

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN AMERICAN PLANNING HISTORY

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Dates	Events / Where?	Significance	People
1565	St. Augustine, FL	First European Permanent Settlement in Cont. U.S.	
1682	Plan/Philadelphia	First major grid plan in the U.S.; first neighborhood park system in U.S.	William Penn Thomas Holme
1695	Plan/Annapolis MD	First radiocentric street plan in U.S.	Francis Nicholson
1699	Williamsburg, VA	Masterpiece of Amer. colonial city plng; structural model for Washington, D.C.	Francis Nicholson
1733	Savannah, GA	Ward park system; followed for over 120 years.	Oglethorpe
1785	Northwest Ord.	Established land sectioning system west of the Appalachians.	
1790-	Plan/Washington.	First US Grand Plan	Pierre Charles L'Enfant; A. Ellicott; B. Banneker.
1800	Washington, D.C.	First occupied.	
1807	Governor & Judges Plan for Detroit.	Vast radial plan; second city plan adopted by Congress.	Woodward/Hull

- 1811 National Road begun. (Completed in 1840) First federal highway (U.S. Route 40); regional econ. plng.
- 1830 Plan of Chicago.
- 1848 Plan/Salt Lake City "City of Zion" Plan Brigham Young; Joseph Smith.
- 1850 Illinois Central Railroad. First federal land-grant railroad; regional econ. plng.
- 1852- Reconstruction of Paris, France Model for "City Beautiful" plng. Napoleon III; Haussmann.
- 1856 Central Park, NYC First major purchase of parkland. F.L.Olmsted Sr
- 1857 Central Park "Greensward" Pln. First major English Garden in US. F.L.Olmsted Sr Calvert Vaux.
- 1867 San Francisco First modern land-use zoning in US.
- 1867 New York City First major tenement house control.
- 1869 Riverside, Ill. Model curved street "suburb." F.L.Olmsted Sr Calvert Vaux.
- 1876 "Munn v. Illinois" US Supreme Court; first time the Court upholds regulation of private enterprise.
- 1879 New York City "Old Law" tenement house act.
- 1880 New York City Census shows NYC first American city with over one million people.
- 1880 Pullman, Ill. Model industrial town built. George Pullman
- 1887 U.S. Government creates ICC. First federal regulatory agency.
- 1888 Looking Backwards Best seller book promotes city and national planning. Edward Bellamy
- 1889 New York City Poverty Gap Playground; first local minipark in a slum. Jacob Riis: ("Father of the Small Park Movement")

1890	How the Other Half Lives	Books that focus attention on the problems of slums and on poverty in America.	Jacob Riis
1892	Children of the Poor		Jacob Riis
1892	US federal study of slums.	First federal action on city problems.	
1893	Chicago, Illinois planning; creates	Colomblan Expo.; stimulates city foundations for City Beautiful Movement.	Daniel Burnham ("Father of Planning")
1893	Kansas City, MO	Metropolitan Park Plan	George Kessler
1894	Pullman Strike	Workers riot.	Eugene Debs
1895	South Shore Dr. Chicago, Ill.	First move to Haussmannize Chicago.	Daniel Burnham
1897	Boston, MA	First American Subway.	
1898	A Peaceful Path to Real Reform	Starts the Garden City Movement.	Ebenezr Howard
1901	New York City	"New Law" tenement house act.	
1902	McMillan Plan for Washington, D.C.	First complete update of L'Enfant's plan.	Daniel Burnham F.L.Olmsted Jr McKim and Saint-Gaudens.
1903	Cleveland, O.	First Civic Center plan in U.S.	Daniel Burnham Carrere and Brunner.
1903	Letchworth, England	First "Garden City"	Ebenezer Howard Raymond Unwin
1905	Manila, Philippines	First application of "City Beautiful"	Daniel Burnham
1906	Plan of San Francisco	First application of "City Beautiful" on the mainland.	Daniel Burnham Edward Bennett

1907	Pittsburgn, PA	First comp. city survey.	Shelby Harrison
1907	Hampstead Garden Suburb, England.	First neighborhood unit design.	Raymond Unwin
1907	Hartford, CN	First US permanent, local and official planning board.	
1909	Plan of Chicago	First metropolitan regional plan	Daniel Burnham Edward Bennet F.A. Delano C.H. Wacker C.D. Norton
1909	Washington, D.C.	First national plng conference.	Benjamin Marsh
1909	Wisconsin	First state enabling act for planning.	
1909	Los Angeles, CA	First use of zoning on vast area of raw land to shape future development.	
1910	Washington, D.C.	National Comm. of Fine Arts created.	William H Taft
1910- 1913	Forest Hills Gardens, LI, NY	First American test of the Neighborhood Unit idea.	F.L. Olmsted Jr
1911	Roosevelt Dam, Phoenix, Ariz.	First major US federal land reclamation project and multiple use dam.	
1913	New York City	First priv. plng. consulting firm: Tech. Advisory Corporation.	George B. Ford E.P. Goodrich
1914	Newark, NJ	First municipally employed planner.	H. Bartholomew
1916	Dayton, Ohio	Miami Valley Cons. District Plan.; first regional functional auth.	Arthur Morgan

