



# Chuck Thomas, AICP

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Director of Planning

## Professional Background

Mr. Thomas has more than 30 years experience in planning, zoning, real estate development, HUD Community Developments programs, Neighborhood Reinvestment programs, State funding agencies and private fund raising. He served as Deputy Director of Planning for the City of Buffalo from 1998 through May 2006. His duties in Rochester include comprehensive land use and strategic planning, GIS and data systems management, waterfront development, and community plan development.

Chuck is a graduate of the State University of New York at Buffalo. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners, the Congress for the New Urbanism, the ULI Urban Land Institute, and the Western New York Section of the American Planning Association

## Professional Recognition

- 2005 APA, *National Award*, “**The Queen City Hub: Regional Action Plan for Downtown**”
- 2004 APA, *New York Upstate Award*, “**The Queen City Hub**”
- 2000 APA, *New York Upstate Award*, “**Downtown Buffalo 2002 – Strategic Plan Review**”
- 1999 APA, *New York Upstate Award*, “**Underground Railroad in Broderick Park**”
- 1998 APA, *New York Upstate Award*, “**Buffalo Summit Series**”
- 1997 APA, *New York Upstate Award*, “**Willert Park Village Homeownership Zone**”
- 1997 APA, *New York Upstate Award*, “**South Buffalo Redevelopment Plan**”
- 1996 APA, *New York Upstate Award*, “**Main LaSalle Revitalization Study**”

## Planning Documents / Major Responsibilities

- City of Rochester: Housing Market Study (2007), Focused Investment Strategy (Draft 2007), and Right Sizing & Greening Infrastructure Strategy (Draft 2007)
- “The Queen City in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” (2005) Buffalo’s Comprehensive Plan.
- “Queen City Waterfront”: the LWRP (2005) and the Waterfront Corridor Initiative (2006)
- “Queen City Communities”: “Queen City HUB” Downtown (2003), and GNPA Community Plans.
- “Queen City Land and Buildings Management”: (2004).
- “Queen City Greening”: Urban Parks and Recreation Recovery Action Plan (2003), Urban Forest Master Plan (2003), Tree Inventory Report (2001), and Urban Ecosystem Analysis Buffalo-Lackawanna Area (2003)
- Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus: Master Plan & Implementation Strategy (2002), and Holistic Neighborhood Plan (2005)
- City of Buffalo Planning: “Phase I: Community/Neighborhood Conditions Summary” (1998), “A Framework for Success” (2001), and City of Buffalo Master Plan: Inventory of Existing Conditions and Planning Community Summaries (2001). Erie County “Erie-Niagara Framework for Regional Growth,” UB “State of the Regional,” GBNRTC “2025”, Continuum of Care, etc.

