



# MD "MIKE" HIGBEE

**PRESIDENT/PRINCIPAL**

**ROLE** Mike Higbee is the Managing Director of DC Development Group (DCDG), an Indianapolis based development firm. Mike established DCDG to complement the work of Development Concepts, Inc., the development planning and real estate consulting firm he founded in 1991. Mike has worn many hats, including that of project leader, consultant, and instructor. However, he has always remained true to the cornerstone of his expertise which is conceptualizing development and seeing it through to construction completion.

**EXPERTISE** Mike has designed and developed numerous successful projects focused in urban environments, such as Martindale on the Monon, National Apartments and Avondale Meadows. Current DC Development Group projects in Indianapolis include the redevelopment of the former Central State Mental Hospital - a 150 acre site and the adaptive re-use of the former National Motor Vehicle Factory. The Central State project will incorporate mixed-use development with strong cultural and ethnic themes.

As a consultant, Mike uses his experience to help create plans and developments that have benefited cities across the country, including Waukegan, Illinois; Rockville, Maryland; Durham, North Carolina; and West Lafayette, Indiana. He has also done consulting work in the United Arab Emirates assisting development companies in structuring development programs for large undeveloped land parcels.

**BACKGROUND** Prior to forming Development Concepts, Mr. Higbee served as the Director of Metropolitan Development, one of six departments within the Indianapolis-Marion County consolidated government. During his time with the City of Indianapolis, his department was responsible for the City's economic development and affordable housing initiatives. Some of the premiere projects he facilitated for the City were the Circle Centre Mall development, the Lower Canal Improvement Project, and negotiations for the United Airlines Maintenance Facility at the Indianapolis International Airport.

## EDUCATION

Graduate Study - Community Development  
Southern Illinois University  
Bachelor of Sciences  
Purdue University

## SELECTED AFFILIATIONS

ULI Indiana District Council - Founding Member  
ULI's Daniel Rose Center Faculty Member  
Historic Landmarks of Indiana  
Delta Institute Board of Directors  
Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee

## SELECT PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Town Center Master Plan  
Rockville, Maryland  
Industrial Development Plan  
Bloomington, Indiana  
Downtown Strategic Plan Update  
Columbus, Indiana  
Multi-Modal Station & Transit Oriented Development  
Moline, Illinois  
Development Advisory Services  
Waukegan, Illinois

## URBAN LAND INSTITUTE ADVISORY SERVICES PANELS

**Downtown Renaissance**  
Colorado Springs, Colorado  
**H.H. Richardson Complex**  
Buffalo, New York  
**Strategy for Redeveloping the Lakefront**  
Waukegan, IL  
**Central Park Mall Site**  
San Antonio, Texas  
**St. Juliens Creek Naval Annex,**  
Chesapeake, Virginia  
**A Vision for the Waterfront**  
Redondo Beach, California  
**Vallejo Waterfront Master Plan**  
Vallejo, California  
**St. Petersburg Waterfront Revitalization**  
St. Petersburg, FL