

Charrettes for Community Planning


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The National Charrette Institute

- The National Charrette Institute (NCI) is an IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit educational institution
- NCI teaches professionals and community leaders the NCI Charrette System™, a design-based, accelerated, collaborative project management system that harnesses the talents and energies of all interested parties to create and support a feasible plan
- NCI advances the fields of community planning and public involvement through research, publications and facilitation

What is a NCI Charrette?

- The NCI charrette is a multi-day collaborative planning event that engages all affected parties to create and support a feasible plan that represents transformative community change



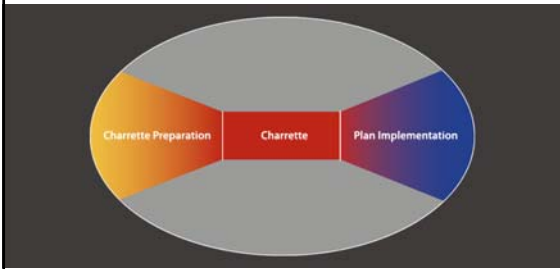
TERRIFIC PLAN... SOME OF MY IDEAS ARE THERE!

Misconceptions about the term “charrette”

A NCI charrette is not:

- A one-day workshop
- A multi-day marathon meeting involving everyone all the time (stakeholders participate at key moments)
- A “visioning session” without an action plan and implementation strategy

The NCI Charrette System



The Charrette System Phases

research, education,
charrette preparation

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- Project Assessment and Organization
- Stakeholder Research, Education, Involvement
- Base Data Research and Analysis
- Feasibility Studies and Research
- Charrette Logistics

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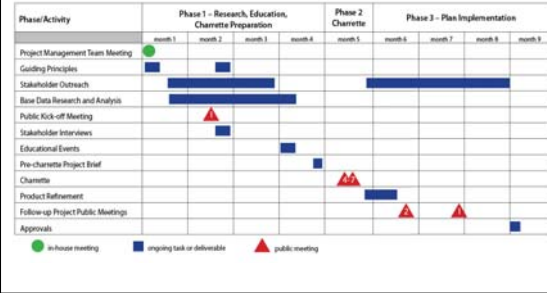
- Organization, Education, Vision
- Alternative Concepts Development
- Preferred Plan Synthesis
- Plan Development
- Production and Presentation

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implementation

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- Project Status Communications
- Product Refinement
- Presentation and Product Finalization

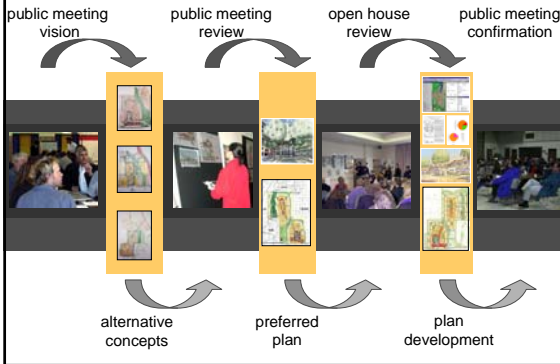
Charrette System Road Map



Charrette Ready Plan Schedule



Charrette Work Cycles

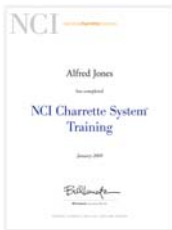


Charrette System Strategies

1. Work collaboratively
2. Design cross-functionally
3. Compress work sessions
4. Communicate in short feedback loops
5. Study the details and the whole
6. Produce a feasible plan
7. Use design to achieve a shared vision and create holistic solutions
8. Conduct multiple day charrette
9. Hold the charrette on or near the site
10. Manage the chaos and have fun

NCI Certificate Trainings

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Charrette Request for Proposal Template

A complete framework for specifying a NCI charrette process in a RFP

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