OUR TEAM

Jeff Speck is a city planner who advocates internationally for more walkable cities. As Director of Design at the National Endowment for the Arts from 2003 through 2007, he presided over the Mayors' Institute on City Design and created the Governors' Institute on Community Design. Prior to his federal appointment, Jeff spent ten years as Director of Town Planning at DPZ CoDesign, the principal firm behind the New Urbanism movement. From 2007 to 2023, he led Speck & Associates, a private design consultancy serving mainly American cities. With Andrés Duany and Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk, Jeff is the co-author of *Suburban Nation*, which the *Wall Street Journal* calls "the urbanist's bible." His 2012 book *Walkable City* is the best-selling city planning title of this century and has been translated into eight languages. He is also the writer of *The Smart Growth Manual* and *Walkable City Rules*. Jeff Speck has been named a fellow of both the American Institute of Certified Planners and the Congress for New Urbanism. He is the 2022 recipient of the Seaside Prize, whose former awardees include Jane Jacobs and Christopher Alexander. His TED talks and YouTube videos have been viewed more than six million times. He lives with his wife, Alice, and sons, Milo and Roman, in a third-floor walkup overlooking the MBTA's Green Line.

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EDUCATION

Harvard Graduate School of Design
Cambridge, MA
MArch with Distinction, 1993

Williams College
Williamstown, MA
BA, *magna cum laude*, 1985

EXPERIENCE

Speck Dempsey
Partner,
2024 – present

Speck & Associates
Principal,
2007 – 2023

National Endowment for the Arts
Director of Design,
Presidential Appointee,
2003 – 2007

DPZ CoDesign
Director of Town Planning,
1993 – 2003

SELECT PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Downtown, Street Network, Waterfront, Urban and Suburban Infill, and Transit-Oriented Development Plans
Selected Projects:
Fort Myers, FL; Pensacola, FL; Cedar Rapids, IA; Carmel, IN; Hammond, IN; New Albany, IN; Westfield, IN; Prospect, KY; Baton Rouge, LA; Brookline, MA; Lowell, MA; Watertown, MA; Freeport, ME; Ada, MI; Grand Rapids, MI; Babylon, NY; Dublin, OH; Memphis, TN.

New Neighborhoods
Selected Projects:
Bradburn Village, CO; Greeley, CO; Rosemary Beach, FL; Middleton Hills, WI; Vineyard, UT; Loreto Bay, Baja Sur, Mexico; Heulebrug, Knokke-Heist, Belgium.

Downtown Walkability Studies
Selected Projects:
Mobile, AL; Rogers, AR; Norwalk, CT; Fort Lauderdale, FL; West Palm Beach, FL; Davenport, IA; Boise, ID; Louisville, KY; Grand Rapids, MI; Albuquerque, NM; Oklahoma City, OK; Tulsa, OK; Bethlehem, PA; Lancaster, PA; Scranton, PA; Memphis, TN; Chattanooga, TN.

BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

Walkable City Rules: 101 Steps to Making Better Places, Washington, DC: Island Press, 2018. Published in 6 languages.

Walkable City: How Downtown Can Save America, One Step at a Time, NY: Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2012. Published in 8 languages.

"Best Practices in Downtown Revitalization, New Urban Style," in Tigran Haas, *Sustainable Urbanism and Beyond*. NY, 2012.

The Smart Growth Manual, co-authored with Andres Duany. NY: McGraw Hill, Nov., 2009.

Suburban Nation: The Rise of Sprawl and the Decline of the American Dream, co-authored with Duany and Plater-Zyberk. NY: North Point / Farrar Straus & Giroux, 2000.

SERVICE EXPERIENCE

Board of Advisors, Civicap affordable housing fund, 2022 – present

Board of Advisors, the Coalition for Smarter Growth, 2010 – 2014

U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Sustainability Task Force, 2009 – 2014

Board of Directors, National Charrette Institute, 2007 – 2018

SELECT LECTURES

Dubai Award for Sustainable Transport, June, 2022

National Arts Club, New York City, April, 2022

Internationales Bauforum, Hamburg, Germany, August, 2019

International Planning Conference, Santiago, Chile, July, 2019

International Mobility Conference, Bogota, Colombia, April, 2018

SELECT AWARDS

Congress for the New Urbanism, Charter Award, Monon Boulevard, Carmel, IN, 2019

The Seaside Prize, 2022

American Society of Landscape Architects, Central States, Merit Award for Planning, ReLeaf Cedar Rapids, Cedar Rapids, IA, 2023