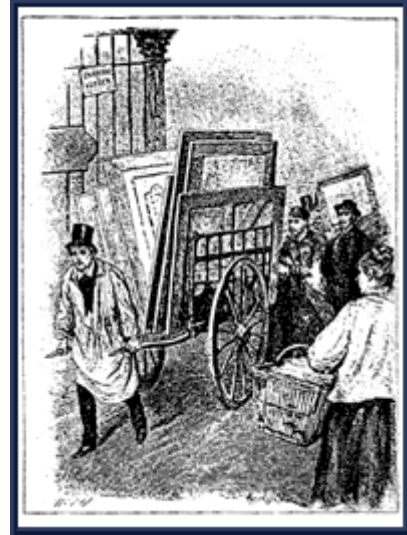


Sustainable Redevelopment in the Ohio River Valley Charrettes

After learning about all things sustainable redevelopment during the first part of the conference, you will participate in a learning charrette on actual sites in Louisville and Southern Indiana.

The sites offer differing scales and former uses, and they present challenges and opportunities common to urban, small town, and rural areas. Our goal is to have approximately the same number of conference attendees working on each of the three sites. Participants will work collaboratively in groups of about 8-10 people to sketch out plans/ideas for redevelopment of the sites. The charrette groups will then report out to the larger group on their ideas and recommendations.



What is a charrette?

"Charrette" means "cart" in French. The word is commonly used in the architecture and planning worlds in reference to an intensive and collaborative design process. This process often integrates local stakeholder opinions with professional advice to create a visual design product. This unique application of the word "cart" is believed to have originated during the 1800s, when a cart, or "charrette", was pushed around from table to table to collect final design sketches. Charrettes can be a valuable tool for creating sustainable development plans and communicating "what could be" at the site. More detailed information about conducting a charrette and charrette training can be found at The National Charrette Institute: www.charretteinstitute.org. We will be conducting a mini teaching charrette at the conference.

How will our charrette products be used?

The charrette sites were selected in close consultation with the City of Louisville and New Albany, and the Town of Clarksville. The pre-conference site characterization and post-conference designs and final report are a product of a partnership with Ball State, the Universities of Louisville, Kentucky and Illinois at Urbana Champaign. Our goal is to expand these partnerships in the coming months and, who knows, maybe some of your charrette design ideas will be found at these sites when they are redeveloped!