

Todd Vanadilok, AICP

Principal Planner



Todd has built his career on the foundation of extensive urban planning experience that spans the entire spectrum of community types, ranging from counties, municipalities, and corridors to downtowns, neighborhoods, and single blocks. His leadership roles with various executive boards and working committees have built up his capacity to collaborate with a broad network of partners, agencies, community organizations, and other professionals across a large metropolitan region. He is also an advocate for creating appropriate planning and design graphics to clearly communicate ideas and ensure sound decision making by communities and organizations.



EDUCATION

Master of Urban Planning

University of Michigan | ANN ARBOR, MI 1999-2001

Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering

Northwestern University | EVANSTON, IL 1995-1999

Urban Planning & Design

Harvard University | CAMBRIDGE, MA 1998

WORK EXPERIENCE

Egret+Ox Planning LLC

Principal Planner 2017-present

Teska Associates, Inc.

Community Planner 2001–2017

AFFILIATIONS

American Planning Association (APA)

Member, 2001-present

APA Illinois Chapter

Member, 2001-present

APA Colorado Chapter

Member, 2017-present

CERTIFICATIONS

American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP)

2012-present

SERVICE

APA-IL Chicago Metro Section

Director/Assistant Director, 2008-2017

APA-IL Diversity Committee

Chair, 2016-2017

CMAP Land Use Committee

Member, 2008-2017

APA Asian & Pacific Islander Interest Group

Programs Director, 2021-present

We Will Chicago Citywide Plan Advisory Council

Member, 2021-present

Metropolitan Planning Council Advisory Council

Member, 2024-present

ADVANCING SOCIAL JUSTICE PLANNING RESPONSIBLY

As an Asian American who started his own small business, diversity and inclusion are central to Todd's personal and professional values. He helps to advance social justice through his work in affordable housing, eTOD, and placekeeping for communities facing displacement.

One of Todd's core beliefs as an urban planner and a person of color is to raise up the voices of those who are marginalized or withhold from speaking up. People have concerns to raise, ideas to share, and stories to tell. That requires a variety of platforms to elevate and advocate for these voices. Also, to truly be heard, feedback needs to be summarized, shared with the community, and integrated into data-driven strategies and action-driven policies.

The built environment and its socioeconomic support system should be equitable and inclusive for all. That way all people have the means and opportunities to access healthy food, affordable living spaces, strong schools, stable employment, upwardly mobile business and entrepreneurial development, transportation choice, and safe neighborhoods.

