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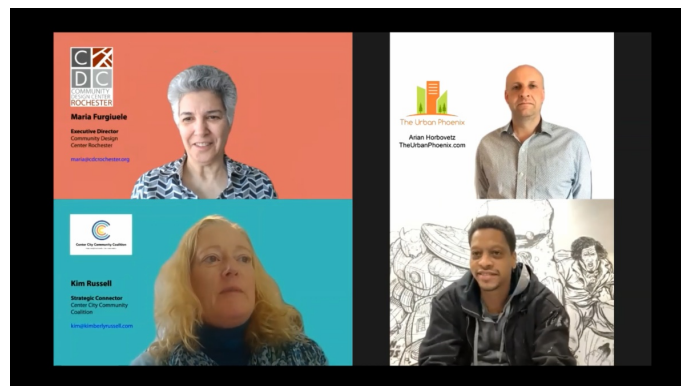
May 2020



## PLACEMAKING 101

shaping the places we share

**We launched a new digital series last month**



Thank you to all who attended the launch of **PLACEMAKING 101: Shaping the places we share** on April 29th and the follow-up Q&A on May 6th! We'd like to give a big thank you to [C4 Center City Community Coalition](#) for co-hosting these inaugural events, and to [Highland Planning, LLC](#) and [Hinge Neighbors](#) for their direct support.

**[Watch the "Introduction to Placemaking" webinar](#)**

**[Watch the follow-up Q&A](#)**

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Join us for our next PLACEMAKING 101 webinar!

**May 20, 2020 | 12:00PM**

**Behind the Curtain: How the public can better engage the land use process**

**FEATURING:**



Jason Haremza, AICP  
Town Planner, [Town of Danby](#)



Molly Gaudioso, AICP  
Senior Community Planner, [Barton & Loguidice](#)

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## 2020 Reshaping Rochester Lecture Series & COVID-19



As is the case around the globe, our lecture series has and will continue to be impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Please save the following dates in your calendar:**

Our **March lecture** with Carol Naughton has been rescheduled for **10/21/20**.  
Our **April lecture** with Bernice Radle has been tentatively rescheduled for **9/23/20**.  
The **May Luncheon** has been postponed to **6/16/20** and will be virtual.

**[Click here to watch past lectures!](#)**

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## **Take our "COVID-19 Community Impact" survey**

We are interested in learning how current events around COVID-19 are impacting you and your community. Please help us by taking this survey:

**<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6KXL2H6>**

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## **Reshaping Rochester Awards Nominations are Open!**

Submit nominations for our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Reshaping Rochester Awards on a **new rolling basis through September 11, 2020!** The awards given will recognize exemplary projects and initiatives in the nine-county Finger Lakes region that make a positive impact on people, neighborhoods, and communities. Awardees will be announced at the Annual Awards Luncheon on November 19.

**[Click here for nomination forms](#)**

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**Check this out:**



## Fluidity: An Introduction

"How could I make a powerful commentary on the American lifestyle in the context of a blog that's supposed to be about urban revitalization? How do I talk about the importance of maintaining a higher level of 'fluidity' in our lives and still talk about revisiting the core concepts of meaningful density, public transit, and walkability?"

"Then it hit me...they are the same thing." [Continue reading here.](#)

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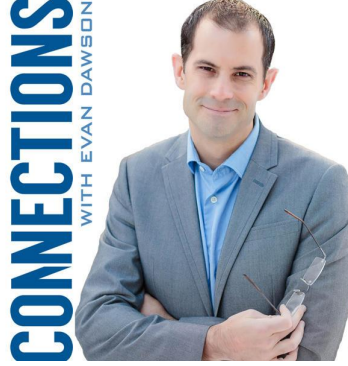
Kathryn Mariner, PhD

## Kate Mariner's "Fertile Ground" takes on a new timeline & approach

"Due to COVID-19, the in-person aspects of my fieldwork have been put on hold indefinitely...Sitting with some field notes and interviews and photos, I have begun to do some preliminary writing and sharing of images and other content."

[Explore here](#)

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## Local Perspective on Cities & the Pandemic

CDCR Board Member Howard Decker was on Connections with Evan Dawson last month to discuss the future of cities.

Listen here: ["Will the pandemic convince Americans to move away from big cities?"](#)

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Christine L. Ridarsky

## City of Rochester Historian: "Document your COVID-19 experience"

"What are you doing to document your experience during the COVID-19 crisis? Consider keeping a diary as a means of contributing to the historical record and make plans to donate it to a library or archive. In Rochester, the [Office of the City Historian](#) and the [Central Library of Rochester & Monroe County](#) will be building an archive on the local response to the pandemic." (Christine L. Ridarsky, City Historian)

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## Get Continuing Education Credits Online

Struggling to get your CEUs with in-person events cancelled? Try these resources:

[AIAU Online Courses & Webinars](#) (paid / free)

[CNU's "On the Park Bench" Weekly Series](#) (free)

[USG E-University](#) (free)

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## See what our friends are doing:



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### [Native Plant Sale](#)

Now thru May 31st | Online or by phone

Order native plants from [Amanda's Garden](#) and Genesee Land Trust will receive 5% of your sales! Just click "add a note" to your shopping cart and type "GLT" if buying online, or mention GLT over the phone (585-750-6288). Your plants can be picked up at the garden center or shipped.

Remember, native plants will give homes and food to local wildlife! Please email Ellen Folts with any questions: [ellen@amandasnativeplants.com](mailto:ellen@amandasnativeplants.com).

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### Independent Walking Tours

Anytime | Rochester

Looking for a change in scenery? Check out these independent walking tours that [Greentopia](#), [Genesee Land Trust](#)'s River Alliance, and the [Lower Falls Foundation](#) put together with [Tour Blend](#):

[EcoLoop Walking Tour](#)

[Lower Falls Walking Tour](#)



### Bike Infrastructure Update 2020

Thurs. May 28 | 7:00pm-8:30pm | Zoom

Tune in for a live Zoom update from Darin Ramsay, transportation specialist for the City of Rochester. Learn what bike infrastructure, road, and trail projects we can look forward to in 2020.

To register and receive the Zoom link, email Jesse Peers at [jesse@reconnectrochester.org](mailto:jesse@reconnectrochester.org).



### 6x6 Global Online Preview

Fri. May 15 | 10:00am | RoCo's Website

Despite everything happening in the world today, RoCo still received nearly 4,000 amazing little artworks from all around the world. Global Online Preview is your first chance to see all the entries and begin making your list of favorites!

[Click here to check it out.](#)

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