

LAKEFRONT CORRIDOR MASTER PLAN

LAKE ZURICH ILLINOIS

The goals for the redevelopment of downtown Lake Zurich were to transform an under-utilized village into a downtown destination. The Village wanted not only a downtown vibrant with activity, but one that would ultimately instill a greater sense of community among its citizens.

Village officials desired to break away from the prevailing Alpine-themed architecture and breathe life back into the downtown area, attracting more pedestrian traffic and thriving retail businesses. The downtown's design by Lucien Lagrange Architects created a true "Main Street" environment, incorporating parkways, plazas, and pocket parks along with spaces for residential, retail and entertainment along the lakefront. This "Main Street" establishes both a unique destination and an axis grounded at one end with a fountain circle, and with the lakefront promenade connection at the other. Careful consideration has been given to the design of the streetscape, which features articulated paved sidewalks and plazas, attractive street furniture and street lamps. Diagonal parking along tree-lined streets allows for close access to a rich array of shops, encouraging activity and vitality in the town center.

CLIENT Village of Lake Zurich

SIZE 11 acre site, 500,000 sq ft total, 100,000 sq ft retail, 23,000 sq ft office, 250 residential units - apartments, condominiums, and townhomes

ROLE Master Planner/Architect

COMPLETION unbuilt