

John Gibbons, Architect and Urban Planner

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Mr. Gibbons is a Registered Architect and Urban Planner with over 40 years' experience in urban redevelopment planning and design, including the design of multiple PHFA funded affordable housing and senior housing developments, both new construction and rehabilitation. His clients include nonprofit development corporations, civic associations, business improvement districts and affordable housing developers. As a Principal of KSK Architects Planners Historians, Inc. until 2017, he was responsible for the successful completion of affordable senior housing developments in Philadelphia that have helped transform their neighborhoods. These projects have included the following:

- Centennial Village at 52nd and Parkside Ave. This 51-unit affordable housing development for Community Ventures includes a 30-unit 4 story elevator access senior housing apartment building. The Centennial Village development, which has transformed the deteriorated 52nd and Parkside area, received a PACDC Blue Ribbon Award in 2019
- Francisville East, 1500 block of Poplar Street. This 44-unit affordable housing development for Community Ventures includes a 30-unit 3 story elevator access apartment building for seniors. The Francisville East development received a PACDC Blue Ribbon Award in 2012 and has helped transform the east side of Francisville
- Susquehanna Village, 15th Street and Susquehanna Ave. This 50-unit affordable housing development for Community Ventures completed in 2011 includes a 3-story elevator access apartment building for seniors
- Warnock Phase 2. This PHA 45-unit 3 story elevator access senior apartment building for on Germantown Ave at Warnock Street was completed in 2011

As a principal at KSK Mr. Gibbons was responsible over a 20-year period for the provision of redevelopment planning and architectural design services for the successful transformation of multiple obsolete, socially isolated Philadelphia Housing Authority public housing developments as thriving new neighborhoods that are now socially and physically integrated into the fabric of the city. These developments include Mantua Square, Sharswood Blumberg, Norris Apartments and Cambridge Plaza.

He has been responsible for many other new construction affordable housing developments for Philadelphia CDC's, including Lawrence Court, a 50 unit PHFA funded affordable sales housing development at 4th and Westmoreland for HACE, Strawberry Mansion Townhomes, a 40 unit affordable sales housing development on 31st Street for Friends Rehabilitation Program, Ingersoll Park a 10 unit affordable sales housing development for Community Ventures at 16th and Master Streets, and Diamond Park a 16 unit affordable sales housing development for Habitat for Humanity.

Mr. Gibbons has also been the architect for the successful completion of multiple affordable housing rehabilitation projects in Philadelphia, including the two phase PHFA funded Spring Garden Revitalization project for Spring Garden CDC that involved the rehabilitation of over 70 historic PHA owned townhouses in the community as affordable and mixed income apartments. This project received a Preservation Alliance award in 2010. His other award-winning affordable historic rehabilitation projects in Philadelphia have included the PHFA funded historic rehabilitation of Suffolk Manor Apartments in Olney for PHA. Suffolk Manor received a Preservation Alliance Award in 2010. Mr. Gibbons has completed several other PHFA funded affordable housing rehabilitation projects including the 80-unit Lehigh Park Apartments development in Fairhill for HACE and the 131-unit Becket Gardens development at 16th and Master for Union Church CDC.

Mr. Gibbons also has extensive experience in design of the public environment, including the reconstruction of the Willow Grove Ave Bridge in Chestnut Hill. In 2017 the project received awards from the Chestnut Hill Historical Society/ Chestnut Hill Conservancy as well as a Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Award.

Mr. Gibbons has presented at national conferences of the American Institute of Certified Planners, including in 2012 a presentation on the use of Historic Preservation Tax Credits and Low-Income Housing Tax Credits in the successful rehabilitation of historic Housing Authority owned townhouses in the Spring Garden Historic District as mixed income housing.

Mr. Gibbons received his professional degree in Architecture from the University of Newcastle Upon Tyne in the UK in 1972. He received a master's in city planning from the University of Pennsylvania in 1978.



Centennial Village



Francisville East



Susquehanna Village