



About PPS

Project for Public Spaces, Inc. (PPS) is a non-profit corporation specializing in public space planning, design and management. PPS's objective is to improve the relationship between the design and management of public areas and the way people use them. Since its incorporation in 1975 as an outgrowth of William H. Whyte's Street Life Project, PPS's innovative approach to public space planning and urban revitalization has been used by a wide range of organizations -- from downtown development groups to neighborhood associations with emphasis on:

- o commercial and residential streets
- o urban plazas and mini-parks
- o parks and major recreation areas
- o information and signage systems in public areas
- o mixed-use developments and office buildings
- o transportation facilities
- o comprehensive downtown design and management plans

A firm of designers and social scientists, PPS uses time-lapse filming, systematic observations, and specially designed surveys to determine how people use public spaces and how to make these spaces more usable, lively, safe, and enjoyable. PPS has been involved in both private and publicly funded urban design and management projects. The firm's dual involvement in general research and in specific projects offers clients a unique service.

All PPS projects are planned and directed by an interdisciplinary team. The varied professional backgrounds of staff members include design, architecture, urban planning, landscape architecture, urban geography, environmental psychology, and filmmaking. The organization also collaborates on projects with architects, landscape architects, and economic-marketing and transportation engineering firms.

CORPORATIONS

The Bankers Trust Company (New York City)
Crown Center Redevelopment
Corporation
Eastern Airlines
Puget Sound Power & Light Co.
Rockefeller Center, Inc.
Schiaivone Realty & Development
Corporation (New Haven, CT)
Seattle First National Bank
Time, Inc.
Weyerhaeuser Company

CITY GOVERNMENT

Allentown (PA) Economic Development
Corporation
Boise Redevelopment Agency
Boston Redevelopment Authority
City of Bellevue
City of Burbank
City of Dallas
City of Eugene
City of Grand Rapids, MI
City of Hastings, NE
City of Highland Park
City of Jacksonville
City of Philadelphia
City of Portland
City of Providence
City of Redmond
City of Salem
City of San Juan
City of Seattle
City of Stamford, CT
City of Wilcox, AZ
Eugene Urban Renewal Agency
New York City Department of
City Planning
New York City Metropolitan
Transportation Authority

Selected
Clients

DOWNTOWN ORGANIZATIONS

Bellevue Downtown
Association
Central Atlanta Progress
Central City Association (Los Angeles)
The Denver Partnership
Downtown Cleveland Association
Downtown Council, Hartford
Downtown Crossing Association, (Boston)
Downtown Denver, Inc.
Downtown Development Authority (Miami)
Downtown Fort Worth, Inc.
Downtown Hollywood (FL) Center, Inc.
Downtown Seattle
Association
Downtown Seattle Development
Corporation
Pittsfield (MA) Downtown
Associates
Rochester Downtown Development Corporation
Springfield (MA) Central, Inc.

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Historic Seattle
National Trust for Historic Preservation
Seattle University

PRIVATE DEVELOPERS

Banner Square Associates (Albuquerque, NM)
British Pacific Building Ltd.
Carma Developers
Consortium of Eastlake
Developers
Elmer Sproul Enterprises
Emerald Fund Developers
First Boston Corporation
Gerald D. Hines Interests
Helmsley-Spear, Inc. (New York City)
Heron Development Company
Larimer Square Associates
Maguire Thomas Partnership
Morguard Properties Inc.
Neuman Development
Rose Associates
Rubloff Corporate Services
Russell Development Company, Inc.
Trammell Crow Company