

OPENINGS AT MKSK

MKSK is a landscape architecture, urban design, and planning firm known for creative solutions addressing economic, social, environmental, historical, and cultural challenges within our cities. Our 90+ person team of Landscape Architects and Urban Planners work throughout the Great Lakes and Southeast Regions from 7 offices in 5 states

MKSK's niche is to craft public places and spaces to transform, inspire, and perform successfully. Our clients include cities, development organizations, higher ed, hospitals, transportation agencies, Fortune 500 corporations and select developers. Our projects include planning and design for downtowns, river/waterfronts, neighborhoods, cultural and campus environments. Our Detroit office leads the firm's transportation planning group that links transportation design with land use thru corridor plans, Complete Streets Design, transit plans, parking studies and form-based codes.

We are passionate about our work and the legacy of our practice!

Our small but growing office in Midtown Detroit has two open positions:

1. **Entry level Planner with 1-3 years of experience.** This position will involve a variety of assignments in support of Project Managers. Work assignments include mapping, graphics, preparation of plan and presentation materials, report writing, and assistance with community engagement. A degree in urban planning or related field is required.
2. **Mid-Level Urban/Transportation Planner with 5-10 years of experience.** This position involves working as a team member on certain projects and as the Project Manager in others. Work assignments will potentially include street design manuals, transit master plans, downtown and comprehensive plans, brownfield and district redevelopment strategies, and form-based codes, among other projects. Ideally, the candidate will have a background in consulting, transportation, and project management. A degree in urban planning or related field is required.

MKSK offers competitive salary and benefits and we emphasize workplace flexibility. We understand the need to balance work and life and offer flex hours to accommodate family responsibilities. Please apply by submitting a cover letter, resume, and portfolio to Brad Strader at bstrader@mkskstudios.com. For the entry level position, college transcripts should be provided as well.

Job Description & Responsibilities – Entry Level Planner

We are seeking a talented Planner to help prepare projects in our small, but growing Detroit office. In particular, we are looking for someone with skills in mapping and graphics plus research and writing. This position involves drafting and editing reports and documents, preparation of plan maps, development of graphics and document layout, and preparation of presentation materials. Data collection is also part of the work including traffic counts, parking inventories, land use surveys, and occasionally intercept surveys of people on the street. Some surveys, meetings and workshops occur on evenings and weekends.

MKSK has a fast-paced work environment with many simultaneous projects. Key traits for success in this position are an outgoing personality, enjoyment of working with small teams of professionals, strong writing skills, and an ability to work on many assignments at once.

Skills Required:

- Demonstrated ability to manage projects and staff on project tasks and development of high-quality documents.
- Ability to collaborate in a team environment and effectively meet deadlines.
- Ability to communicate clearly both verbally and in writing.
- Proficiency in MS Office, including Word, Excel.
- Mapping proficiency in AutoCAD and ESRI ArcGIS software.
- Experience with Adobe products including InDesign and Illustrator Google Sketch-Up, and similar software is preferred.

Education and Experience Requirements:

- Bachelor's and/or Master's degree in urban planning, transportation engineering, urban design or landscape architecture.
- Some experience is preferred.

Job Description & Responsibilities – Mid-Level Planner

We are seeking a talented, articulate, mid-level professional Urban Planner to help prepare and manage projects in our small, but growing Detroit office. In particular, we are looking for someone with experience with our office's current body of work including: redesign of streets, municipal public realm/street design manuals, transit master plans, parking management, school campus redesigns, downtown and comprehensive plans, brownfield and district redevelopment strategies, and form-based codes. Our clients include more than 20 Michigan communities, transportation agencies, redevelopment organizations and a few select developers. The position involves working as a team member on certain projects and as the Project Manager in others. Attendance at meetings and presentations, including some evenings and Saturday events, is required. Meetings are throughout Michigan's lower peninsula with some travel to projects in other states.

Skills Required:

- Demonstrated ability to manage projects and staff on project tasks and development of high-quality documents.
- Ability to collaborate in a team environment with staff from MKSK and other firms.
- Capability to work on many projects simultaneously to effectively meet deadlines.
- Skills in facilitation of meetings and workshops with community leaders, stakeholders and the public.
- Stellar writing and communication skills.
- Experience in the types of projects listed above, especially multi-modal transportation and parking is desired.
- Projects require meeting established benchmarks for "billable" hours.
- Proficiency in MS Office, including Word, Excel.
- Familiarity with Adobe products including InDesign and Illustrator Google Sketch-Up, and similar software is preferred.

Education and Experience Requirements:

- Bachelor's and/or Master's degree in urban planning, transportation engineering, urban design or landscape architecture.
- 5-7 years of minimum experience. Ideally some experience with transportation planning and in the private sector.
- Certification with current license is strongly desired (i.e. AICP, CTP, PTP).