



Internship

Donjek is a one-person consulting firm serving the needs of private, public and philanthropic/nonprofit clients in areas related to urban redevelopment. I am seeking a part-time summer intern to assist me with current and future projects, in the following areas of focus and skills:

Areas of focus

Community development
Land use
Policy analysis
Public finance
Transportation

Key skills

Writing
Social media
Correspondence
Event management
Report writing
Research

Prospective internship projects will include work on Donjek engagements, as well as initiatives related to the nonprofit Strong Towns and the Metropolitan Council. A sample of past Donjek projects includes:

Brookings Institution/ULI Minnesota/Itasca Project/Target Corporation/Cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis

Project Manager - Metropolitan Business Plan Initiative

The St. Paul Minneapolis metropolitan region was selected in late 2009 as one of three U.S. regions to participate in a pilot project with the Brookings Institution, focused on developing a plan for improving regional competitiveness and quality of place. Donjek was retained as project manager for the focused, collaborative effort underway in the Twin Cities region as part of the Brookings initiative.

City of Little Rock, Arkansas

Urban Open Space Funding Strategy

As a subconsultant to Conway + Schulte Architects, Donjek provided national examples of how comparable cities have used private and public finance for redevelopment of downtown parks, and funded their operations and maintenance. The MacArthur Park District Master Plan, to which the park finance work contributed, earned a 2010 Honor Award for Regional and Urban Design from the American Institute of Architects, a citation for Urban Open Space from the Boston Society of Architects, a Merit Award from the Minnesota Society of Landscape Architects.

**City of Minneapolis and Hennepin County, Minnesota
West Bank Station Area Implementation Study**

As a subconsultant to Ellerbe Becket, Inc., Donjek provided services including financial feasibility, strategy and community engagement. The West Bank LRT station area on the Central Corridor line is set to transform due to a projected drop in auto traffic on Washington Avenue, allowing imaginative reuse of much of nearly seven acres currently devoted to exit ramps and existing right of way. Donjek has produced analysis gauging redevelopment potential in the project area and explored innovative financing models to meet community goals for development of housing, commercial and parking uses in the context of a restored street grid. We have also contributed strategic advisory services to the client, given the convergence of multiple interests engaged in the future of the West Bank, and participated in public meetings to involve a community known for cultural diversity and activism.

Embrace Open Space

White Paper and Presentation on Economic and Fiscal Benefits of Open Space

Donjek research and produced a white paper detailing the multiple forms of economic and fiscal benefits associated with conservation of open space and natural areas. Increases in health indices and nearby property values, and reduced stormwater and other public costs, are directly linked to intentional procurement and management of parks and open space.

Minnesota Historical Society

Fort Snelling Cavalry Barracks Reuse Study

Donjek participated in a team process to explore future reuse and redevelopment potential for areas of Fort Snelling surrounding the historic Cavalry Barracks. Final analysis provided comprehensive guidance to the Society regarding market demand for various asset types, issues associated with state bond investments in the Fort, and how best to connect Society property to neighboring facilities such as the international airport, state park, athletic facilities, and transit.

Smith Partners/Midtown Community Works Partnership

Streetcar Feasibility Analysis

Stakeholders of the Midtown Greenway pedestrian and bike route have for several years engaged in discussion of constructing a streetcar line in the greenway right of way. Donjek was retained by the Partnership and its advisor, Smith Partners, to analyze transportation and redevelopment potential associated with creating streetcar service. Findings were in part developed and presented in an interactive, public environment.

Interested applicants may learn more online at the Donjek website (www.donjek.com), at the company's Cents of Place blog (www.donjek.typepad.com) and on Twitter ([@commerz](https://twitter.com/commerz)). Please submit a one-page cover letter, resume and short writing sample by Friday, April 29 to:

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