Places for People: The Art of Placemaking

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Placemaking -

"...developing a scenario that responds to the unique conditions and needs of the place and its inhabitants..."

Project for Public Spaces (www.pps.org)



Placemaking -

...and are places that we want to be, with people we care about."





Placemaking -

"Lighter, Quicker, Cheaper" approach





Principles of Placemaking



The community is the expert.





Have a vision for creating place, not a design.



Streets are for people, traffic is for calming.





Clayton





Taos Plaza







Grants River Park

































Final guiding principles and words of wisdom...

- The community is the expert.
- Be authentic to your place/culture/traditions/history.
- Make it work for the locals and the tourists will come.
- "It takes a village...", use your local resources and talent.
- "Lighter, quicker, cheaper", "low hanging fruit", "best bang for the buck" all mean the same thing. Go for quality and high impact.

Questions?

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