



CNU33 NEW ENGLAND AT PROVIDENCE

Walking into the Future: The Theory and Practice of Promoting Coherence through Walkability

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Hello, Providence



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About Public Works Partners

Public Works Partners is a WBE/DBE-certified urban planning and consulting firm with offices in New York and California. Our expertise lies in community engagement, fostering trust, and actionable plans. We are respected experts in designing high-impact, sustainable, strategic blueprints.

- Trusted management consultants and urban planners since 2010
- Builders and managers of public-private partnerships that advance transportation equity
- Experts at community engagement and community-first planning
- CNU-accredited planners who believe in the power of walkability and connectivity

Goals for Today's Session

Attendees will learn how to apply core CNU tenets using our C3 framework.

- Discuss the power and importance of walkability, connectivity, and green transportation
- Share strategies and best practices for applying these tenets
- Apply lessons learned to current or future projects in your communities

Principles that Promote Coherence



WALKABILITY



**GREEN
TRANSPORTATION**



CONNECTIVITY

Reimagining Urban Planning with the **3C Framework**

COMPACT

Human-scaled, affordable,
walkable, mixed-use
environments.



CONNECTED

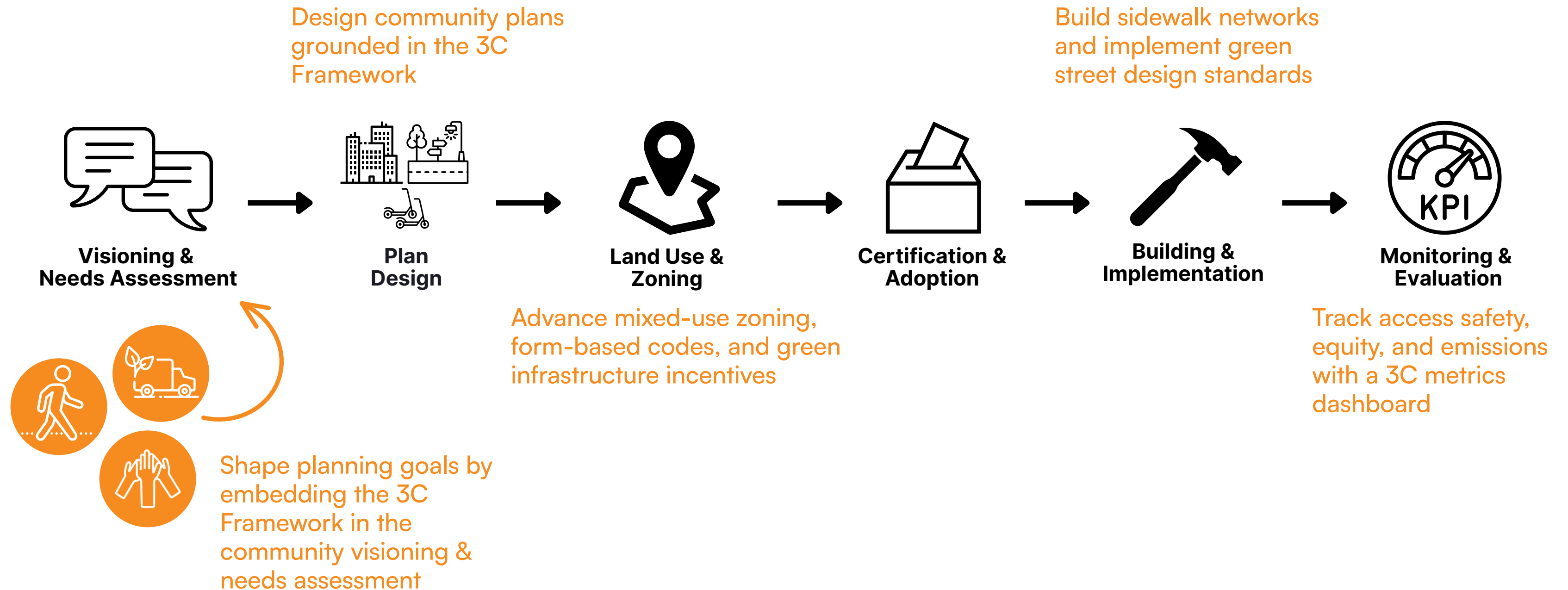
Seamless, multimodal networks
for people, not just cars.



CLIMATE-FORWARD

Resilient, green infrastructure
that supports low-carbon
mobility.

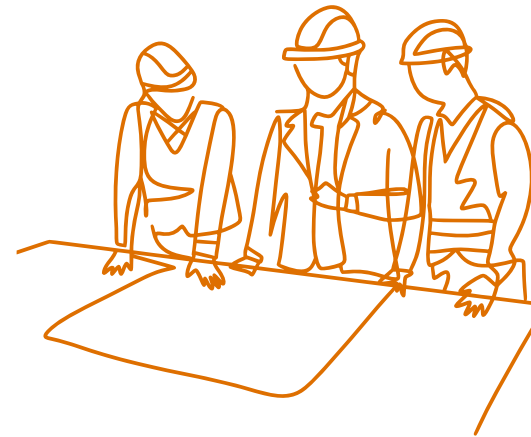
Embedding 3C into the Foundations of Urban Planning



Why Does This Framework Matter?



Focuses on streets,
not form-based codes



Ensures planners,
engineers, and the public
are on the same page



Promotes walkability
through a coherent,
replicable process

Walkability and Coherence in Practice

Leveraging public-private partnerships and robust community engagement is the key to implementing these CNU tenets.



The 3C Framework in Three Settings



The Challenge



Transform Fifth Avenue between Bryant Park and Central Park into an innovative, pedestrian-focused space for the public to enjoy.

The Approach

We convened a complex network of public and private partners, facilitating community-wide meetings and administering large-scale surveys.



The Interventions



We paved the way for a series of improvements to Fifth Avenue, including expanded sidewalks and inviting streetscape infrastructure.

The Challenge

Address increased mobility, walkability, and transportation concerns caused by a significant population influx.



The Approach

We adopted an intimate and up-close approach, facilitating targeted surveys and leading community-wide meetings with local residents from all walks of life.



The Interventions

Our community-first approach led us to the following recommendations

- 1 Position Hudson as a recognized leader in walkability and mobility
- 2 Improve local mobility and regional access
- 3 Create unique “Hudson” wayfinding throughout the city



The Challenge

Reimagine traffic safety infrastructure in light of crashes caused by vehicle, pedestrian, and bicycle congestion.



The Approach



In collaboration with both municipalities, we are developing a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan that will take steps to prevent serious injury and death.

The Interventions



We are currently identifying locations with the greatest opportunity to reduce severe crashes, promoting proven safety measures such as those put forth in the National Roadway Safety Strategy.

Lessons Learned

How can these learnings inform future projects?

1

Regularly apply the 3C framework to urban planning and design using to achieve CNU tenets

2

Design matters at every scale. Form and function go hand-in-hand to influence equitable policy and planning

3

Center community needs and voices

Grab a Flipchart!

Please split up into small groups and answer these questions on the flipcharts provided. Be prepared to share!

GUIDING PROMPTS

1. What resonated with you about these case studies?
2. What didn't resonate? How might have you approached these challenges differently?
3. How might you apply learnings from this presentation to a specific project?

Q&A



Thank You

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