

# KC METRO CONNECTION



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### KC Public Schools Master Plan Presentation

May 20 | 11:30am - 1:00pm

Manual Career Technical Center | 1215 Truman Rd

(Park along south side of Truman Road or Parking Lot on North Side)

What drives home buying decisions in KC? Walkable neighborhoods? Proximity to jobs? Transit options? For many, it's all about the schools. Join us as two planners at Kansas City Public Schools (KCPS) discuss KCPS' recently adopted master plan, school choice and ways that planners can get more involved in public education decisions that shape our communities.

\$10 per Person

[Register Here](#)

CM Credits are pending.

### Member Highlight: Brad Fine

**Place of Employment:** Louis Berger


Brad graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a Bachelor of Arts in Urban and Regional Planning along with a minor in Business in 2011. During his senior year, he was awarded the APA's AICP Outstanding Student Award.



Shortly after graduating, Brad relocated to Kansas City and began working as a Planner for Louis Berger. Louis Berger has had a presence in Kansas City for 12 years; the office is now home to 30 professionals, and continues to grow. The team of 30 is supported by the firm's full breadth of capabilities including more than 6,000 planners, scientists, engineers, economists, architects, and other professionals located around the

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Since joining Louis Berger, Brad's primary focus has been on large-scale linear infrastructure projects throughout the country. His experience includes co-managing a team of 40 to permit and design hundreds of miles of urban, underground fiber optic networks. He has also led public outreach efforts for a 780-mile interstate electric transmission line, including planning and facilitating dozens of large-scale public meetings throughout the Midwest. In addition, he has gained experience in electric transmission line planning, including route analysis and research, environmental impact analyses, threatened and endangered species consultation, public outreach, route selection reports, feasibility studies, and utility commission applications.

Brad has been an active member of the American Planning Association since 2009. Recently, Brad joined the Downtown Neighborhood Association's Planning and Development Committee in an effort to help build upon the momentum and growth of downtown Kansas City in a manner that benefits all who live, work, and play in the area.

