objectives of the project's stakeholders. We accomplish this by guiding a process that brings the stakeholders together and builds consensus by quickly interpreting their ideas into plans and sketches that smooth the progress of decision-making.

Products of the design charrette typically include master site plans, an order of magnitude budget estimate for proposed improvements, and a master plan report which describes the master plan process, recommendations, and budget estimates. But our clients believe the value of our approach lies in our ability to create a master plan that meets their goals and vision directly from their input, resulting in a truly consensus-based plan.