1916	State of Ohio	Planning Enabling Act; model for plng. commissions.	Alfred Bettman
1916	New York City	First comprehensive zoning ordinance.	Edward Bassett Nelson Lewis
1916	US Highway Act	First in US since the National Road.	
1917	ACPI created	First professional planning orgn. in America.	F.L.Olmsted Jr (first Pres.)
1917-1919	US shipyard housing prgms.	First non-military public housing built by the federal government.	
1919	Bronx River Parkway, NY	First American parkway.	
1919	Ohio Planning Conference	First statewide citizens' association in support of planning; model for APA.	
1920	US Census	First Census to show more than 50% of Americans as "urban".	
1921	New York New Jersey	Port of New York Authority created.	
1922	Los Angeles, CA	First bi-state functional authority	
1922	Kansas City, MO	First county plng board.	G.G. Whitnall Hugh Pomeoy
1922	Longview, WA	Country Club Plaza; first auto-oriented suburban shopping center.	J.C. Nichols
1922	New York City	Largest American new town since Wash., DC.	Hare & Hare Geo. Kessler
1925	Cincinnati, O.	Regional Plan for NY begun.	C.D. Norton F.A. Delano Thomas Adams
1926	Cincinnati, O.	Cinti Plan of 1915; first major city to officially adopt a comprehensive plan.	Alfred Bettman L. Segoe G.B. Ford E.P. Goodrich
1926	Cincinnati, O.	First major city to adopt a C.I.P.	Alfred Bettman L. Segoe P. Blandford

- 1926 Euclid v. Ambler US. Supreme Court: supports comprehensive zoning. Alfred Bettman
J. Metzenbaum
William H Taft
- 1926 State of NY Establishes first state housing subsidy program; first state plan. Clarence Stein
Henry Wright
- 1928 Fairlawn, NJ "Radburn" built by City Housing Corp.; "City for the Motor Age"; model for superblock developments. Clarence Stein
Henry Wright
Alexander Bing
- 1929 New York City Regional Plan of NY completed; includes "Neighborhood Unit" by Perry. Clarence Perry
- 1929 Harvard Univ. Creates first grad. degree program in planning. H.V. Hubbard
T.K. Hubbard
- 1933 New Deal Programs C.C.C.; P.W.A.; Robert Kohn
- 1933 Tennessee Valley Auth. created. First federal reg. planning effort. Arthur Morgan
Earle S Draper
- 1933 Cleveland, Ohio. First state enabling act for public housing. Ernest Bohn
- 1934 FHA Mortgage Insurance created.
- 1934 American Society of Planning Officials. First national org. of citizens in support of plng. Alfred Bettman
(1st Pres.)
- 1935+ Greenbelt Towns built by US Dept. of Agric. Greenbelt, Maryland; Green Hills, Ohio; Greendale, Wisc. (Green Brook, NJ)
- 1937 US Housing Act First legislative commitment to public housing. Catherine Bauer
Ernest Bohn
Robert Wagner
- 1937 National Resources Committee "Our Cities: Their Role in the Economy": first federal comprehensive study of urban problems.
- 1939 ACPI becomes American Institute of Planners (AIA)

- 1940 First Census to show American cities losing population to the suburbs; first census of housing quality.
- 1941 "Local Planning Administration", by Ladislas Segoe, becomes the planning "cookbook" in postwar period.
- 1943+ Oak Ridge, TN and Hanford, WA, built by federal govt.; National Planning Board abolished by Congress.
- 1944- Alfred Bettman writes redevelopment legislation;
1945 adopted by Pennsylvania in 1945: Golden Triangle.
- 1946 Pittsburgh, PA Golden Triangle Project begun.
- 1947 Atlanta, GA Atlanta Metro planning created by state legislature: first in US, funded from beginning with public funds.
- 1948 National Trust for Historic Preservation created.
- 1948 "Planning the Neighborhood" published.
- 1949 US Housing Act Creates urban redevelopment program; requires compliance with city plan.
- 1949 Columbus, O. Town and Country Shopping Center; first American regional shopping cntr.
- 1950s Baltimore, O. Becomes well known for the "Baltimore Plan" of cleanup-paintup-fixup.
- 1954 US Housing Act Creates "Urban Renewal", the "Title 1. Section 701" program, and large-scale public housing.
- 1954 Detroit, MI "Northland" Mall: Victor Gruen the model shopping plaza.
- 1954 "Berman/Parker" US Supreme Court; US "bill of rights" for Urban Renewal.
- 1956 US Highway Act Creates Interstate Highway System.
- 1958 Minneapolis "Skyway" System Larry Irvin conceived.
- 1959 US Housing Act Provides 50/50 (fed/local) funding for virtually all planning in the US.

- 1961 US Housing Act Creates "221-d-3" interest subsidized housing for low and middle incomes; first major federal housing subsidy program.
- 1961 Washington, DC "Corridors and Fingers Plan"; basis for Washington Metro subway system.
- 1965 US Dept of Housing and Urban Development created. Robert Weaver (1st Sect.)
- 1966 Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act creates the "Model Cities" program.
- 1960s Advocacy planning initiated to assist the disenfranchised in America. Paul Davidoff
- 1968 Civil Rights Act creates the "Federal Fair Housing" Law.
- 1968 US Housing Act creates "235" and "236" interest/rent subsidy program.
- 1969 "Circular A-95" (Bureau of the Budget) creates a form of regional planning review.
- 1970 Dayton, Ohio Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission adopts a "Fair share Housing Plan." Dale Bertsch
- 1971 Chicago, Ill. Transfer of development rights concept developed. John Costonis Jared Shlaes
- 1972 Saint Louis MO -Pruitt-Igoe project demolished with dynamite.
- 1975 In "Petaluma" the US Courts support "managed growth"; In "Mount Laurel" the NJ Supreme Court requires all developing communities to provide their "fair share" of regional housing needs.
- 1978 In "Penn Central" the historic landmark status of Grand Central Station in New York is upheld.
- 1978 Hawaii becomes first state to adopt statewide land-use legislation.
- 1978 AIP and ASPO are merged to create the American Planning Association (APA) and, within it, the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP).