

Stephen Ibendahl, ASLA, RLA
Principal, The i5Group



Background

Stephen Ibendahl, Principal of The i5Group, brings over 18 years of experience in community and urban planning, public affairs, landscape architecture, and project management. His management and project experience includes a wide range of projects including: comprehensive planning, land-use planning, urban design, greenways and trails, parks and open space, freight, strategic planning, site development, transit, public engagement, fundraising, advocacy, and policy.

He brings a context sensitive approach to problem solving by engaging a wide range of stakeholders. Past clients include communities, state and federal agencies, neighborhood organizations, and businesses. Stephen brings trusted public engagement and facilitation experience in working with community groups, whether it is a committee of 10 or a standing room only crowd of over 100.

Stephen has helped developed innovative funding programs for clients and organizations including sponsorship programs, fundraising strategies, and public/private partnerships. He is an advocate for walkable communities, sustainable design, and green infrastructure. He has served on the OneSTL Steering Committee, the Lafayette Park Advisory Board, FOCUS St. Louis Sustainability Roadmap Task Force, MSD's Stormwater BMP Work Group, and AIA's Sustainable Design Team.

Stephen is a member of the American Planning Association (APA) and serves as the St. Louis Trustee on the national board of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) which provides strategic direction, appoints executive committee members, and provides fiduciary oversight for the 15,000 member, \$7 million budget organization.

Lectures and Presentations

'Green Infrastructure - Investing for Community Quality of Life and Economic Growth'
Missouri Conference of the American Planning Association, 2014

'Alton Multi-Modal Station – Public Engagement and Zoning Development'
Illinois Department of Transportation State Planning Conference, 2013

'Marketing the Profession' Panelist, LandUp Chicago, 2013

'Regional Plan for Sustainable Development, a Perspective from Southwestern Illinois'
St. Louis Regional Chamber and Growth Association, 2012

'Which Sustainable Rating System is Best for You?'
Missouri Conference of the American Planning Association, 2011

'I64 Sponsor Program'
St. Louis Regional Chamber and Growth Association, 2010

'Site Design for Water Quality', Panelist, Earth Day Symposium, 2008

'Analyze This! Analyze That! When Done Well, How Site Analysis Can Lead to Innovative and Sustainable Approaches to Development.'
St. Louis Metro Section of APA Annual Planning Workshop, 2006

'How to Make Walkable Communities: The Role of Landscape Architecture and Urban Design in Making Communities Pedestrian Friendly'
Missouri Community Development Society Conference, 2005

Education

Bachelor of Landscape Architecture
University of Illinois
Urbana-Champaign, 1997

Advanced Certificate of Non-Profit
Management

Washington University, St. Louis, 2003

Certifications

Registered Landscape Architect
Missouri, 2001028932

Professional Affiliations

American Planning Association
Member, 2008-Present

American Society of
Landscape Architects (ASLA)
National Trustee, 2012 to Present

Boards and Committees

OneSTL, Regional Sustainability Plan
*Steering Committee Member
2011-2013*

MSD's Stormwater BMP Work Group
ASLA Representative, 2010

FOCUS St. Louis
Regional Sustainability Roadmap
Task Force Member, 2009

AIA Sustainable Design Team
*Project Planning Team
Pittsfield, Massachusetts, 2005*

Lafayette Park Advisory Board
St. Louis Missouri, 2004 to Present

St. Louis Chapter U.S. Green Building Council
*Government Advocacy Committee,
2005 to 2008*