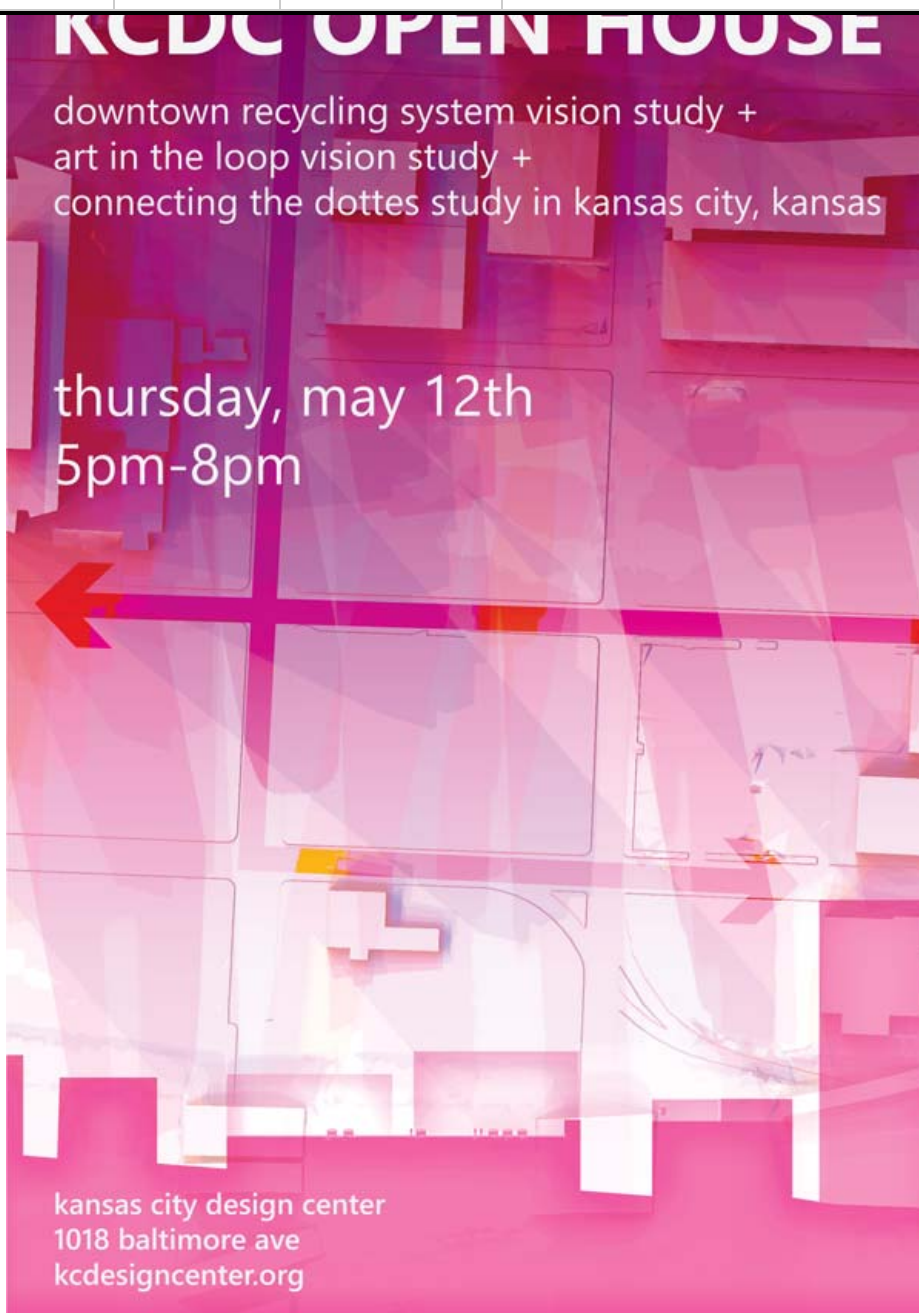
**Fun Fact:** Brad is an avid photographer and loves exploring new places. But, what he enjoys even more is discovering new perspectives to ordinary places.

## UMKC Student Scholarship

UMKC students are encouraged to sign up for the [UMKC Urban Planning and Design Scholarship](#) funded by the Kansas City Section of APA. KCAPA annually allocates funds to provide one \$1,000 scholarship to an Urban Planning student at the University of Missouri-Kansas City's (UMKC) Department of Architecture, Urban Planning and Design (AUPD). One scholarship will go to an incoming UMKC sophomore, junior or senior enrolled in the planning program. The deadline to apply is May 6<sup>th</sup>.

## KCDC Open House



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**KCDC OPEN HOUSE**

downtown recycling system vision study +  
art in the loop vision study +  
connecting the dots study in kansas city, kansas

thursday, may 12th  
5pm-8pm

kansas city design center  
1018 baltimore ave  
kcdesigncenter.org

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## CM Credit for Pro Bono Service

Effective April 1, 2016 the APA will provide CM credit for pro bono service relating to Planning activities. See the web-link below to see if any of your activities count towards pro bono service credit.

