



**The Loudoun County Design Cabinet is a volunteer group of design-related professionals that:**

- Encourages quality design to reinforce Loudoun's sense of identity and community
- Provides a forum for advice and discussion on design-related issues
- Undertakes special projects that provide benefit to Loudoun communities

## Signatures of Loudoun Design Excellence Program

**Beginning in 2005, the Design Cabinet's awards program has recognized projects which best demonstrate design excellence and iconic status in Loudoun.**

- Nominations from the public are reviewed, and winners are selected in categories that include Legends, Details, Makeovers and Pace Setters.
- High school and college students interested in architecture, design, or engineering are chosen each year to participate as the Student Panel, and receive mentoring from the Design Cabinet.
- Awards are presented to the project representatives before the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors each June.

## Design Charrettes

**Upon request from community and county government leaders, the Design Cabinet also provides complimentary four-hour design charrettes. These events:**

- Provide an opportunity to initiate community discussions on issues led by skilled independent parties
- Encourage communities to consider a variety of options for solving their design-related challenges
- Incorporate consideration for planning, transportation, landscape architecture, and structural design issues
- Include architectural sketches and a final written report

**"[It was] thrilling ... to see our dreams of a skate park visually materializing before our eyes. We greatly appreciate the efforts of every Cabinet member who passionately carried our vision forward with great skill and care."**

**— Dave Levinson, President  
Purcellville Skate Project  
2010 charrette recipient**

Operating with staff support from the Department of Economic Development, the Design Cabinet has provided assistance throughout Loudoun County.

## Countywide Assistance

The Design Cabinet has served communities countywide since its founding in 2002. Among the projects:

- Review and input on the Loudoun County Route 50 Design Guidelines, the Green Building Design Guidelines, and the Loudoun wayfinding system
- Stakeholder participation with the 2012 Business Zoning Ordinance Amendment
- Charrettes for the benefit of all seven of Loudoun's towns as well as three villages
- Eastern Loudoun charrettes for communities including Belfort Park, River Creek, and CountrySide
- Participation with the Journey Through Hallowed Ground

The Design Cabinet  
has completed over  
25 design charrettes  
since 2002

## 2015 Members

All Design Cabinet members either live or work in Loudoun County:

Chairman Alan Hansen, DBI Architects

David Bowers, Kimley-Horn

Rick Conrath, GTM Architects, Inc.

Alfred Gooden III, SKI Quorum

Robert Harr, Bohler Engineering

John Martin, Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc.

Zac Lette, Land Planning and Design Associates, Inc.

Martha Mason Semmes, Town of Middleburg

Kevin Ruedisueli, Kevin Ruedisueli Architect, Inc.

Mark Thomas, Pennoni Associates

Julia Vea, MLA, Loudoun County Public Schools

Kevin VanHise, Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc.

Mike Watkins, Town of Leesburg



Chairman Alan Hansen  
presents at a charrette

The Department of Economic Development assists businesses with location, site selection, and business expansion needs within Loudoun, Virginia. To learn more about the Design Cabinet, visit [biz.loudoun.gov](http://biz.loudoun.gov) or call 571-258-3530.