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**Lee Quill: Next Up In
Reshaping Rochester Series!**
Join Us On February 25th!

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Lee Quill is a founding principal of Cunningham | Quill Architects in Washington, D.C. and has over thirty years of experience in urban design, master planning, infill mixed-use, institutional, residential, and commercial and corporate architecture. A nationally recognized leader in community engagement and design, he has lectured on these topics at the National Building Museum, EPA Smart Growth Lecture Series, the Urban LandInstitute, the American Institute of Architects, the American Planning Association and numerous universities. Mr. Quill served as the Design Team Lead for two national AIA Sustainable Design Assessment Teams (SDATs) in Colorado Springs (2011) and Stanwood, Washington (2012). He has also served as a juror for the EPA National Awards for Smart Growth Achievement.

Lee Quill, FAIA CNU
February 25th, 7-9pm
Gleason Works Auditorium (1000 University Ave)

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Gallery Exhibition Opening this Friday!



The Community Design Center Rochester in conjunction with the annual award-winning Reshaping Rochester lecture series, presents "Connecting Spaces/ Connecting Places" an exhibition about corridors and the role that they play in revitalization and connectivity in neighborhoods and their metropolitan areas.

This exhibition is a collaborative venture highlighting projects associated with this year's guest

speakers and are located in states that include Colorado, Minnesota, Michigan, Virginia, Georgia, Connecticut and New York. These have been transformative efforts that have changed places and had a positive impact on city streets, elevated walkways, riverfronts and bridges creatively connecting communities.

Opening Reception on Friday, February 6th, 6-9pm at the CDCR Design Gallery

This exhibit is on display through June 2015.

The CDCR Gallery is open from 9am-5pm. We suggest calling before visiting.

Development/Design Fund - New Grant Project: Beechwood Neighbors Greenhouse Collective



The Community Design Center is very excited to update you on the progress of a newly funded project through our Development/ Design Fund Program. The Beechwood Neighbors Greenhouse Collective (BNGC) was awarded funding in the Fall 2014 grant cycle to explore opportunities to increase access to healthy/locally grown food that will impact an area of the

city that has been identified as a "food swamp." Building upon an existing network of food access and education, the project site located behind the Freedom Market at 359 Webster Avenue, will become another hub in that network, fostering social connections and strengthening relationships across the community.

This project was initiated by local PTA and community members at school #33, a very dedicated group that seeks to effect change in their neighborhood. The Beechwood Neighbors Greenhouse Collective hopes to create a safe place for neighbors to gather, collaborate, and share ideas as well as provide opportunities for education and training related to food production and preparation. The project kick-off meeting was held last Friday and the group will be putting together a request for proposal and interviewing consultants in the coming months. We will be updating you on their progress as plans develop.



We would also like to take a moment to acknowledge our funders. The Development/ Design Fund Program has been generously supported by the Louis. S. and Molly B. Wolk Foundation, the Max and Marion Farash Charitable Foundation, and the New York State Council on the Arts.

Stay tuned for information about the Development/Design Fund Spring 2015 grant cycle which will begin in April. If you are interested in learning more about the program please visit [our website](#) or contact the Program Coordinator, Sebastian Baliva, at design@rrcdc.org.



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For more information about the Design Fund [click here](#).

Tuesday Topics: Inner Loop Reconstruction

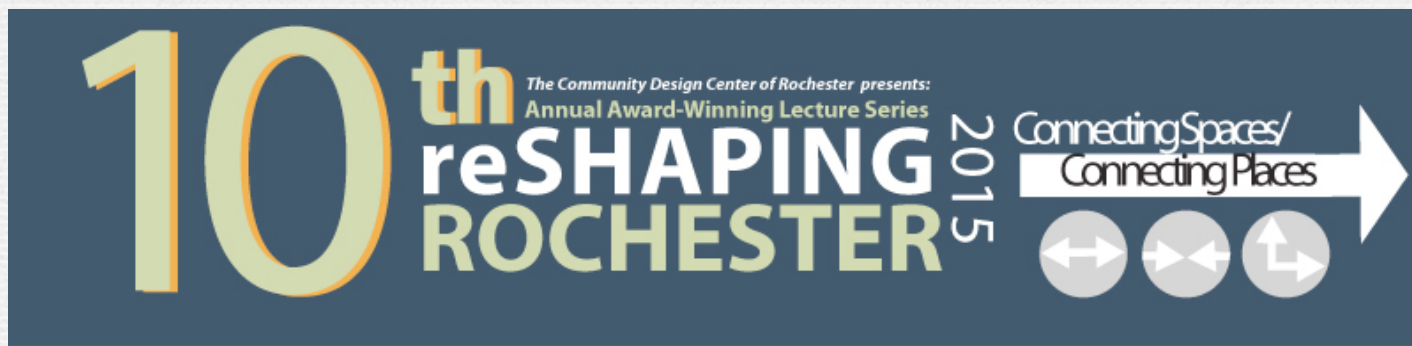
Last Tuesday the Community Design Center's Executive Director, Joni Monroe, and past Board President, Roger Brown were invited to present at Tuesday Topics, a weekly series of informational programs given on a wide range of topics, presented by the Friends and Foundation of the Rochester Public Library. The presentation was titled Inner Loop East Reconstruction Project and included a history of the genesis of the construction of the Inner Loop as well as an overview of the current project to bring the SE section up to grade and the positive impact it will have on our city. A lunch hour crowd of almost 100 attendees listened as they discussed the evolution of Rochester, the planning practices that lead to the construction of freeways and loop roads in American cities. The presentation included a detailed look at Stantec Consulting's plans for the Inner Loop's removal (seen for the first time by many) and examples of buildings from other cities of what to give ideas of what might be developed on sites created by the infill here in Rochester.

We will be posting this presentation on our website [here](#).



First Reshaping Rochester Lecture with Victor Dover: A Success!

Thank you to everyone who attended!



We've kicked off our 10th Annual Reshaping Rochester Series with a bang! Thanks to all who joined us on January 28 for "Street Smart" with Victor Dover, who gave a rousing call to arms in defense of good street design.





Tati's Updates

We've been lucky to receive an outpouring of interest in volunteering with the Design Center!

Thanks to all who have reached out so far, and keep an eye on your inboxes for upcoming opportunities related to our 10th Annual Reshaping Rochester Series. There's plenty to be done, and we look forward to working with you!

Are you in the middle of your pre-spring spring cleaning? The Design Center is currently seeking a donation of a paper shredder. Contact us at admin@rrcdc.org or 585-271-0520 if you are interested in donating.

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