<https://www.planning.org/cm/logging/selfreport/probono/>

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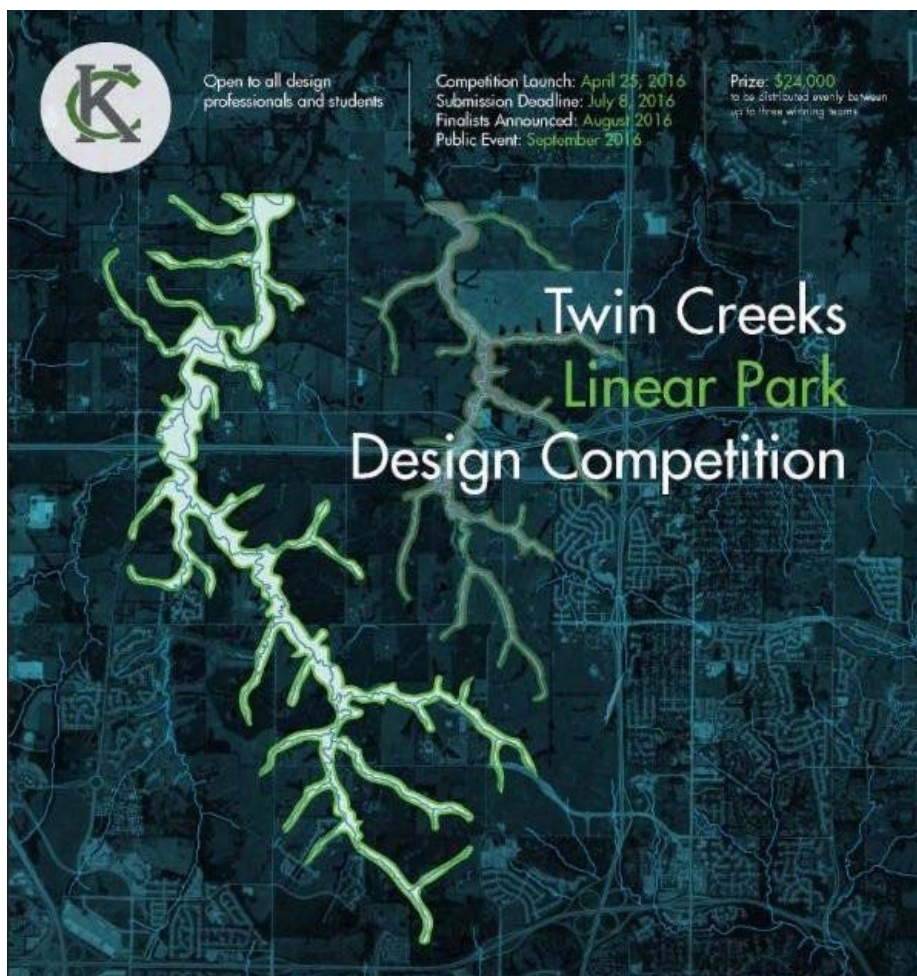


RDG Planning & Design is a diverse network of planning and design professionals, united to create meaning together. As planners, we work collaboratively with cities of all sizes, in both public and private sectors, helping communities find and achieve their vision along with practical strategies to implement it.

With major offices in Omaha and Des Moines, RDG offers professional services in architecture, landscape architecture, interior and lighting design, strategic planning, urban design, community and regional planning, and environmental graphic design. RDG has been serving clients since 1965 and has active projects in more than 25 states.

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## Design Competition for Twin Creeks



Kansas City, Missouri is excited to launch a City-sponsored design competition to help develop visions for a new linear park in Twin Creeks, a developing area

individual or a team. [Read all of the details here.](#) Please contact [John BeBauche](#) or [Petrina Parker](#) if you have any questions.

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## Recap: 8th Annual Planning Celebration at Boulevard Brewery



KCAPA's 8th Annual Planning Celebration at the Boulevard Brewery on March 23<sup>rd</sup> was a success. The official count was over 100 attendees! This included APA members, family and friends. Planners were able to gather, discuss current planning topics and issues, and network in a social setting. We look forward to seeing everyone at the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Planning Celebration next year!

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## Recap: 5th Annual Kansas City Metro Planning Internship Fair

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With solid participation from local planning firms, public agencies and non-profit organizations, the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Kansas City Metro Planning Internship Fair was a success! Due to such large participation, the event was held for the first time in Pierson Auditorium and facilitated internship searches for more than 25 planning students from the University of Missouri-Kansas City, University of Kansas and Kansas State University, while also assisting public, private and non-profit organizations' recruitment of planning interns. We look forward to continuing our successful partnership with UMKC and hold the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Kansas City Metro Planning Internship Fair next Spring!

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## Job Opportunities

The following jobs have been recently posted to the KC APA's website. [Click here](#) to view the current openings.

### Job Opportunities

- **Community Development Specialist/PR Manager**
- **Planner 1 - Leawood, KS**
- **Paid Summer Intern**

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